



Alumni: Past, Present, and Future

Calling all alumni: past, present, and future! First, I want to give a shout out to our current parents and staff members who are also McDonnell alumni. I am sure you share my pride and gratitude at the privilege of having our children attend our alma mater.

Second, I want to draw attention to our current students, *i.e.* our future alumni! "Our vision of the whole child consists of a lifelong learner, who upon graduation, is academically prepared for post-secondary education and career, grounded in relationship with Jesus Christ, balanced physically and emotionally, and actively engages as a servant leader in family, parish, and civic communities" (MACS Vision Statement). I am happy to know many alumni who aspire to fit this description, including my own son Jackson Bushman '21 (proud mom brag!).

Additionally, I want to draw your attention to two upcoming dates/deadlines. March 15 is the deadline to nominate someone as an honorary alumnus. Go to <https://www.mcdonellareacatholicschools.org/alumni/honoraryalumni.cfm> to nominate a deserving candidate! Finally, the annual Alumni Weekend, including a basketball and volleyball, tournament is coming up quickly on April 1-2. This event is open to parents of future alumni! Check your classes' Facebook groups for postings or start your own team!

As we celebrate our 140th year of Catholic education in Chippewa Falls, let's proudly proclaim our alma mater: Our Lady of Prayer, pray for us! On McDonell!

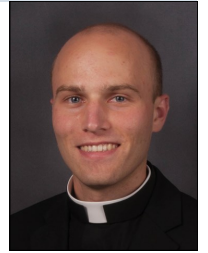


Mrs. Molly Bushman
MACS President

What's the problem with the world today?

People point fingers at many different things they see as the problem in today's world: inequality, political parties, COVID, poverty, kids, adults, religion, the list could go on. It's clear to everyone that there's something wrong with the world, and for all of our modern culture's intelligence, we haven't been able to fix it. All of us know that underneath the polished exterior of our world, there's something that isn't right, something that's rotten. Most of the world just tries to ignore it and pretend everything is fine. The season of Lent is so important because it addresses this fundamental problem with the world. The problem with the world, ultimately, is you. It isn't something outside of us that's the problem; it's something interior. It is our refusal to live as God wants us to, even in little ways. The Church calls this "sin" and dedicates a whole season each year to turn our hearts from our fixation with sin towards the living God. The penances we do during Lent are meant to make up for the harm our own personal sins have caused in our hearts and in the world. In the grand scheme of things, there's really nothing as important as this. I pray that we as a school community take this annual opportunity for penance seriously, for our actions really can change the world, for better or for worse. May our sacrifices, big and small, this Lent open the door for God's grace to enter in to transform our hearts and our world.

"Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face, and we shall be saved." (Psalm 80:3)



Fr. Ethan HoKamp

March EVENTS Full listing on website.

- March 2** Ash Wednesday
All School Mass
- March 7** Enrollment fee for current families increases to \$150
- March 11** **NO School**/ Teacher In-service day
- March 18** 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 21-25** **NO School** - Spring Break
- March 28** 4th Quarter Begins
- March 29** Senior's leave for class trip



Mass Intentions Would you like an intention said during Mass at the high school? It could be in memory/honor of a friend, family member or a celebration such as an anniversary or birthday. Contact Fr. HoKamp at e.hokamp@macs.k12.wi.us. Mass stipend is \$10.

Education Technology & Media



Josh McCormick IT Coordinator
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As we head into March, the IT Department is already preparing for the end of this school year and on to the next. A big part of this is making sure that our network and student Chromebooks are ready for major student assessments. We are analyzing our fleet of

Chromebooks and their lifecycle to ensure our student devices are up to date, and to ensure that the devices that are nearing their end of life have scheduled replacements. We are also finalizing our new server solution and preparing for a fleet of roughly 40 Promethean Interactive Boards that will be deployed this summer. One major "behind the scenes" update that we recently did, was upgrade our 10GB copper connection between our Main Data Closet and our Secondary Data Closet to a 20GB fiber connection. This allows, not only more bandwidth on our network, but redundancy as well.

The xStream Team led by Val Knobloch has been busy streaming the Boys and Girls Basketball games. As part of live streaming, we are looking into different services and options for our live streams. We are looking into a more cost effective solution that will still deliver high quality streams on all of our platforms.

System Fundraising News



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Thank you to all of the MACS staff, students, families, and supporters who have welcomed me to the Advancement Director role. In staying true to the spirit of an education system, I am enthusiastic

to apply what I have learned in advancing our mission. It is with humility that I ask our MACS community for continued prayers and support to keep our mission alive and vibrant.

One integral component of our Mission Statement includes formation of community. A priority of mine in the coming weeks is to explore a deeper understanding of community and what it means to our families and staff. I was able to witness many members of our community in action at our 13th Annual Mardi Gras Gala, February 12. Lots of fun was truly had by all who were able to attend and I extend my gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, talent, and treasure for this fundraising event. Please feel free to call or email me should you have the inclination to share your ideas on things we can do to continue building our sense of community here at MACS.



SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS



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Enrollment:

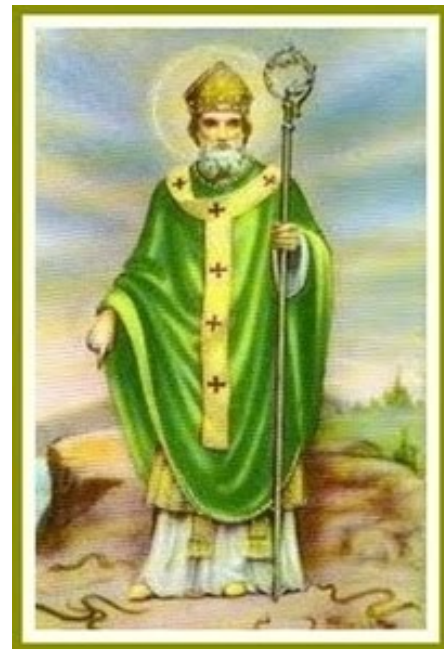
- Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year opened January 30, 2022.
- Principals are in the middle of planning for the next school year so please enroll ASAP, if you have not yet, so they have an idea of how many students there will be per classroom.

Ms. Kathleen Adams

- The enrollment fee increases to \$150 per household as of March 7, 2022.
- DPI is accepting Choice applications through April 21, 2022 - there are no exceptions to this deadline.

Scrip

- Scrip Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and also Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Lower your 2022-23 tuition with Scrip credits. Scrip purchased July 1, 2021 through June 24, 2022 will be credited to the 2022-23 school year.
- Please review the following options for purchasing Scrip.
 - 1) Purchase in the Central Office during hours listed above.
 - 2) Send Scrip order to school with your child for a same day turn-a-round
 - 3) Pay one of the listed bills in the Central Office— Cenex, DJ Mart, Eric's Diamonds, Express Mart, Martell Tire, Spring Street Sports, Thaler Oil or Travel Leaders
 - 4) If you have a Kwik Trip credit card you can set your account up to give 5% back to MACS which will be credited to your family's tuition.



Home and School Association (Hands)

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Hello MACS families,
We had a very busy February! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came out to enjoy the Snowflake Dance, sledding party, and Catholic Schools Week. The Snowflake dance had a wonderful turnout (maybe our biggest year yet!)-all the kids were dancing, doing crafts, eating snacks/treats, and playing games with their friends.

Please mark your calendar for our next meeting at Bye the Willow on March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

We will be sending out our next flier for uniforms. If your child needs uniforms please fill it out and send it back.

As always, we would love to see you at our meetings or hear from you with any ideas or comments!



Mrs. Chelsey Lindenberg
President

MACS Athletic Booster Club - Grades 5-12

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Winter sports are nearing their end as our Mack's teams are preparing for playoff runs. Please check the school website for updates on postseason schedules.

There are no words to describe how amazing it has been seeing our Mack family back in action cheering on our athletes in person this year. We are so blessed to have such a supportive family here at McDonell.

Our players, coaches and everyone involved thanks you for your support. We look forward to seeing you all this postseason as we transition from winter sports to our spring activities. Keep cheering loud and proud and know that your energy is greatly appreciated and loved!!



Mr. Greg Misfeldt
President

Hands Committee



Megan McChesney
President

MACS Music Boosters

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Hello MACS families.
There will be no meetings in March. We will be having our final meeting of the school year in April.

I would like to give a big shout out and THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the Cinderella musical. It was an excellent performance with excellent staff, volunteers, and students going above and beyond!



Education Commission

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On behalf of the MACS Education Commission, I want to wish you and your family many blessings. The MACS Education Commission is the governing body of MACS and represents both the parishes and MACS families in an advisory capacity. Over the past year the Commission has revised its governing documents to both reflect the practices already

in place, as well as to clarify the connection between the Education Commission and the governance of our school system. Our objective is to continue to strengthen and reinforce the relationship between our parishes, families, and our school system.

We welcome your input and constructive feedback. You can always find your parish representative listed at: [Education Commission - McDonell Area Catholic Schools](#) as well as the approved minutes from the monthly meetings.

Please know that all Commission meetings are open unless otherwise noted and the Commission holds a public comment session each October at its meeting. If you believe an item is appropriate for discussion and inclusion on the Education Commission agenda, please contact your parish representative or email me. Throughout the year, the Education Commission receives reports and presentations from MACS administration and from the committees of the Education Commission. We always seek to tailor these reports to areas of concern and interest of our constituent families and parishioners.



Mr. TJ Proue
Chairperson

MACS Faith Booster Club

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Wrapping up our school year fundraising event, our 2nd Kids Winter Carnival on January 30 was another great event. We had over 100 people in attendance and kids enjoyed games, inflatable bouncy castle, cotton candy, popcorn, food, face painting and more. Thank you for all that attended, volunteered and supported the event. The faith ministry programs have a lot of events and activities lined up this spring/summer and all the Faith Booster efforts will help to support the upcoming programs. Please remember that Faith Booster continues to sell car wash packages and can be purchased at the office. If you would like to participate in the Faith Booster board, our meetings are every 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the McDonell library or you can also attend virtually.



