



Reflections

As we near the end of another school year, I reflect with gratitude on the year and look forward with hope to next year. As I write this, earlier today I visited Mrs. Eckwright's third grade classroom. One of the children asked me whether I liked my job. I shared a verse of Scripture: "If I ascend to the heavens, you are there. If I lie down in the depths, you are there." (Ps. 139:8) On both the good days and the bad days, God is present.

As the tragedy of Lily Peters' death continues to unfold in this community, we feel deeply the need to provide safe schools and homes for our children. Of course, our buildings must be structurally safe with secure entrances and other security considerations. We are also focused on reinforcing the spiritual, social, and emotional security of our children. We can do this through prayerful reassurance, relationships, and routine. Our children must be confident that they are known by name and loved unconditionally. (Note that we as adults must also exercise self-care in order to care for our children.)

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) Lord, we pray for healing, peace, and deliverance from evil. You are there in the depths of our grief. Grant us the grace to persevere in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.



Mrs. Molly Bushman
MACS President

May Flowers

What's happening in the natural world around us during the month of May reflects what is happening in the spiritual life of the Church throughout the Easter season. Spring is bursting forth into bloom in the natural world, just as Christ's Resurrection bears forth new growth in the life of His Church. As proof of this new growth, in our parishes this month some of our young people will begin receiving the Eucharist at Mass and others will be confirmed by Bishop Callahan.

But perhaps the best example of this is seen in whom the month of May is dedicated to. May is the month of Mary, a time when the Church especially honors the woman who is the Mother of God and our Mother, because we see in her the fullness and the source of the fruitfulness that we see in the world all around us.

May Crownings are a May tradition in which crowns woven out of flower blossoms are placed upon a statue of Mary. This tradition beautifully unites spring's bursting forth of new life in the natural world and the new life of grace that Our Lord's Resurrection has brought us, for Mary's body became the new Garden of Eden because from her bloomed the One whose cross is the new Tree of Life. How appropriate, then, that this month even mother nature should pay homage to her, who is Queen of both heaven and earth, by crowning her with the first blossoms of spring.

This month let us honor Mary, the patroness of MACS, by crowning her statues in our schools and homes with flowers. But more importantly, may our hearts honor her by crowning her with the virtues that spring forth in our lives from the Resurrection of her Son.
Happy Easter!



Fr. Ethan HoKamp

May EVENTS [Full listing on website.](#)

- May 7** State Solo Ensemble Contest
- May 8** Mothers Day!
- May 9** McDonell Fine Arts Night
- May 12-14** Rescheduled "Murder Me, Murder Me Not" Spring Play
- May 16** Notre Dame Spring Concert
- May 17** Holy Ghost Spring Concert & Art Show
- May 18** McDonell Awards and Senior Baccalaureate
- May 19** St Charles Spring Concert & Art Show
- May 20** McDonell Central Catholic Graduation
- May 25** St Charles Neighborhood Playdate
PRA Community Presentation (see flier)
- May 26** 8th Grade Awards and Completion Ceremony
- May 27** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- May 28** Dedication of Survivor Monument—Holy Ghost



Education Technology & Media



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Mr. Josh McCormick

Summer is right around the corner and while the schools will be quiet, it will be a busy time for the IT Department. We will be busy performing major network upgrades, finishing our installs of our new Promethean interactive panels, updating and deploying new Chromebooks and laptops and preparing for the next school year.

We have many exciting new network upgrades scheduled for the summer. The first is replacing our Firewall appliance, and upgrading our outside network connection from 1Gbps to 10Gbps. Our current Firewall is near end of life, and is a very important piece of hardware to keep our network safe and secure. With our new firewall we will have enhanced web filtering, malware and virus detection and intrusion prevention. Our upgraded firewall and internet connection will not only improve network speeds, it will greatly increase the bandwidth so it can handle more connected devices at one time. As I have mentioned in past newsletters we also hope to implement our new primary server during the summer.

