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Nov 1

All Saints' Day

Nov 4

St. Charles Neighborhood Playdate 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Nov 6

Spaghetti Spectacular! 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Nov 7

Spaghetti Spectacular Monday Business Deliveries

Nov 11

Veterans' Day

Nov 19

37th Annual Craft Country Expo 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Nov 21-25

Thanksgiving Break - **NO School**

Nov 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 24&25

Central Office and Early Childhood closed

Nov 28

Giving Tree begins









Education for Life





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November







WI Parental Choice Program

Each year, the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program makes it possible for approximately 1/3 of our student body to receive a MACS education, and covers a large portion of our school's expenses, including teacher salaries, learning materials, and more. I wanted to take an opportunity to share a little



Mrs. Molly Bushman **MACS President**

more about the history of the Choice voucher program and its importance to our families and schools.

Over 100 years ago, the United States Supreme Court acknowledged the constitutional right of parents to direct the education of their children. Wisconsin is home to the nation's oldest private voucher program, which started in Milwaukee in 1990 on a bipartisan basis, then was extended to Racine in 2011 and the whole state in 2013. These programs have been upheld as constitutional by the Supreme Courts of the United States and the State of Wisconsin. The Catholic Church supports state voucher programs as a proper exercise of government authority and out of respect for parents' rights and the wellbeing of children. Finally, statistics clearly demonstrate the effectiveness and fiscal responsibility of Choice schools, which are required to be accredited and are audited multiple times each year.

Unfortunately, when the program was extended statewide in 2013, it was handicapped by unfair rules such as a much shorter enrollment period, lower qualifying income, and limited grade levels. School Choice Wisconsin has been seeking reform of the program for nearly a decade to expand access to deserving families. For example, with the enrollment period ending in April, a family of a first grader moving to town in May and enrolling in MACS for the following school year would not be able to enroll their child in Choice until that child entered ninth grade, costing them eight years of tuition, regardless of their financial means. The statewide program needs to be reformed.

I invite you to check out the following resources for more information:

School Choice Wisconsin EdChoice

While MACS distributes over \$100,000 in financial aid through Guardian Angel tuition scholarships every year, we would not be able to meet the financial need of our families without school choice. Thank you for your support of our Catholic schools, teachers, and families.

MACS Mission McDonell Area Catholic Schools are committed to the formation of community, academic excellence and the spiritual and physical well-being of each student in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

November

When I was in Rome last month, I ordered a Mass vestment for myself that I'm really excited to see when it's finished. It's a black vestment, which isn't too common anymore. Although some might say it's gone out of style these days, a priest can still wear black vestments in two Fr. Ethan Hokamp



circumstances: when celebrating a funeral or Mass for the Dead or on All Souls' Day, November 2. I think it's quite appropriate in both circumstances because black reminds us of death. It reminds us of the limitedness of life on earth, and it does not shy away from the grief a family feels at the death of a loved one. All too often, those are things that the world today just wants to sweep under the rug, but it's good and natural for us to mourn and grieve. The Church wants to grieve with a family after the loss of their loved one, which is part of the reason a funeral Mass is so important.

In fact, the Church dedicates a whole month for us to grieve in a sense. November is the month of the dead, but this month is not just about feeling down at the prospect of our own mortality. We always grieve in the hope of our future glory which Jesus won for us by His own death. This is why we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1, and the next day we begin praying for all souls who may not yet have reached heaven. The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer for these souls. Let us continue to pray for our departed loved ones, especially at Mass, and for all the faithful departed, that through the mercy of God they may rest in peace.



MACS Advancement: Fundraising

Libby Leinenkugel, Advancement Director 715.723.0538 ext. 3306 or I.leinenkugel@macs.k12.wi.us.



In the coming months, we will be introducing all MACS supporters, friends, families, and alumni to the A.B. McDonell Vision Fund. This fund, known as an Annual Fund in the world of Advancement, helps to ensure our schools' financial stability in support of the Mission. Sir Alexander B. McDonell arrived in Chippewa Falls in 1870 with the vision of creating a school with no or low cost tuition for every family who wanted to obtain a Catholic education for their children. His wishes were to endow a Catholic school building to the community in memory of his late wife and three children who tragically passed away. The first two students graduated in June of 1889 and it is with gratitude and pride that we are given the opportunity of carrying out his vision 140 years later. Look for continued efforts that support the growth of the fund and, as always, thank you for your support of McDonell Area Catholic Schools!