Mr. Rolly Enderes
President

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



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While February is the shortest month of the year, in my experience, within education, it is the longest month. Winter takes its toll with snow, cold, very little sunlight, compiled with sick students and staff. It becomes difficult for students to stay focused as it appears that winter will never end, days become routines, and there is no relief until the next break at the end of March.

I'm being optimistic, but the number of Covid cases here has dropped dramatically. We went from over 20% of our middle school positive or quarantined a month ago to no cases the past week. We are praying that it has turned the corner.

Catholic Schools week was a success. Bishop Callahan came and celebrated a Mass in the gymnasium for all of the MACS system schools including Tilden, Boyd and Thorp schools. After Mass, Saint Charles and Holy Ghost Schools stayed for lunch and an opportunity to see one act of the school musical Cinderella. There was lots of activity and sugar (cotton candy) being delivered. I was

truly proud of our MACS student Ambassadors for all of their organization and hard work throughout the day. Observing our high schoolers assisting the younger elementary students was truly a rewarding experience.

The school musical, "Cinderella" was a big success. We had a performance for the middle and high school on Thursday, February 3rd. We estimated the play to be two hours so began at 1:30 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. the play still had one act to go and it appeared we needed to stop in order for students to go home for the day. This is when I saw the light in regards to our students showing support for each other, they refused to leave until the play was over. At the last kiss the crowd erupted! It was like watching the last second buzzer beater to win the state championship game. Congratulations to Mrs. Jorgensen and the entire cast and crew of the musical on a job well done.

I announced to my staff this past week that I will not be returning to McDonell and Notre Dame next school year as their full-time principal. I have offered to return in a part time capacity to do scheduling, teacher evaluation and mentoring. It has been a privilege to lead such a dedicated staff.

Happy Trails!

SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS



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Attention Parents!

Registration for the 2022-23 school year is underway! Please return registration forms if you have not done so.

[Infinite Campus](#) is available for you to review schedules when ready, check grades, attain a variety of information regarding school, school functions and just about everything relating to school. Be sure to check it out if you haven't yet. *Your child can navigate you around the site and help you out if you need assistance.*

Seniors: Continue to check the [MACS website](#) for scholarship opportunities. The more applications you complete, the greater your chances of winning scholarship

monies. Keep at it and watch those funds come in. As you are notified as a recipient of a scholarship, please share the name and the amount with Mrs. Nelson so you can be recognized at the awards program.

ACT Registration: Juniors should take the ACT at least one time this school year. Register at <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

Juniors & Sophomores: On Wednesday, February 16 the Juniors and Sophomores attended an informational session on the Youth Apprenticeship program. Youth Apprenticeship is a school and work-based learning program designed as an opportunity for students to gain valuable real-world experiences by applying what they are learning in the classroom to the work they are doing on the job! Talk to your student about it and please direct any questions to Ms. Ziarnik.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



Fr. Ethan Hokamp Ms. Erica Boehm

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EDGE Middle School Youth Night

7-8:30 p.m.; March 4

Open to all middle school youth grades 6-8
McDonell High School

EDGE is a fun night for middle school students to gather together for fun, a talk, small group, and games. We are currently focused on Marvel superheroes and various virtues we can learn from them!

Haverim Tea Society for High School Ladies

The Haverim Tea Society is a monthly meeting of high school women to gather together as friends who are striving for sainthood. "Haverim" is a Hebrew word for friends who journey together in their Faith. This gathering is for young women to gather together to walk the path of discipleship together, wherever they may be, to challenge, to discuss, to support, and to encourage one another. Tea and light snacks will be served. It will consist of a short talk, fellowship, and discussion.

Meets at McDonell HS in the Student Lounge (Room 216)
7-8:30 p.m. on March 14, April 11.

Steubenville Youth Conference 2022 for 8th-12th grade students

Save the Date for our Steubenville Conference trip to Rochester, MN---July 15-17, 2022

Steubenville is a high-energy youth conference where hundreds of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens.

For current 8th-12th grade students

Cost: Estimated \$300

Contact faith@macs.k12.wi.us if you're interested in attending!

Totus Tuus Day Camp and Night Program for Grades 1-12

Mark your calendars for Totus Tuus---June 12-17, 2022
Totus Tuus (Latin for Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic summer catechetical program for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth. A team of college students and seminarians lead the young people through the week after they themselves have gone through formation and training to bring a dynamic week of talks, games, and prayer to the young people.

Be on the lookout for more information on this opportunity from parent ambassadors, teachers, and MACS publications. Email faith@macs.k12.wi.us for more information and updates.

Adventure Camp for Grades 6-10

June 26-July 1, 2022

Adventure Camp is a week of outdoor adventures, games, talks, prayer & Sacraments and hanging out with other young people from our Diocese. Youth stay in cabins on the camp property.

Cost: \$450

Email faith@macs.k12.wi.us to register or for more information.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

McDonell Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Please watch for an e-mail from Mr. Schulner with details coming soon.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



Mr. Mark Neppi

Mr. Sean Hanson

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Choir:

Students are currently working on concert and solo ensemble music to prepare for concerts and events in April and May.