We will also be busy preparing, updating, and repairing student Chromebooks throughout the summer. We have a large number of Chromebooks that are due for a refresh, and the replacements have been ordered. Along with student Chromebooks, teacher laptops are also due for a refresh. We are currently looking into new laptops so we can get them deployed during the summer.

The summer is always a busy and exciting time for the IT department, filled with many network and technology upgrades as we prepare for another successful year at MACS.

SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS



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Ms. Kathleen Adams

Admissions

Thank you for choosing and entrusting MACS with a Catholic Christian education for your children. If you have family or friends that have an interest in exploring

options with MACS, please have them contact me and I will be happy to meet with them and share all the great things MACS has to offer.

Refer a new kindergarten family for the upcoming school year before August 26, 2022 and receive a 10% referral credit towards your tuition for one year. The new family will receive a 10% credit towards their tuition for three years. The current family should complete the referral form on the MACS website found under Admissions. In order to receive the credit, the referral form must be complete within seven days of the new family enrollment.

Scrip

We are in the last stretch for earning credit to the 2022-23 school year tuition. All Scrip purchased July 1, 2021 through June 24, 2022, the rebates will be credited to the 2022-2023 tuition. You can send your order with your child any day of the week for same day turn-around or you may call/email your order Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for direct pick up from the central office.

Our goal is to have a mobile option available for you soon to replace the Benefit Mobile App. More details to come.



MACS Advancement: Engaging with the Mission



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In April, I was hopeful for days of sunshine and warmth. I guess that hope needs to carry over into May!

Your kids may have shared with you the exciting happenings from our Community Day, #TheMackWay Day, on April 14th. Some students stretched their muscles and others engaged their brains, and many kids were given the opportunity to show off their special skills during a talent show. The Student Ambassadors also organized an event for the Notre Dame and McDonell teachers and staff to express their gratitude. Although this day may not have included conventional learning in a classroom, the benefits of taking care of one another are just as important to learn. Please look to

our social media sites for photos of the day's activities!

We are thankful to all of you for your ongoing support of your students' efforts in achieving #TheMackWay. I ask for your continued prayers for all of our MACS students, faculty, and staff as we navigate through the final month of this school year. May God continue to bless you and offer His graces for a safe summer.



Home and School Association (HandS)

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Hello MACS families,
As the school year is winding down, we would like to take the time to thank everyone who helped make all the events this year happen. Thank you to the parents who volunteered, the teachers/staff, and students for another wonderful year with our MACS family.

There will be a change next year within the HandS Committee. We are very excited to announce that Abby Petefish will be the new president. Abby will have 4 children in the system next year and we are looking forward to her joining the team!

We hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer and cannot wait to see everyone in the fall.

The HandS Committee



Mrs. Chelsey Lindenberg
President

MACS Athletic Booster Club - Grades 5-12

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Spring sports season is finally underway after weeks of cancellations and delays due to weather. We are hopeful spring weather is finally here and our student athletes and teams will be able to showcase their skills and talents for you all. Schedules for all of our spring sports can be found on the MACS website under the athletic calendar. We are thankful for the support our Mack's family shows all our athletes throughout the year and can't wait to see you cheering on our athletes this spring.

On behalf of the Booster Club we would like to thank you all for the tremendous support you provide to McDonell athletics each year!!

Go Macks!!



Mr. Greg Misfeldt
President

MACS Faith Booster Club

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In April the Faith Boosters have been able to utilize our fundraising from our brunch with Santa and our Kids Carnival events by supporting a retreat and also providing food, snacks and drinks for a recent DTS gathering. We are looking to continue to support upcoming spring/summer Campus Ministry events and activities and provide students to individually help fundraise through car wash sales. As the school year wraps up and we roll into the summer, Faith Boosters will begin to turn our focus for fundraising events for the next school year.