MACS Music Boosters



Megan McChesney President

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MACS Music Boosters are anxiously anticipating this year's Annual Craft Expo! This is McDonell's 37th year hosting the event and it is always a full house. The booster club needs volunteers to help the day go smoothly, please. If you are unable to volunteer to help run the expo, please stop by to shop and/or promote the event via social media. Music Boosters provide support for Fine Arts for the entire MACS system and your participation is greatly appreciated!

Music Boosters will be looking for new leadership next year. All three of the current officers are parents of Seniors and we will not continue as officers after graduation. It is the ideal time to join us for our monthly meetings in the McDonell library and learn about the responsibilities and actions for the club. Honestly, officer positions are not demanding and can be taken on by anyone with a little time to spare. Please consider this request prayerfully, as MACS Fine Arts relies on the club's support. Our next meeting is Monday, November 7 at 6:00 p.m.

We would like to give a big shout out to Paula and Sean Hanson for everything they do for the MACS band program. The bands at Notre Dame and McDonell fill Mr. Hanson's entire band room and he couldn't be happier about the manner in which his students participate! Mrs. Hanson is actively growing the band at Holy Ghost and, as always, steering the ship from behind the scenes. Please express your gratitude to the Hansons during this season of Thanksgiving and community!







McDonell Central Catholic High School

Sunday, November 6, 2022 | 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Celebrating our Veterans Performance 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.



Notre Dame Middle School | McDonell Central Catholic High School

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Eric Wedemeyer, NDMS & MCCHS Principal e.wedemeyer@macs.k12.wi.us
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As we pass the midway point of the first trimester, it has been wonderful to see the progress and growth from our students so far this fall. It also has been inspiring to walk into classrooms and

witness our teachers working tirelessly in their attempt to create a path for success for our students. Learning happens through many forms and in different paces. Our mission is always to help our students grow in mind, body, and spirit throughout all stages of the school year.

We have had many important and exciting events that have taken place in our middle and high school in the past month. Our students have attended and participated in spiritual retreats, career fairs, a mock crash simulation and standardized assessments to name a few. Fall athletics are wrapping up their successful seasons and I want to thank all of our coaches both at the high school and middle school for their time and commitment to our MACS athletes.

Our MACS community is growing and I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate to our new families that I welcome and encourage feedback and thoughts on ways to make our schools better. We exist to serve you and there is nothing more important than satisfaction with our product. Please reach out to me with any concerns or questions and continue to pray with me for the health and safety of our students and staff so that we can continue to direct our young people towards the gospel.

May God be with all of you!

STUDENT AMBASSADOR NEWS



Mr. Matthew Rider

Matthew Rider, Student Ambassador Grades 7-12 Volunteer Coordinator m.rider@macs.k12.wi.us 715.723.9126 ext 2208

The Student Ambassadors have had a busy and fruitful October, including organizing the Diaper Drive, serving at the Heyde Center, and serving at the St. Francesca

Resource Center. The Ambassadors have been active in our school and community. Thank you to all of the families and community members who contributed to our Diaper Drive. We are preparing to serve at the Spaghetti Spectacular and are looking forward to seeing everyone there.



GUIDANCE



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SCHOLARSHIPS

A list of scholarships and their due dates can be found on the McDonell

website. (Under Students - click the Senior Scholarships tab.) The link is provided here: http://scholarships.html

Periodically check the Senior Scholarship page and pay attention to the due dates as you will have opportunities to apply for many scholarships throughout the school year. Many of the local scholarships, which McDonell students earn, become available during the first trimester.

All students should also perform an individualized scholarship search through services such as Fastweb (www.fastweb.com). Fastweb asks questions about you. Using the data you provide, they will inform you of scholarships that you are qualified to receive.

All students should contact the financial aid office at their college to find out about scholarships available to students at each school.

You can't receive scholarships that you don't apply for, so continue working hard! It will pay off!

Planning for your students financial future within a college or university setting is very important! Please be on the lookout for more FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) resources or schedule a time to chat with me! Thank you!