Check in with Mr. Hanson about a Music Boosters car wash fundraiser to support the music program and assist students with payments for the New Orleans trip!

For the New Orleans trip, there is now enough room on the bus for all waitlisted parents! Please contact Mr. Neppi or Mr. Hanson if you would like to move from the waitlist to the bus.

Band:

Congratulations to Jena Geist, Christine Abbe, and Megan Hanson for being selected to perform with the Dorian Band at Luther College in Decorah, IA on February 28th. Way to go!!



All Conference Band and Choir Students

SCHOOL THEATER NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW ON A JOB WELL DONE!

CAST:

Prince Tophers	Edgar Benedek
Ella	Paige Smiskey
Marie the Fairy Godmother	Helen Bullard
Madame the Evil Stepmother	Eva Bushman
Charlotte	Maria Herron
Gabrielle	Tessa Roach
Lord Pinkleton the Lord Crier	Angelo Enderes
Sebastian the Lord Protector	Paul Tetrault
Jean-Michel the Revolutionary	Harrison Bullard

Chorus:

Jaidyn Brady, Elin Youngquist, Elyse Bushman, Waylon Edison, Carlee Chittendon, John Herron, Evelyn Doyle, Michael Herron, Lily Edison, Zach Hunt, Olivia Estran, Ryan Roach, Isabelle Giza, Robert Schwetz, Kennedy Giza, Gavin Smiskey, Kaylee Krueger, Xavier Stepp, Kallee LeCloux, Hannah Leet, Eve Peterson, Jenna Proue, Ella Rubenzer, Delaney Smiskey, Helen Wahl

Technical Crew:

Gavin Bowe, Marcus Roach, Kevin Schwetz

Stage Crew:

Avory Anderson, Sarah Buchman, Ellie Eddy, Aurora Gillett, Ben Goebel, Oliva Herr, Miranda Johnson, Lillian McDonald, Sean Rasmus

Costume Crew:

Helen Bullard, Eva Bushman, Sophie Kinlen, Harrison Bullard

Set Crew:

Adison Slowiak, Mikayla Tetrault, Alanna Johnson, Miranda Johnston, Allene Buchholtz, Mya Fouts, Aurora Gillett, Oliva Herr, Avory Anderson, Lillian McDonald, Ben Goebel, Jonah Christopherson

Director: Mrs. Greta Jorgensen

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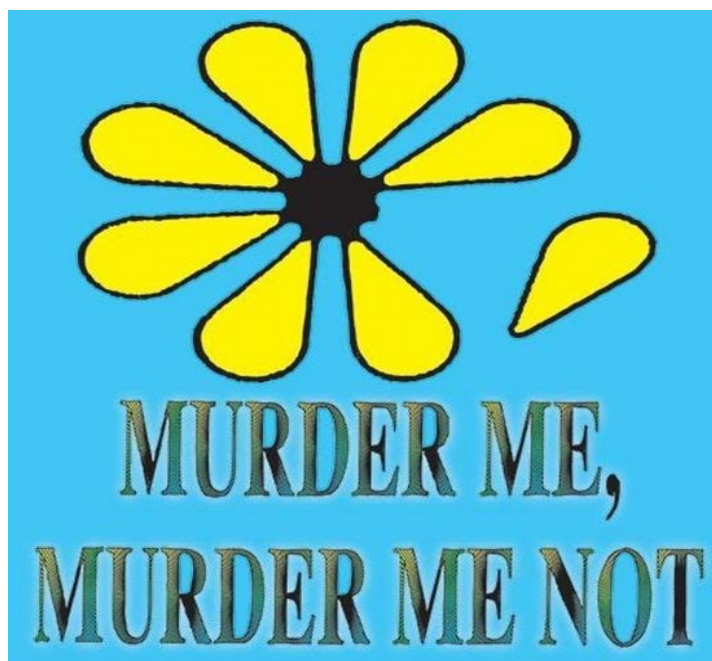
Mr. Frank Rineck

Arguably the most rewarding experience of teaching at my Alma Mater is the ability to give back. I have been very fortunate to be able to work with both students and administration here at MACS this year and am excited to announce McDonnell High School's first non-musical dramatic production! This idea started a handful of years ago, when I was still a student here at McDonell. I remember seeing the ecstatic reaction from my classmates after our annual musical, and wondered if these reactions would be matched if we put on a non-musical production.

At the beginning of this school year, I was talking with my first quarter Creative Writing class and decided to pose the question: who would be interested in being onstage if you didn't have to sing and dance? I am happy to say my high school prediction was fulfilled, and I immediately received a significant amount of interest. Now, a few months (and a few meetings) later, we have a show, a cast, and a weekend on the calendar to put it all together. I sincerely hope you join us as we usher in a new MACS tradition!

A school-appropriate version of Bill Springer's "Murder Me, Murder Me Not", a murder-mystery comedy, will show April 28, 29 & 30 at 7:30 p.m. at McDonell High School. Tickets go on sale March 10.

