



Goal - Student Engagement

The primary goal of our MACS Student Success administrative leadership team for 2020-21 has been Student Engagement - yes, especially in this year of pandemic. I want to thank everyone who has made possible our students' continued engagement in academics, athletics, extra-curricular activities, and overall within our MACS community. I also want to thank our parents/guardians and students for hanging with us even as pandemic-related complications have caused plenty of headaches.

This dedication has led us to these weeks in which both our boys and girls basketball teams are competing at the State level, and our musical theater production is scheduled to go live next week (March 11-14). This week, we are able to provide NET faith retreats to grades 8-12. Student Ambassadors have been reaching out to our community, Prom is in the works and let's not forget graduation! Similarly, activities have continued at PreK-8 grade levels as well, with our kindergarten open house (by appointment), grade level athletics and activities such as our K-5 jump rope competition, virtual access to nearly everything, and the list goes on!

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude and excitement for the collective efforts which have allowed our student engagement to continue, in a special way our coaches, directors, and Athletic and Activities Director Emily Mallek. *It's the Mack Way!*

Thank you and thank God for you.



Mrs. Molly Bushman
MACS President

Season of Lent, Confusing?

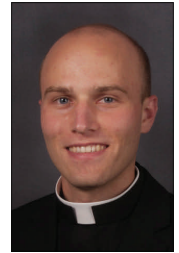
The season of Lent can be one of the most confusing Catholic practices to someone today.

In our modern world that values comfort and pleasure as two of the highest goods, it seems completely irrational to willingly deny yourself anything that brings you either of these. But that's exactly what the Church asks us to do during Lent. We are called to give things up, to fast, to do penance, not because we have some strange fixation with pain and misery, but to remind ourselves that the passing things which the modern world fills our lives with are not the best that life has to offer.

We await a world much more satisfying and fulfilling than this one, and that knowledge actually allows us to use the things of this world as God intends, not throwing ourselves into them expecting that they will fulfill our deepest desires.

Our self-denial expresses our hope that, by God's mercy, we will one day be admitted into the presence of the only One who can bring us true happiness, the One who carried His cross out of love for us.

May you have a blessed Lent!



Fr. Ethan HoKamp
Chaplain

UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to www.macs.k12.wi.us for all school's entire monthly event calendar.

- Mar. 5** Sacred Heart Jim Falls Fish Fry Carry-out
Deadline for current family re-enrollment. Fee increases to \$150.
- Mar. 8** Music Boosters Virtual meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Faith Boosters Virtual meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 10** MABC Virtual Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 14** Daylight Saving Time Begins. Forward 1 hour.
- Mar. 15-19** Spring Break
Central Office open normal 7:30-4:30 daily,
Tuesdays & Thursdays to 6:00 p.m. for Scrip pickup
- Mar. 25** Feast of the Annunciation
Education Commission Virtual - 5:30 p.m.
Third quarter ends
- Mar. 26** NO SCHOOL - In-Service Central Office Open
- Mar 26** NDMS weekly youth nights on Fridays from 7:00-8:15p.m. at the school.
- Mar 29** Fourth Quarter Begins
- Apr. 1** Holy Thursday - Triduum begins
- Apr. 2** NO SCHOOL - Good Friday - Offices Closed
- Apr. 4** Happy Easter
- Apr. 5** NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday - Offices Closed

Enroll now for the 2021-22 school Deadline is March 5

Please complete the following three steps to the enrollment process.

1. Log into Infinite Campus through your parent portal and complete online registration
2. Once step one is complete it will push step two to your email. Please complete the short questionnaire.
3. Pay the \$100.00 enrollment fee. The enrollment fee can be paid by cash or check to any of the school offices attention Kathleen Adams or by your credit card on the MACS website under admissions-enrollment.

Please note the enrollment fee increases to \$150.00 on March 5, 2021

Please call 715.723.0538 x3301 and talk with Kathleen Adams, admissions coordinator if you have any questions or if you are aware of a family that would like more information about our school system.

SCRIP Gift Card News



Kathy Adams, Executive Administrative Assistant & Scrip Fundraising Coordinator
[Scrip order form online](#) 715.723.0538 ext. 3301
 k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us.
 Hours: 7:30-4:30 daily to 6:00pm on Thurs.
Lower 2021-22 Tuition with Scrip Credits

Ms. Kathy Adams

Rebates from Scrip purchased July 1, 2020 through June 25, 2021 will be credited to the 2021-2022 School year. It is never too late to start!

Please review the following options for purchasing Scrip.