Term 1 ends on November 18 - We encourage you to check up on your students progress using Infinite Campus (https://wicloud1.infinitecampus.org/campus/portal/cacs.jsp)

Term 2 starts on November 28. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, thanks!



SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS

School of Rock

Our musical this year is *School of Rock* and it needs a HUGE cast! Sign up for auditions, or to work on a crew, outside room 213. The musical is open to all 6th through 12th graders.

Mrs. Gretchen Jorgensen

Performances: February 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2023

SENIOR GRADUATION NEWS

SENIOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

If your son/daughter did not bring the Josten's order form home to order cap, gown, and invitations, it will be **your responsibility** to directly place an order by calling **Jostens** at 715.832.0762. This order needs to be placed as soon as possible.

NOTRE DAME STUDENT COUNCIL



Peter Thoma, Student Council Advisor p.thoma@ macs.k12.wi.us 715.723.4777 ext.1109

From NDMS Student Council President: Sam Bresina Vice President: Evelyn Doyle Treasurer: Miranda Johnson Secretary: Elianna Eddy

Mr. Peter Thoma Statement from President Sam Bresina:
"My main goal as President is to be a

president of the middle school that confers ideas with my fellow middle "scholars." In the past, most presidents would just share their ideas only with Student Council, but I want to share ideas with the whole middle school and get their opinions on Student Council's ideas. I also would like to have the students in Student Council lead the meeting because that'll give the people in Student Council a greater responsibility which will make our Student Council more rewarding."



Mrs. Jennifer Rubenzer

NOTRE DAME MATH NEWS

Mrs. Jennifer Rubenzer <u>j.rubenzer@macs.k12.wi.us</u> 715.723.4777 ext. 1105

The students in Mrs. Rubenzer's math class are learning about transformations. They designed their own tessellations to show a translation.



McDonell Central Catholic Youth Rotars

Congratulations to these students representing McDonell at the Rotary weekly meetings for the 2022-23 school year.

October Sydney Retzlaff November Megan Hanson Matyas Choancik December Brady Rubenzer January February Greta Thornton March **Andrew Bauer** April Josie Witkowski May Eva Bushman

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NOTRE DAME SCIENCE NEWS

Shannon Jaeger, Science s.jaeger@macs.k12.wi.us 715.723.4777 ext. 1113

The 8th graders were using a push-pull spring scale to test deformation of wooden stir sticks and styrofoam

Mrs. Shannon Jaeger pieces.



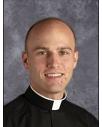
The 6th graders were learning about the zones of the ocean in Exploratory. They were observing the darkness of each and how light can't penetrate the deepest zones.



Notre Dame Middle School | McDonell Central Catholic High School www.macs.k12.wi.us **CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS**

14-15, 2023

2023



Fr. Ethan Hokamp Chaplain

Campus Ministry e.boehm@macs.k12.wi.us 715.723.9126 ext.2210





Our 9th graders took a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on October 14. During this time they offered

Fr. Ethan Hokamp intentions in prayer and at Mass, heard a

talk from Chris Rogers, and had small group discussion time.



Ms. Erica Boehm

No actual running required! Join us for the weekend to visit with some Religious Sisters near the Twin Cities. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions, pray with them, and learn a little about their life.

Middle School EDGE:

All MACS middle school students are invited to join us for middle school youth group on these Wednesday evenings for games, a talk, small groups, and prayer. No registrations for Notre Dame/St. Peter's School kids. EDGE runs from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Notre Dame GREC Dining Hall. December 14, December 21, January 18, January 25, February 15, March 15, April 12, April 19

Vocations Trips for middle and high school youth:

There are various opportunities for our students to be exposed to religious and priestly vocations in the coming months. These opportunities include meeting with Religious Sisters, Priests, and those in the Journey Program who are discerning God's will for their life.

High School Men's Vocation Weekend: November 11-13, 2022 - includes the Men of the Cross conference, time with the men in the journey program and a trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Haverim Tea Society for High School Ladies meets once a month for tea, snacks, and conversation on the Faith. Meet in The Lounge, room 201 from 7-8:30 p.m. on the following dates: November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1

Marian Consecration: Join us from November 5-December 8 for our annual preparation for Marian Consecration leading up to our MACS Patronal Feast Day on December 8. Marian Consecration encourages us to trust and love Mary as Jesus did so that we, too, might devote ourselves more fully to Him. If you would like a copy of the Marian Consecration book to join us in preparation for these 33 days, please reach out to Erica Boehm.