Mr. Rolly Enderes
President

McDonell Alumni Association

After not having Alumni Weekend (which included the Alumni Basketball and Volleyball tournaments along with the McDonell Hall of Fame induction) for 2 years, Alumni Weekend was back April 1-3. The tournaments had a large number of teams participating. The Alumni Association also revealed the formal written dedication for the Deb and Steve Roesler Gymnasium that Saturday. That sign will soon be affixed in the gym for everyone to see. The weekend wrapped up Sunday with the Hall of Fame induction honoring achievements of some great Alumni. Overall it was a great weekend to be back gathering and celebrating with many alumni, supporters and parents.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



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Mr. Brian Schulner

This is my last article as I will be retiring at the end of this school year. When I retired from public school (for 24 hours and 50 minutes) I wanted to give something back to my Catholic faith and upbringing. I figured a couple years more wouldn't hurt.

Well it has been six years and the decision to move on from forty years of doing what I do is bitter sweet. I am hoping those of you who have worked with me feel that I'm leaving McDonell a better place than when I arrived.

I will take with me the tokens that I hope that students saw and could relate to who I am and what my job was:

The writing on my office window, "Enter with a happy heart, knowing that he who resides there loves you unconditionally and accepts you as you are." -R. Proue

The statues of my three greatest menaces, my monkeys, hear, speak and see no evil adorned with the sign, "The ten commandments are not multiple choice."

The sign above my desk, "One hundred years from now, it won't matter what car I drove, what kind of house I lived in, how much money I had in my bank account, nor what my clothes looked like. But, the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child."

Blessings and happy trails,

Mr. Schulner

STUDENT AMBASSADOR



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Mrs. Mary Jacobson

Every month or so throughout the school year, the student ambassador leaders have planned a special way to show gratitude to the school staff. It may be some special treats for them. Last month, we had a hat day with the message of "Hats Off to You"! The plans vary, but the message is consistent.

They are truly appreciated. This month, the leaders planned something extra special. On Holy Thursday,



they hosted staff members from Notre Dame, McDonell and the Central Office in the "temporarily redesigned spa" in the library, complete with low lights, spa music, and aromatherapy. They provided coffee, tea, water, &/or soda, treats and fruit. They set up a gratitude station where they could reflect on what they are thankful for. Thank you cards were provided, if they wanted to thank someone. We had two therapy dogs, Lizzy and Coda that came with their handlers. There was no shortage of belly rubs and behind-the-ear scratches. There was a ReVibe Chair that provided them time for relaxation and meditation. They all went home with a bag filled with messages and goodies that encouraged them to take care of their mental health, and hopefully with a sense that they are sincerely appreciated. The MACS staff throughout all our buildings are our greatest resource. The halls and classrooms in our schools are filled with their passion, patience,



dedication, knowledge, professionalism, and faith in transforming minds and lives every day. The student ambassadors were honored to thank them!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



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Mrs. Greta Jorgensen

Student Council coordinated Mack Way Day (formerly Community Day) for the high school again for the first time in a few years due to COVID. A pancake breakfast for all of the high and middle school students, as well as an open invitation to our community, was hosted April 14 in the McDonell commons. All high school students then went out into the community for service projects until noon. After an all school picnic lunch provided by our fantastic kitchen, there was a talent show followed by a volleyball tournament.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to our graduating NHS members!

**Helen Bullard, Sophia Kinlen, Kallee LeCloux,
 Paige Smiskey, and Emma Stelter**

Applications for new members (Sophomores-Seniors) will be open in the Fall in the first month or two of school. Be on the lookout for that information!

NOTRE DAME AWARDS & COMPLETION

Awards & Completion Ceremony

On Thursday, May 26, awards and scholarships will be presented in the school auditorium at 2:00 p.m. Eighth grade completion ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. that same day at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. We will take a class picture, so bring your cameras!