1. Purchase in the Central Office – the Scrip office is open M-F 7:30am - 4:30pm and open late on Thursdays until 6:00pm
2. Send Scrip order to school with your child– our goal is to have 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. Benefit Mobile - www.benefit-mobile.com or contact me and I can send you a direct invite to their website.
5. If you have a Kwik Trip credit card you can set your account up to give 5% back to McDonell Area Catholic Schools which will be credited to your choice of tuition, MACS or your parish.

Advancement News



Mrs. Jaynee Brannen Director of Advancement
 j.brannen@macs.k12.wi.us.
 715.723.0538 ext. 3306

Mrs. Jaynee Brannen

Involving you in our Mission & Vision

Volunteering takes time and energy. But there are also huge rewards. Those who give back have a chance to connect positively with people, gain new skills, find meaning in their life, even improve their mental and physical wellbeing.

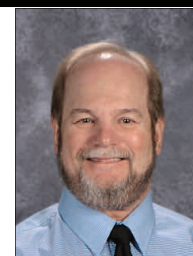
I invite you to give back to MACS by joining the MACS Celebrates committee. **In 2021-22 we are celebrating 140 years of Catholic education in Chippewa Falls!** Committee meetings are once a month; no experience required, just a **can do** attitude.

If you are interested please contact me at j.brannen@macs.k12.wi.us for the virtual link to the next meeting. See you there!

**MACS Celebrates 140 Years Event
 Tuesday, March 9, 2021
 5:30 p.m. planning meeting time**

Education Technology & Media

Val Knobloch, Director of Technology
 715.723.0538 x3324 or v.knobloch@macs.k12.wi.us



Mr. Val Knobloch

Moving Forward

February is almost over! And somehow it feels like it has been February since 2020, We are busy preparing for [major student assessments](#) in addition to streaming boys and girls basketball and multiple academic Google Meets. In the last 3 days I delivered a technology report to the Commission from Minong and streamed 4 regional and sectional (winning) basketball games. On February 20th MACS fans saw a state championship in hockey, a girls basketball sectional championship and a boys basketball regional championship. Way to go MACS!

In my Commission report I reported a significant increase in mobile devices as we went 1:1 for all 13 grades. Many devices arrived months late so we continued with older devices throughout the first semester to serve our 453+ students. We plan on taking over 200 devices off our inventory mentioned, in our last newsletter, we will make these available to families this Spring. Watch for more details coming via Infinite Campus.

Online enrollment/registration is open. Existing families start in their [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). New families start at our website. And while you are at the website, come visit [MACSTV](#) for some March Madness or video from performances. Join the thousands that watch the WIAA playoffs and follow MACS basketball.

The Media and Technology committee is reviewing our major campus whiteboard upgrades. As we continue our Lenten journey we pray for wisdom in our stewardship of the resources you have provided.

Important survey: Speak to us:

The media and technology committee is made up of parents, students, teachers and administrators and meets three or more times a year to make policy and planning recommendations. Let us know if you have any suggestions or might be interested in serving on the committee. Remember to help us by taking the [2020-21 Speak Up Survey](#) which provides great data for our technology planning. Parents, community members, staff and students are all encouraged to complete their respective survey by **complete by March 15** so that we may use it in our March meeting.



Tuition Tax Credit – [Schedule PS Form](#)

You will need our official name, address and FEIN:

**McDonell Area Catholic Schools, Inc.
 1316 Bel Air Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729-1908**

School FEIN number: **39-1032800**

Home and School Association (HandS)

email: macshomeschool@macs.k12.wi.us
 web link: www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent_clubs

Applications open for grants

Spring is an exciting time for the HandS committee. We are able to approve/support 5 teacher grant applications for materials/supplies that teachers would like in their classrooms for next year. We look forward to seeing those applications!

Mark your calendars for our next meeting: **Thursday, April 8 at 6:00.** We will send out a link for the virtual option as it gets closer to the date.



Mrs. Chelsey Lindenberg
President

MACS Athletic Boosters (MABC)

email: mcdathboosters@macs.k12.wi.us
 web link: www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent_clubs

Annual McDonell Alumni Tournament April 3-4

The MABC did not meet in February – normally at this time of year we are all busy volunteering with playoff concessions, attending games but COVID-19 has certainly changed how we stay involved with Macks athletics.

We hope you have been watching all of these games on the [MACS TV live stream](#) and MACS Facebook page.



Mrs. Janet Roth
Secretary

Upcoming Events:

Please check our webpage for additional information regarding these fund raisers for our athletic department:

Alumni Weekend – In-person canceled and is now a virtual event with the McDonell Alumni Association.