For information or to sign up for any of these activities, contact Erica Boehm at faith@macs.k12.wi.us





Principal's Corner

Mr. Jerry Smith, Principal St. Charles/Holy Ghost Schools

Dear Families.

We are half way through the first trimester, and it has been wonderful to see the progress and growth from our students so far this fall. It also has been inspiring to walk into a classroom and witness our teachers working tirelessly in an attempt to create a path for success for our students. Learning happens through many forms and at different paces. Our mission is always to help our students grow in mind, body and spirit throughout all stages of the school year.

Staff and students have been enjoying some much deserved and needed field trips this fall. From apple orchards, to parks, to plays, our students are engaging in the communities around them. Their learning goes well beyond the classroom, and it excites me to see our students do these things again.

We continue to see a growing need for students that could benefit from an adult mentor. Approved mentors will be matched with a child and would come in a few times a month to spend some time with them. Please contact our elementary school counselor, Mrs. Sykora if you or anyone that you know would be interested in taking on this role. We also have other various opportunities for our parents or grandparents to volunteer in our buildings. Please reach out to me or your child's classroom teacher if you're interested in helping out in some capacity.

Our MACS community is growing and I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate to our new families that I welcome and encourage feedback and thoughts on ways to make our schools better. We exist to serve you and there is nothing more important than satisfaction with our product. Please reach out to me with any concerns or questions and continue to pray with me for the health and safety of our students and staff so that we can continue to direct our young people towards the gospel.

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St. Charles teachers are celebrating Kindness Friday (above).

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools - November 2022

Nov. 1	All Saints Day
	SC/HG Lifetouch picture retake

Nov. 2	SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
	HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Nov.16	SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
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HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Nov 18

Nov. 21-22	Teacher In-Service Days – NO SCHOOL

End of First Trimester

Nov. 24	Happy Thanksaivina
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Nov. 28	School Resumes		
	Angel Giving Tree Begins		
	2nd trimactor bogins		

Nov. 30	SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
	HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.

St. Charles Celebrates Grandparents Day



Principal Mr. Jerry Smith greets grandparents as they arrive to celebrate Grandparents Day at St. Charles (above).



St. Charles celebrates Grandparents Day with a mass. After mass students sang a song for grandparents (above).

Student Council Elected

The 120 students at Holy Ghost School recently elected their Student Council members for the 2022-2023 school year:

President - Sydney D (Grade 5) Vice President - Aubrey W (Grade 4)

Homeroom Representatives:

Room 3-102 - Avery B

Room 3-103 - Cecilia S

Room 4-201 - Lydia S

Room 4-202 - Stella C

Room 4-203 - Gabe S

Room 5-204 - Jasmine K

Room 5-205 - Carli L

The council meets weekly to decide on special activities and ways to help out the students, staff, and school. Bravo to these new Holy Ghost School leaders and to all the students who participated in the council election.







Fr. Burish visits Holy Ghost



Fr. Jesse Burish visits with the fourth grade class at Holy Ghost to share a lesson with the students (above).



Fourth grade students visit Moraine Ice Age Trail

On October 13, the fourth grade class took a field trip to the Moraine Ice Age Trail near New Auburn, WI. It was a lovely day to learn about and walk on the "terminal moraines" (long hills or ridges left by glaciers) and look down at the "kettles" (holes filled with water left by melting glaciers). The guides, both indoors and out, knew their information and presented it well. The fourth graders heartily encourage everyone to take a tour and hike the beautiful land we call WISCONSIN.





Mrs. Bridget Ericksen fourth grade class (above) are enjoying the beautiful weather in New Auburn, WI on the Ice Age Trail.



Fourth grade girl is showing off her strength and aim in an axe toss (above).



Two fourth grade students try their hand at cutting a log with a crosscut saw (above) while visiting the Chippewa Ice Age Reserve.