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Our Valedictorian Emma Stelter and our Salutatorian Paige Smiskey were honored at the 37th annual Excellence in Education banquet along with their most influential educators, Mr. Tony Reiter and Mrs. Tammy Christopher.



Congratulations



SENIOR NEWS

Parents and Guardians

Graduation is an exciting time. There are so many important dates coming up in this busy and hectic month of May.

We ask that you keep all the ceremonies dignified by encouraging your son/daughter to dress appropriately.

CAP AND GOWN MUST BE WORN

Awards Day, Baccalaureate, and Graduation

Awards Day

The awards are held in the school auditorium May 18 at 1:15 p.m. This ceremony is our way of recognizing the achievements of the seniors by presenting them with scholarships and other honors. Students are asked to wear their cap and gown over school dress code.

Baccalaureate Mass

The Church of Notre Dame will host the event on Wednesday, May 18, Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. **Class picture will be taken after Mass. Bring your cameras!**

Seniors are required to wear their caps and gowns (pressed) with the men wearing dress slacks, dress shirt, dress shoes and socks. The ladies should also wear dress attire with appropriate shoes. **Shorts and casual attire will not be accepted.**

Graduation and Graduation Practice

All seniors must attend the mandatory practice* on Friday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the school gymnasium. Graduation will be held that night at 7:30 p.m. in the Steve and Deb Roesler Gymnasium. Senior slideshow to follow.

** All finals must be finished before the student will be allowed to participate in the graduation practice.*

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Congratulations to all students who participated in solo ensemble! High school vocal students include: Edgar Benedek, Harrison Bullard, Helen Bullard, Carlee Chittendon, Lily Edison, Megan Hanson, Maria Herron, Ezekiel Murphy, and Tessa Roach. Middle school vocal students include: Elizabeth Jones, Jenna Proue, Mikayla Tetrault, Olivia Herr, Ella Rubenzer, Elyse Bushman, and Delaney Smiskey.

Congratulations to the following students on their solo ensemble results:

Class C solos:

Angelo Enderes: snare drum solo, Silver medal
 Owen Elstran: class C snare drum solo, Silver medal
 Anfin Anderson: trumpet solo, Gold medal
 Ryan Roach: trumpet solo Gold medal

Class B solos:

Philomena Schulte: clarinet solo, Silver medal
 Gretta Sokup: flute solo, Gold medal
 Maria Herron: flute solo, Gold medal
 Miranda Johnson: clarinet solo, Gold medal
 Mikayla Tetrault: clarinet solo, Gold medal
 Micaela Moucha: alto saxophone solo, Gold medal
 Jenna Proue: trumpet solo, Gold medal
 Leopold Schulte: trumpet solo, Gold medal
 Kherington Mosack: trombone solo Gold medal

Class A solos:

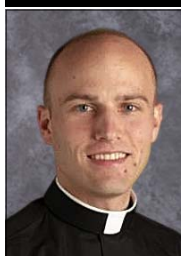
Christine Abbe: clarinet solo, Silver medal
 Sarah Buchmann: Euphonium Solo, Gold medal
 Jack Hanson: Trombone Solo, Gold medal
 Megan Hanson: French Horn Solo, Gold medal
 advanced to State on May 7
 Megan Hanson: Jazz Piano Non-Improvisation solo, Gold medal advanced to State on May 7
 Megan Hanson: Piano Solo, Gold medal advanced to State on May 7

Congratulations to all soloists this year!!

May 9 is Fine Arts Night. It will be held in the auditorium at 7 PM. Join us for an evening of performances and awards recognizing seniors and other leaders in our band, choir, and theater programs!

May 16 is the Notre Dame spring concert. It will be in the auditorium at 7 PM. Please join our 6-8 bands and choirs for a fun evening of music!

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Join our city-wide messaging service for youth programs and events to stay updated on weekly summer activities!

Join by email or phone number: yccv.flocknote.com

Totus Tuus Day Camp and Night Program for *current* K-12 students

June 12-17, 2022, at one of our local Catholic Schools/Parishes (TBD)

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.