Mr. Frank Rineck, Director



STUDENT AMBASSADOR NEWS



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A large number of student ambassadors showed their awesome qualities on Wednesday, February 2, when we hosted the deanery schools for the Bishop Mass and Rally Day for Catholic Schools Week.

They pitched in and helped with setting games up and putting them away for the activities in the gym after Mass. They greeted and assisted visiting students and teachers throughout the day. They sacrificed having lunch with their friends so they could have lunch with our young visitors. I saw engagement, smiles, helping hands, encouragement, and flexibility. A few of them finished their day a little stickier, after running the cotton candy machines. I was proud of all of them for exemplifying what it means to be a serving member of our school community. Our connection with each other through our faith and our school was the perfect reason to celebrate Catholic Schools!

We are continuing to have fun with our monthly newsletters to the nursing homes. We try to make it interesting and unique. In fact, we did a survey in the school about favorite ice cream flavors and wrote about it because February 5 is "Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day" and of the 94 responses between students and staff, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough nudged out Cookies & Cream by 1.1 %!

GLOBAL OUTREACH NEWS

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in the life of another person, to do something really great for someone whose life will never be the same because of you?

Global Outreach - a Catholic International Exchange Program is looking for families to host 22 students from Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and the Ukraine for the McDonell 2022-23 school year. We need loving families to provide room, board, and transportation for the school year. By hosting a Global Outreach student, you will be offering a young person the chance of a lifetime. Your own family will also be greatly impacted and enriched by generously opening yourselves to a Global Outreach student.

Global Outreach is a unique program with a Catholic mission, to prepare young servant leaders who will make a contribution to the renewal of the Church and society in their countries of origin. It's directors are available throughout the year to support and assist both students and host families whenever needed. *The son or daughter for your home is eagerly waiting to hear that someone has opened their hearts. This summer's camp is in Lithuania and American students that have had a GO brother or sister may apply to attend the camp.*

Please contact globaloutreachprogram.com website to learn more about their mission to build a civilization of love.

You may also contact Barbara Tota-Boryczka, the Executive Director of the program at 920.540.3085 or barbara.tota-boryczka@globaloutreachprogram.com or Father Larry Seidl, the Spiritual Director of the program at 920.412.0320 or ljsleid1949@gmail.com. Local contacts are Peggy and Ken Nehring at penehring@gmail.com.

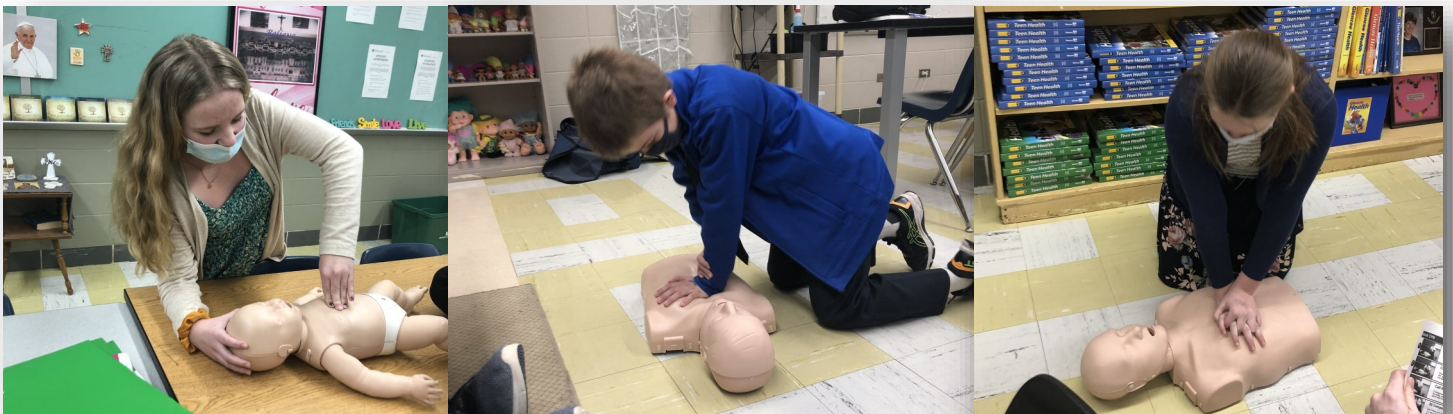


CPR TRAINING

Students Learn Life Saving Skills

Students in Ms. Stepp's Health classes demonstrate their skills for multiple emergency situations. All students become certified in Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, First Aid,

and AED training. By offering free CPR training and Certification for our students, they are learning so many life saving skills. This training gives students the preparation to save a life, and the confidence to act quickly for a family member or complete stranger. #TheMackWay





Principal's Corner

Mr. Eric Wedemeyer '92, Principal
St. Charles/Holy Ghost Schools

Let me start by again thanking all of our families for your continued support of our Catholic schools. As we move into the Lenten season, our students are learning more and more about the true meaning of sacrifice. There is no better example than the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. Lent is a time of deep prayer, repentance, as well as sacrifice, as we prepare for the celebration of Easter at the end of this time. We look forward to the day when we can all joyfully exclaim "Alleluia" on Easter Sunday.