Designer Bag Bingo – Tentative date is Sunday, April 25. *More information to come!*

Annual Golf Scramble - Discussion on this event is happening in March. Please join us our next virtual meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 for the discussion on all our spring events. Email us for the virtual link. God's blessings to all during this Lenten season.

MACS Music Boosters (MMB)

email: macsmusic@macs.k12.wi.us
 web link: www.macs.k12.wi.us/parent/parent_clubs



Mrs. Megan McChesney

We excitedly await the 40th Consecutive Musical held at McDonell Central Catholic High School. The arts program invites you to “My Fair Lady”. This year there are four days to purchase your \$10 ticket and attend.
 Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 PM
 Friday, March 12 at 7:00 PM
 Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 14 at **2:00 PM***
**Note misprint online ticket states 1:00 PM*

Theater seating will be at 25% capacity and ticket cost is \$10 each. [Ticket sales close online four hours before show time on SeatYourself.](#) **Sold at the door if available.**

In order to provide the joy of live theater in a pandemic, we also keep safety in mind: stay home when sick, wear a mask, wash your hands, and physically distance from those outside your household.

We look forward to the performances and seeing the students on stage!

[ORDER YOUR MUSICAL TICKETS HERE](#)

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Check out now the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) link available on our site under [ADMISSION—WPCP](#) The application period runs from February 1, 2018 through April 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. This is an income-based program offering tuition free education!

Check the adjusted gross incomes to see if you family qualifies [click here](#). **You may be surprised!**

MACS Faith Booster Club

President Rolly Enderes
 email: faith@macs.k12.wi.us
 website: macsfaithboosters



Mr. Rolly Enderes
President

Happy season of lent to all. Our next parent virtual meeting is Monday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. email us for the link.

Middle School Youth Nights & Parent Involvement: MACS Campus Ministry is starting up weekly NDMS youth nights starting March 26 on Fridays from 7-8:15pm. Most of these nights will involve a talk, games, and small group time led by adults and high school students. There are also some nights that are social nights in the gym. The social nights can only happen with parent supervision. Please sign up to supervise in the gym so our youth have a positive environment to be in on Friday evenings. *Sign up here:* bit.ly/socialndms

The Faith Boosters Club is continuously trying to help our faith ministries with their activities and events. Remember if you are swinging by the school office, purchase some envelopes of 5 cars washes each for \$40 to help support our fundraising efforts.

MACS Faith Booster Club is open to anyone. If you are called to support our children in the development of their faith, you are welcome to attend any or all meetings.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Brian Schulner, ND & MCCHS Principal
b.schulner@macs.k12.wi.us
715-723-9126 ext. 3309

What a year it has been. On Monday March 8, 2020, I mentioned to my staff to be ready for a crazy week. We had just moved clocks ahead and would be having a full moon on Friday the 13. Call it superstition, but in my years of experience all of those events tend to lead to bad days when working in a school.

At 2:00 p.m. on Friday the 13th I was asked to attend an emergency meeting. COVID-19 was the topic of discussion and we were preparing to shut down early for spring break and return at the end of March from what we call normal to a remote education format. We had never done this before and while we had the technology, it became a whole new learning curve for our teachers and staff. We needed to shove weeks of training and methodology into a matter of days.

What we hoped would be only a couple weeks of inconvenience turned to being the remainder of the school year. Opportunities and celebrations were lost, senior trip canceled, academic banquets canceled or held remote, individual graduations filmed and put together in a virtual production. Teachers taught from their homes, I did announcements in hay fields and from the river bank and we did what we could to stay connected. There was confusion and disappointment, but we sustained and made it through the school year.

Preparing for the 2020-2021 school year was our mission. Many felt we needed to stay remote, some felt we needed a hybrid schedule, but our goal was face to face and as normal as we can make it. Masks, distancing, plexi-glass barriers, tape, signs, scanning stations, lunch schedules, revised schedules and schedules to fix the schedules. We began and to my wonder, everyone took it pretty well. The masks became the norm. Students and staff adjusted to staying apart, distancing in classrooms and at lunch tables. We made it through the first quarter before Covid-19 came knocking at the door.

November, December and January were a mix of hybrid schedules, fully remote and face to face learning. We had a number of staff initially who contracted the virus, and eventually families began contracting it along with our students. Quarantine became a common word in our office. The worst period was the end of January into February when we had a large number of students quarantined and were on the verge again of a total remote shutdown. But, our prayers were answered and it turned.