Cost for K-5 students: 1 child-\$50, 2 children-\$80, 3 children-\$100, more than 3-\$20 for each child after 3rd

Cost for 6-12 students: \$20 per teen

Registration: bit.ly/CFsummer22

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

Rochester, MN---July 15-17, 2022, *Space is still available!*

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. We will drive down together, stay in a hotel, and meals will be provided while at the conference.

Cost: \$370 - Make checks payable to Chippewa Falls Deanery and send to Notre Dame Parish c/o Youth Ministry

Registration: bit.ly/CFsummer22

Adventure Camp for *current* 6th-10th grade students

CrossWoods Adventure Camp, Mason, WI - June 26-July 1, 2022, *Space is limited!*

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 (Mason, WI) and meals are provided. There is access to a bathhouse by the cabins which allows easy access to showers and restrooms as well. Adventures include activities such as canoeing, swimming, high ropes, and hiking.

Cost: \$470

Registration: bit.ly/CFsummer22

SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS



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Act Registration

The next ACT is September 10. Registration for the ACT is due August 5. If you have not taken the ACT yet, or if you want to retake it, this is your chance to do so. Register online at: actstudent.org. (ACT code: 500 402)

Mrs. Ruthann Proue

Class Registration

Registration for next year is underway. You can see your student's schedule on Infinite Campus. Please check it over to be sure your student has the courses on the schedule that you expect to be there. While you are in infinite campus, you can check on your students current progress. *Are you satisfied with how your student is achieving?* Infinite campus is available not only for schedules and current grades, but also to attain a variety of information regarding school, school functions and just about everything relating to school. Your child can navigate you around the site and help you out if you need assistance. Please email me with any questions or

concerns you may have. I will be meeting with 2021-22 seniors the first week of May, followed by the Juniors, then the Sophomores.

If you haven't met her yet, I would like to introduce you to Ms. Katelyn Ziarnik. Katelyn is currently weeks away from completing her masters degree in school counseling. Katelyn has been working beside me since last year. First as a counseling assistant and this year as the counselor intern. Both Katelyn and I feel blessed by the process of my fading out and her transitioning in as school counselor for the Notre Dame and McDonell.

I am happy to pass the baton on to Katelyn. I know you will find her delightful, knowledgeable, and very caring towards you and your students.

God's peace,
Ruthann Proue
School Counselor



Ms. Katelyn Ziarnik

#TheMackWay Community Day





Principal's Corner

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

Entering the final month of the school year, I want to thank all of our families for their commitment and support of our Catholic school system. One thing I've learned over the course of the past couple of years is to not only be thankful for the challenges this life presents us but to show gratitude towards the people that help us through tough times. The pandemic certainly hit us hard, but we together met the challenge and are now stronger because of it.

I believe that Catholic Education has two arms: religious education and a larger arching branch within our schools. The latter includes all other academics, extra-curricular activities, athletics, the arts, community service and more. Religious education is the best tool for evangelization. It is one of the most effective ways that we can stimulate spiritual growth and encourage a relationship with Jesus Christ. The larger reaching arm assists our students in developing the skills and knowledge to articulate and defend their thoughts. Creating a healthy and safe environment for each of our students to increasingly become more and more confident each and every day, is what we are all about. I mention all of this because I witness it every single day in our schools. I am so inspired and thankful to be a part of the MACS team because what we do here is so special and important.

Finally, as I begin to transition into my new role at the middle and high school, I want to thank our elementary families for their support over these past three years. I look forward to continuing to serve you and our entire MACS community into the future.

Enjoy the springtime and may God bless you all!



UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools – May 2022

- May 4** SC Mass/May Crowning at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass/May Crowning at 8:30 a.m.
- May 8** First Communion at St. Peter's Parish –9a.m.
Happy Mother's Day!
- May 9** MACS Music Boosters Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
MACS Faith Boosters Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Grade 2B goes to Olson's Ice Cream
- May 10** HG Spring Concert and Art Show-12:30p.m & 5:30p.m.
- May 11** St. Charles first communion procession during mass
- May 12** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
MACS Athletic Booster Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- May 17** Holy Ghost Spring Concert 1:15 pm at Holy Ghost
- May 18** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m.
- May 19** MACS Education Commission Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
St. Charles Spring Concert 1:15 at St. Charles church
- May 20** McDonell Senior Graduation
- May 23** HG MACS in Motion Day
- May 24** SC MACS in Motion Day
- May 27** Last Day of School
HG Mass/Awards – 8:30 a.m.
Reports Cards Go Home
SC/HG HandS Ice Cream Treat
- May 30** Memorial Day



Mrs. Barb Eckwright's third grade class is showing off their hard work on some special Easter projects (right).



Third Grade welcome duck-duck-geese visitors



Mrs. Barb Eckwright's third grade boys and girls had a little quack break from school work. What an "egg-citing" time for the third grade students at Holy Ghost School! These third grade students (above) certainly look like they are enjoying the chirping, and fuzzy visitors to their classroom.



Baby Chicks have hatched in Kindergarten classroom



As in past years, kindergarten boys and girls were able to help incubate chicken eggs and then witness the little chicks break through their shells to arrive into the world. What an "egg-citing" time for all the students at St. Charles School! These three kindergarten students (right) certainly look like they are enjoying the chirping fuzzy additions to their classroom.



Fourth grade students are acting out scenes from the story "Hatchet"



Hatchet is a young-adult adventure novel about Brian Robeson's survival following a plane crash. The novel explores themes of positive thinking and perseverance as Brian faces challenges from nature, like bears, porcupines, dehydration, and starvation; all with only his trusty hatchet to help him.



Fourth graders in Mrs. Deb Dahl's classroom are using their Chromebooks to work (above).



These fourth grade students are working with a partner on a reading assignment (above). What great way to show teamwork.

Fourth grade students learn about stations of the cross



Fourth students are learning about the 14-step devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of Jesus last day, beginning with his condemnation. At each station, the students are saying a specific prayer. Prayers are recited, then the children move to the next station until all 14 are completed.



Second Graders began their final Module of Wit & Wisdom



It began with a "Book Tasting," a chance for students to explore the texts before we read them more deeply throughout the unit. Each book had a station where students could look through, talk about what they noticed, then have a snack, do an experiment, write or craft. Mrs. Jaeger's class also had the joy of having senior Marley Hughes with them this quarter. She shared her knowledge of biology with students as they did an experiment about how acid helps break down food.



#TheMackWay Community Day at St. Charles and Holy Ghost



Holy Ghost 4th and 5th graders trip to Madison



Holy Ghost fourth and fifth graders visited our state capital– Madison. They took a tour of the State Capitol building, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum and the State Historical Museum. It was a day of exploring our state's history firsthand. Future state politicians? Fourth and fifth graders pose in the Assembly Room with Rep. Rob Summerfield and Rep. Kathy Bernier (lower left).



Students display their many gifts at annual Holy Ghost Talent Show



LITTLE MACK MESSENGER

MAY 2022



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

Looking Forward

Our students have been spending more time outside now that the weather is finally warming up! Please watch for sunscreen forms coming out soon. Our rooms did activities for Earth Day and we learned about the weather and Easter. The Easter Bunny made a visit to our classrooms and left behind baskets for the students!

May 12

**4K Field trip to
Play Space**

**4K Graduation:
Date TBD**

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. We have started to learn about syllables and counting how many are in a word. We continue to learn about positional phrases. Both of our classes earned Bucket Filler parties!