Catholic Schools Week was a wonderful celebration in our system and our elementary students experienced many fun activities during the week, highlighted midweek by the Bishop's Mass and Rally Day at McDonell High School. It is so important for our students to have that week; not only to give us a much needed energy boost in the middle of a long Wisconsin winter, but more importantly to recognize the benefits and experience of a Catholic education.

Enrollment time is here and if you have not yet enrolled your child for next year, please log into your infinite campus parent portal online to get the 3-step process started. Enrolling **before** March 7 will mean taking advantage of the \$100 enrollment fee. After that date, the fee bumps up to \$150. Please remember our Kindergarten Referral Program discount and, if you are eligible, to enroll in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program before the April 21 deadline.

There have been some changes to the dress code at our elementary schools that will take effect in the 2022-23 school year. Please view the changes in our handbook and reach out to me with any questions.

This is also the time where parents can request a specific class placement for their student for the 2022-23 school year. The teachers, our school counselor, and I will meet at the beginning of May to place students in their classes for next school year. The process is extensive, but we do try very hard to accommodate parent requests. We weigh several factors to ensure that all of our students are placed in a classroom where we can get the very best out of them. A simple email to me is all that is required to submit the request. In some cases a meeting for further discussion may be necessary. For a request to be considered, it needs to be submitted before April 15.

Please enjoy the increasing daylight hours that signal warmer days to come!



Bishop William Callahan held mass for Catholic School Week at the MACS Rally Day (above). Children were excited to meet the Bishop in person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools – March 2022

March 2	SC Mass at 12:10 a.m. HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
March 4	HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
March 9	SC Mass at 8:30 a.m. HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. MACS Athletic Booster Meeting
March 11	NO SCHOOL – Diocesan In-Service
March 14	MACS Music Boosters Meeting MACS Faith Boosters Meeting
March 16	SC Mass at 8:30 a.m. HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. HandS meeting 6:00 p.m.
March 18	End of 3rd Quarter
March 21-25	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
March 28	4th Quarter Begins
March 30	SC Mass at 8:30 a.m. HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
April 6	HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
April 1	SC/HG Report Cards Go Home
April 15	NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
April 17	Happy Easter!
April 18	NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday



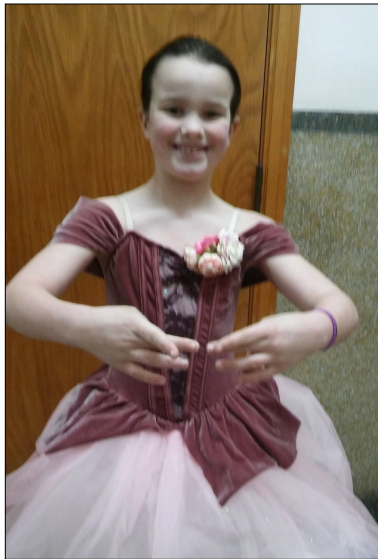
Pajama Day



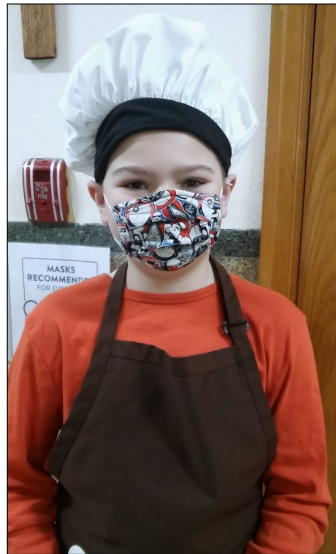
Green Olympic Ring Day



Astronaut



Career Day – A Ballerina ...



and a Chief. . .



Teacher and a Doctor!

**Catholic
Schools
Week
2022**
+
**Special
Days and
Activities**



Vocation Day!



MACKS Rally Day!



A Valentine for a Veteran

Second grade students explore a new property of matter



These second grade students recently participated in their science experiment learning about the property of matter (above).



This second grade boy and girl (above) are working on their science experiment and are having a good time learning how to weigh different objects.



Fourth grade students celebrate the Chinese New Year

The fourth graders recently celebrated Chinese New Year. Unlike our New Year's holiday on January 1st, the Chinese New Year is a moveable celebration. This year, the Year of the Tiger began on February 1, 2022 and ends on February 15, 2022. According to the Chinese Zodiac, people born this year (or in 2022, 2010, 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962 etc.) are strong-willed, opinionated and stubborn. As part of their study of this cultural event, the students made Chinese lanterns to help light up the New Year.



Happy Chinese New Year! This group of fourth grade students (left) show off the Chinese lanterns they created, complete with authentic Chinese symbols.