Coming into March our quarantine numbers are the lowest since November. A number of our staff has already

been immunized and all will have that opportunity by early March. While we are hesitant yet hopeful, a prom and a face to face graduation are being planned. We are optimistic that we have turned the corner. It will be nice to get off the roller coaster and just go back to normal. I myself feel I can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Everyone has their stories and experiences throughout the past year. I can't be more proud of our staff for their resilience and patience throughout this time. While this has been difficult for our students and families, they too have persevered and became stronger in spite of the circumstances.

I am truly looking forward to a return to normal.

Mr. Schulner

SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS



Ruthann Proue, School Counselor
r.proue@macs.k12.wi.us
715.723.9126 ext. 3317

Attention Parents!

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is underway! You can check Infinite Campus to see how your child's schedule for next year looks.

Did they request the classes you were expecting? While you're at it, you can check on current grades that your child is earning.

Are you satisfied with how your child is achieving? Infinite Campus is available for you to not only look at schedules and grades but also 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. Hughes 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>

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



Fr. Ethan Hokamp



Ms. Erica Boehm

Fr. Ethan Hokamp, Chaplain
e.hokamp@macs.k12.wi.us
715.723.9126 ext. 3319

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

Exalt: Join us for an evening of adoration and worship for middle and high school youth along with their families.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 810 Pearl St., CF

7:00-8:30 p.m.

March 2, April 6, May 4

Edge Notre Dame Middle School Youth Night:

Students are invited to attend weekly youth nights which includes a variety of games, talks, small groups, and prayer.

Notre Dame Middle School

7:00-8:15 p.m.

March 26, April 2, April 9, *April 16, April 23,

*April 30, May 7, *May 14, May 28

Asterisk dates are social nights in the gym for the students and are dependent upon parent sign up and supervision. Please sign up at the following link:

bit.ly/socialndms

What is God calling me to?

All McDonell Central HS ladies are invited to "Gratia Plena" (meaning "full of grace") which is a day of discernment to better understand God's call in their lives. The day will feature talks, Mass, prayer, and fellowship.

Holy Ghost Parish Rectory, 412 S Main St., CF

Mass at 8:30 a.m. schedule 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Cost: \$5

Student Sign up: bit.ly/gp327



Mrs. Greta Jorgensen

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Mrs. Gretchen Jorgensen, Advisor
mcd.s.council@macs.k12.wi.us
715.723.9126

McDonell Central Catholic High School Student Council is busy planning events for the spring. Stay tuned!

As always, please feel free to contact the McDonell Student Council at mcd.s.council@macs.k12.wi.us with questions, concerns or ideas.

We still have 6" magnets in inventory. Cost is \$5.00 each. (see image at right)



STUDENT AMBASSADOR NEWS



Mrs. Mary Jacobson

Mary Jacobson Ambassador Coordinator
mrs.jacobson@macs.k12.wi.us
715.723.9126

Normally, by this time of the year, some of the ambassadors would have visited the Feed My People Food Bank to volunteer. Unfortunately, we will not be able to go there until the pandemic is under control. The need is high for food, so their work and need for donations is also high. When I inquired with them to see how we could support them, they asked if our students could decorate their thank you cards for their upcoming Empty Bowls fundraiser, making them with a sincere and personal touch. We are finishing up that project. We are happy to find a way to help them. They do so much good for our communities.

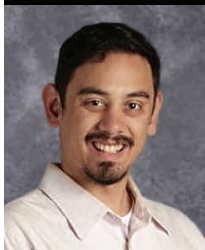
Congratulations to the following students who were recognized with the second quarter First You, Then Me Student Ambassador Award:

Freshmen Maria Herron and Frederick Blair

Juniors Emma Stelter and Calvin Betters

Seniors Ann David and Ellie Eckes

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



Mr. Mark Nepl



Mr. Sean Hanson

Mark Nepl
Choral Director
m.nepl@macs.k12.wi.us
715.723.9126 ext. 2216

Sean Hanson, Band Director
s.hanson@macs.k12.wi.us
715.723.9126 ext. 1114

Congratulations to Ann David, Lizzy Wedemeyer, Kate Roth, Cynthia Keck, Peter Herron, and Jackson Bushman for being chosen for the 2021 All-Conference Band. These students represent our band as senior leaders, and are honored as among the best in the Cloverbelt Conference. Congratulations!

Our McDonell spring concert will be Monday, April 12th. Each student can invite 2 people to come so that we can keep the auditorium to 1/4 capacity. Tickets will be given to the students the week before the event. The concert will feature band, choir, and jazz ensemble.

We are planning a trip for June 2022 to New Orleans. Band and Choir students currently enrolled in 7th -11th grade are eligible to participate as long as they commit to playing with the band or singing with the choir in the following school year.