Fifth Grade Students Doodle on Barricades

Holy Ghost fifth graders are painting barricades for the school using their Mr. Doodle inspired art. Students show great teamwork when working together. What an amazing group of artists we have at our school.



Fifth grade students show off their unique art skills painting the barricade (above).



This group of fifth graders proudly show off their finished doodle art work (above).







Holy Ghost Picture Day!

Mrs. Deb Dahl's fourth grade class is excited to show off their fancy clothes for picture day at Holy Ghost (above).

2nd Grade goes to Irvine Park



St. Charles second grade class takes a field trip to Irvine Park where they put on approximately 5 miles! (above).

Fifth grade students visit Lake Wissota State Park

On October 4 the fifth grade class took a field trip to Lake Wissota State Park for Conservation Days. There were eight stations. The students went thru A Day with a Warden, Food System Activity, Forestry Friends, Power of Pollinators, Protecting Our Groundwater, Living on the Crust, Rainfall for Food, and Conserving your Energy.





Fifth grade student is learning how to kayak from a State Park Manager (above).



Fifth grade classes (above) are enjoying the beautiful weather in Lake Wissota State Park.



Three fifth grade students learn about protecting our ground water and soil (above) while visiting the Lake Wissota State Park during Conservation Days.



St Charles Neighborhood



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 4:30-6:30 P.M., ST. CHARLES PRIMARY PLAYGROUND

429 W Spruce St, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 For children ages 2 & up and their parents/guardians



An opportunity for you and your children to have fun and make connections



Snacks and beverages provided!



Parents and guardians MUST accompany their children at the event



Sunday, November 6 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. McDonell Central Catholic High School

1316 Bel Air Boulevard • Chippewa Falls





\$10 meal for children ages 5-12 Children 4 and under eat FREE

Menu includes:

Spaghetti with homemade meat or meatless sauce, homemade garlic bread, side salad, and dessert.

BUCKET RAFFLE BASKETS

Classrooms created theme baskets valued at \$200+ and will be raffled the day of the event. View them online two weeks before the event at McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org

18 Tickets for \$25 • 6:00 Drawing



Education for Life

#SpagSpec











Hot Spaghetti Lunch delivered (Chippewa Falls) Monday, November 7

(Meal includes spaghetti, homemade garlic bread and salad)



MACS Spaghetti Lunch FAX 715-723-1501

EMAIL spaghetti@macs.k12.wi.us

ORDER BY **Friday, November 4 at 4:00 PM**Thank you for your order!
Questions? Call 715.723.0538
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Can't do a delivery on Monday? Dine-In!

Sunday, November 6 11:00 - 6:00 p.m. McDonell Central Catholic High School

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View baskets online two weeks before at McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org

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	TAKE OUT OR	DER FORM
Business & Contact Name:		
Address:		
Delivery Instructions:		
Phone:	E/Mail:	
		Delivery Time Preference
Spaghetti with meat sauce	X \$10.00 = \$	Between 11:00 - 11:30
Spaghetti with meatless sauce	X \$10.00 = \$	 Between 11:30 - 12:00
Salad Dressings:	French Ranch	
Payment due on delivery	Total Order: \$	Between 12:00 - 12:30
Payable to: McDonell Area Catho	lic Schools (MACS)	Between 12:30 - 1:00

Craft Country Expo 37th Annual Craft Show Saturday, November 19, 2022

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
McDonell Central
Catholic High School
1316 Bel Air Blvd
Chippewa Falls, WI



\$2.00 Admission Over 80 Exhibitors Concessions Available

Sponsored by the McDonell Area Catholic Schools Music Boosters





HIGH SCHOOL

Friday-Sunday | November 11-13, 2022

Friday: Dinner with Fr. Nate Kuhn and Journey Men

❖ Tour Holy Cross Diocesan Center

Saturday: Attend *Men of the Cross* conference

❖ Movie Night! or dodge ball match

Sunday: Mass and breakfast at Mater Redemptoris

❖ Visit Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Depart from Regis High School, Eau Claire at 4PM Friday Travel to the House of Formation, Diocese of La Crosse, La Crosse, WI

Contact Fr. Hokamp or Erica Boehm for more info and sign up! faith@macs.k12.wi.us

Poinsettia Order Form

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Poinsettia plants are \$15 each	Phone Num	ber		
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