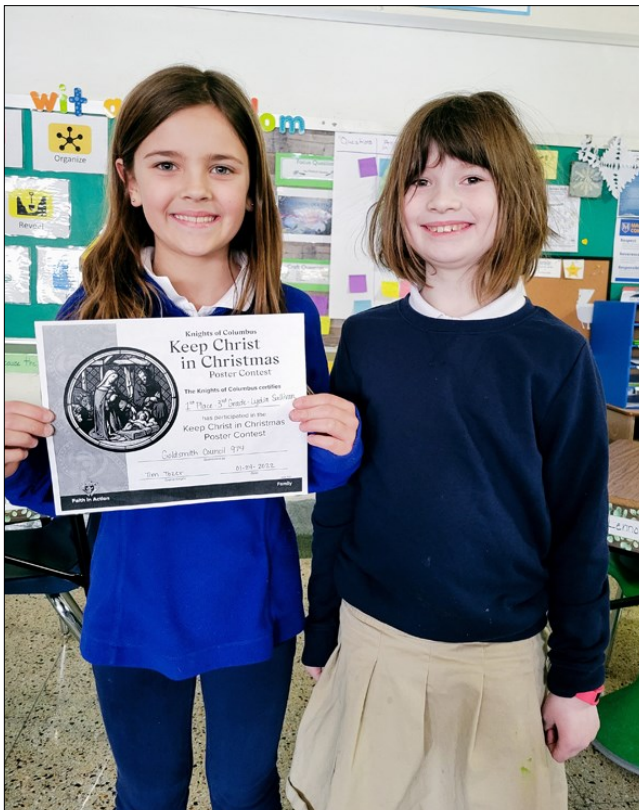
St. Charles and Holy Ghost KC Christmas Posters Winners



Vice Principal Jerry Smith presented these St. Charles students with their award for the KC Christmas Poster Contest (above).



Vice Principal Jerry Smith is congratulating this group of girls on their winning success in the KC Christmas Poster Contest (above).



These third grade girls (above) were excited that they received 1st and 3rd place in the KC Christmas Poster Contest. What a great bunch of artists we have at our schools!

KC Christmas Poster Contest

Once again this year, St. Charles and Holy Ghost Students entered the Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest. The theme was “Keep Christ in Christmas”. Students who placed from our schools are listed below. The winning posters in grades 1-4 were mailed to the diocesan competition. Congratulations to these students and to everyone who participated!

Grade 1:

- 1st Place: Reese Geissler
- 2nd Place: Lila Swoboda

Grade 2:

- 3rd Place: Addie Rochester

Grade 3:

- 1st Place: Lydia Sullivan
- 3rd Place: Irene McNabb

Grade 4:

- 2nd Place: Solveigh Endrud

Grade 5:

- 1st Place: Helayna Flashinski

Congratulations!





Holy Ghost show their SPIRIT

*"We've got spirit, yes we do,
we've got spirit, how 'bout you?"*

Holy Ghost Students (left) competing in the Bloomer Rope Jump Finals. Best of wishes to these young athletes! GO HOLY GHOST!



St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools held a send off to Rope Jump Finals



A St. Charles boy gives a high five to his class as he is going to compete in the jump rope finals. (above).

A Holy Ghost student (above) gets a round of applause from classmates. What a send off to the jump rope finals!

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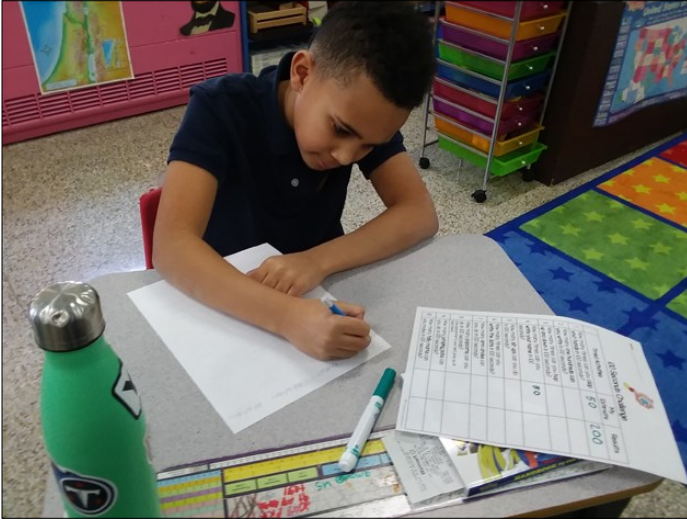
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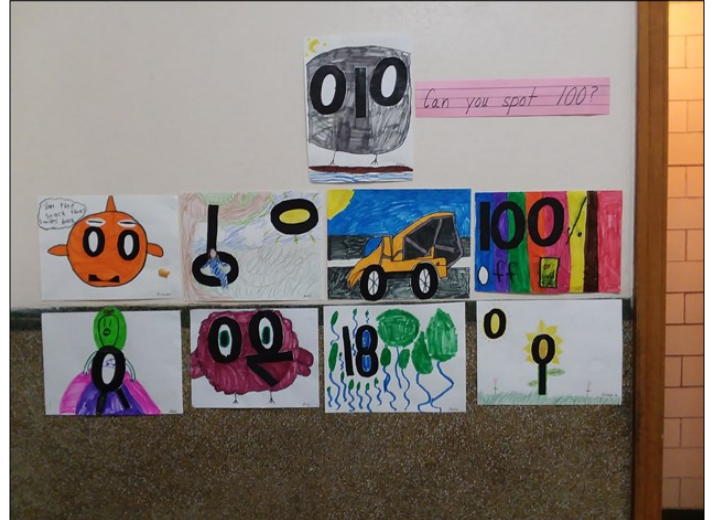
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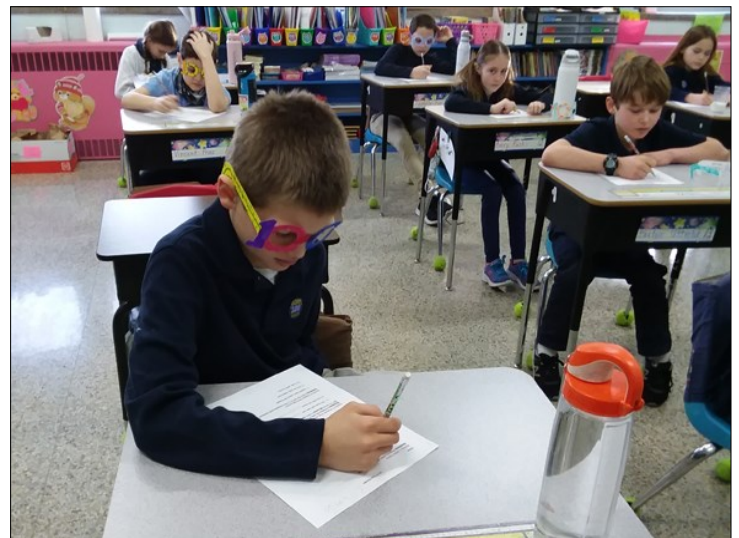
A fourth grade boy is working on his 100 seconds challenge in his classroom (above).