May 30

**Early
Childhood/4K
CLOSED**





About a year ago, our city parishes and McDonell Area Catholic Schools were completing a pastoral planning process with the guidance of Meitler Consulting. The links to the results of that study and the plan can still be found via the Announcement page at www.ourladyofthefalls.org. See the link entitled “Pastoral Plan – ‘Envisioning Our Future,’” which takes you to the MACS website where you will find everything posted. You may recall a couple updates inserted in our bulletins over the last several months outlining some of the progress being made on the plan’s implementation in the areas of faith formation, evangelization, finances and facilities, MACS, and social justice collaboration.

One significant component of the plan’s implementation was the establishment of a Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee, with representation from each of our parishes and MACS, to develop a collaborative master plan for the buildings on our parish campuses and MACS that would help us discern how to best utilize our facilities for the future. The most recent construction in our Catholic community is McDonell Central High School and Notre Dame Middle School, built in the 1960s. Each of our parish campuses have buildings that are older and either used by MACS, our parishes, or for other purposes. It will not be sustainable in the long term to continue to maintain all our buildings in their current state, and our Catholic schools are growing and will need adequate facilities to accommodate that growth.

What is most important right now, and what are the greatest needs? What buildings should be remodeled, demolished, or built new? How can we collaborate to avoid multiple capital campaigns at the same time in the future? To help us answer these questions, our Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee agreed to contract with Plunkett Raysich Associates of Milwaukee. PRA is an architectural firm with lots of experience in the area of church and school master planning projects.

It should be noted that because St. Charles Parish already has a building plan in place for their own campus, they have elected not to participate in the contract with PRA, Holy Ghost, and Notre Dame. Even without St. Charles directly involved in the process, plan proposals will bear in mind St. Charles campus buildings, and we are confident that we should be able to establish a solid master plan with steps to move forward for the coming several years.

PRA has recently toured our parish and school buildings and they are in the process of developing proposals. They will be leading community presentations to propose master plan options for our buildings and receive community feedback. While one presentation will have a greater school focus and two presentations will have a greater parish focus, all presentations will include information pertaining to both parishes and schools. If you are interested in the future of our parish and school buildings, I strongly recommend participation in any one of the following community presentations:

PRA Master
Planning
Presentations

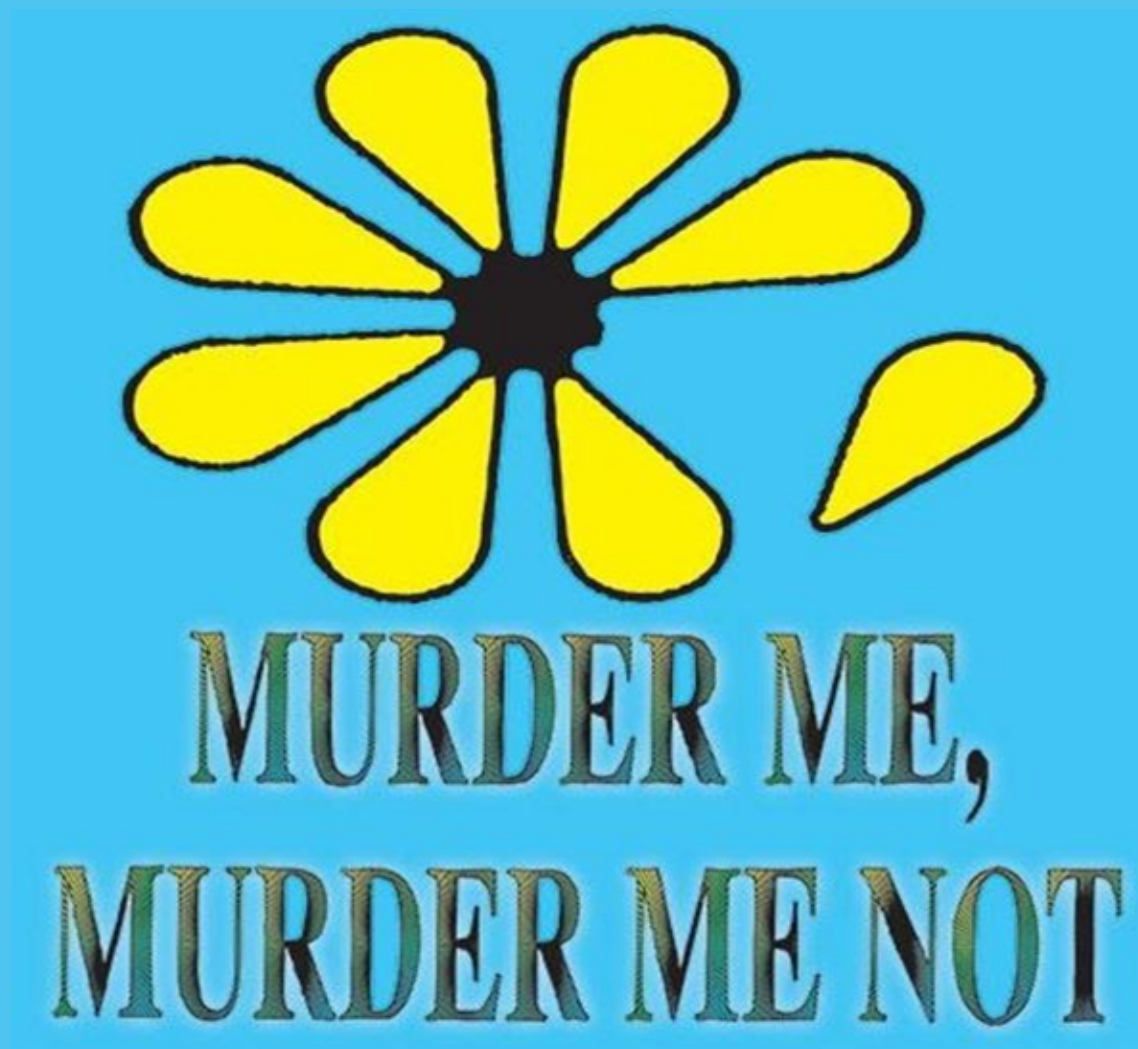
May 25th – (School Focus), 7pm, McDonell Auditorium

June 8th – (Parish Focus), 3:30pm, Holy Ghost Church Basement

June 8th – (Parish Focus), 7pm, Notre Dame Dining Hall

Please note that the proposed project completion for PRA’s master planning process is in late June in order to provide options for the allocation of funds from the upcoming diocesan capital campaign. Therefore, your participation at the upcoming meetings is highly encouraged.

United in Christ, Called to Mission



McDonell Central Catholic High School proudly presents it's first, spring time, non-musical, theater performance.

Directed by Mr. Frank Rineck

SHOWING

Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 PM

Friday, May 13 at 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 PM



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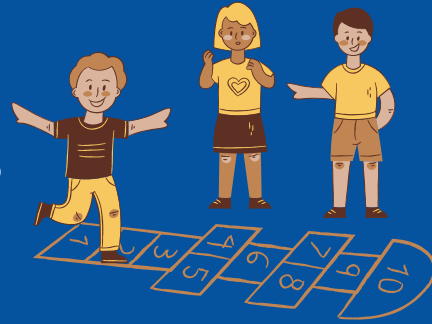
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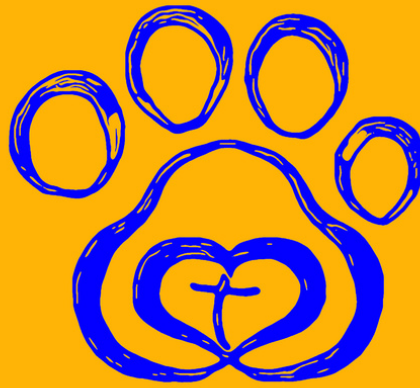
PLAYDATE



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 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



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