These are some drawings done by Mrs. Deb Dahl fourth grade class. Can you spot 100? (above)



These fourth grade students are celebrating their 100th day of school by showing off their colorful glasses (above).



Fourth grade students in Mrs. Deb Dahl's (above) classroom are rocking their cool glasses working on the 100 second challenges.

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MARCH 2022



Looking Forward

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

Our students have been learning about their 5 senses. Their favorite activity was tasting "different" foods! We had a Valentine's Day party and had lots of fun and creative treats. We celebrated Catholic Schools week with fun activities and dress up days. Our students are looking forward to warmer weather so they can spend more time playing outside!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN 4K?

Our class has learned all of our letters and we have moved onto writing them. We still review our letter sounds and stories. Our room had a Valentine's Day party and enjoyed some great treats! We learned about our 5 senses and different ways that we use them. Coming up we be discussing transportation. We will also be celebrating Dr. Suess week!

March 11

**4K snow day
make-up *if
needed***

March 11

Non-school day

March 21-25

Spring Break



Lenten Opportunities to go Deeper into Your Faith

St. Peter the Apostle Parish - March 6

Immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass. Join us in the church basement for the video series of Bishop Robert Barron Catholicism.

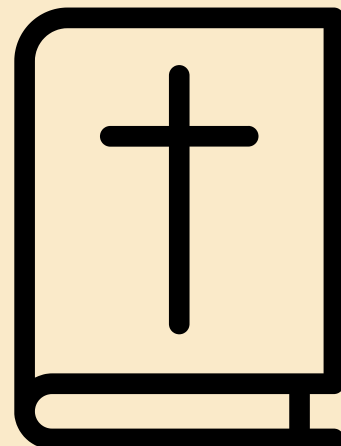
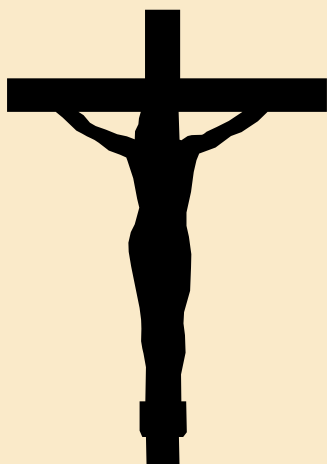
Description of the series: Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish - March 6

5:00 PM in the church Narthex

We will crack open the book *A Devotional Journey into the Mass, How Mass Can Become a Time of Grace, Nourishment, and Devotion* by Christopher Carstens.

Explaining the spiritual meanings behind the signs and symbols, words and actions of the Mass, author Christopher Carstens teaches you spiritually enriching ways to enter the church building, make the Sign of the Cross, pray the Opening Prayer, listen to the readings, prepare your soul at the Offertory, participate in the Eucharistic Prayer, receive Communion, and even respond to the Dismissal. You will be surprised to find each Eucharistic celebration a fountain of peace for you and a profound refreshment for your soul.



St. Peter Catholic Church

MEGA

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DRAWING:

MARCH 13, 2022

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

After 9 a.m. Mass

Need not be present to win

Prizes:

- ☛ Grand Prize: **\$4,500**
- ☛ 2nd Prize: **\$2,000**
- ☛ 3rd Prize: **\$1,500**
- ☛ 4th & 5th Prizes: **\$500**
- ☛ 6th thru 10th Prizes: **\$200**

Get your ticket today!

Before and after the 6:30 p.m.

Saturday night Mass and the

9 a.m. Sunday morning Mass or

email: sparishofficers@gmail.com