Hoping for a very musical future for McDonell and Notre Dame!

SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS



PERFORMANCES

Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 PM

Friday, March 12 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 PM*

**Note misprint online ticket states 1:00 PM*

TICKETS \$10 (Adult or Student)

[Purchase online HERE](#)

[MACS-ARTS-THEATRE](#)

Also at the door, if available.

My Fair Lady is the tale of Eliza Doolittle, a cockney flower girl transformed into an elegant lady features one of musical theaters' greatest scores, including: "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live," "Get Me to the Church on Time," and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face."

" Eliza Doolittle is a young flower seller with an unmistakable Cockney accent which keeps her in the lower rungs of Edwardian society. When Professor Henry Higgins tries to teach her how to speak like a proper lady, an unlikely friendship begins to flourish.

CAST

Eliza Doolittle - Ann David
 Henry Higgins - Drew Hunt
 Colonel Pickering - Jackson Bushman
 Mrs. Eynsford-Hill - Eva Bushman
 Freddy Eynsford-Hill - Harrison Bullard
 Jamie - Paul Tetrault
 Harry - Ezekiel Murphy
 Alfred Doolittle - Peter Herron
 Mrs. Pearce - Kelly Cushman
 Mrs. Higgins – Sam Wirtz
 Mrs. Hopkins – Megan Hanson
 Professor Zoltan Karpathy - Ezekiel Murphy
 Dr. Themistocles Stephanos – Peter Herron (heavily disguised)
 The Queen of Transylvania - Mrs. Mary King
 Policeman – Selena Suckerman
 Mrs. Higgins Maid – Evelyn Doyle

Servants in the Higgins Household

Reginald Dowdingle Higgins Butler – Paul Tetrault
 Servants Maria Herron*, Eva Bushman, Kallee LeCloux, Helen Bullard*, Ezekiel Murphy

Lords and Ladies at Ascot & the Embassy Ball

Helen Bullard
 Elyse Bushman
 Eva Bushman
 Evelyn Doyle
 Lily Edison
 Isabella Giza
 Kennedy Giza
 Megan Hanson
 Maria Herron
 Kallee LeCloux
 Lucia Pries
 Ryan Roach
 Ella Rubenzer
 Robert Schwetz
 Delany Smiskey
 Selena Suckerman

Street performers, Cockney folk, Flower girls

Helen Bullard
 Elyse Bushman
 Eva Bushman
 Evelyn Doyle
 Lily Edison
 Isabella Giza
 Kennedy Giza
 Megan Hanson
 Maria Herron
 Kallee LeCloux
 Lucia Pries
 Ryan Roach
 Ella Rubenzer
 Robert Schwetz
 Delany Smiskey
 Selena Suckerman



Principal's Corner

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

As we move further into the Lenten season, we are reminded of the true meaning of sacrifice. There is no greater example than the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. Lent is a time of deep prayer and 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 is always a wonderful celebration in our system. I want to thank our teachers for planning many fun activities this year. In a year where we've had so many things canceled, our teachers got creative and delivered. It is so important for our students to celebrate the 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 value and experience of a Catholic education.

Enrollment time is here and if you have not yet enrolled your child for next year, please do so online. Enrolling before March 5 will mean taking advantage of the \$100 enrollment fee. After that date, the fee bumps up to \$150. Our Referral program discount changes can also be viewed on the website under admissions and then referral. For any family interested and qualified to apply for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program voucher, the deadline is April 15.

This is also the time where parents can request a specific class placement for their student for the 2021/22 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. We do our very best 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, please submit it before April 30.

Enjoy the increasing daylight hours that signal warmer days to come!



A pair of St. Charles second graders (above) take a break while working with paint and Q-tips on a winter art project. They are creating frosty snowmen using pointillism, an art technique in which small, distinct dots of color are applied in patterns to form an image.

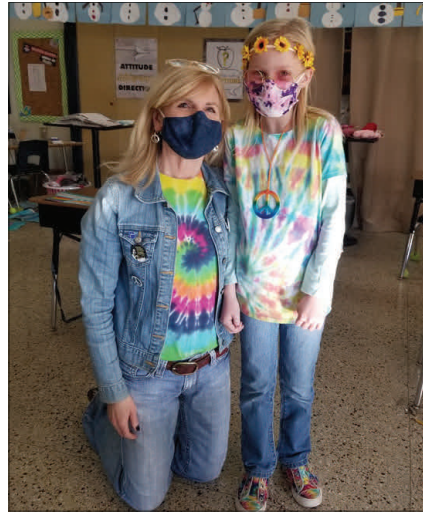
UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools – March 2021

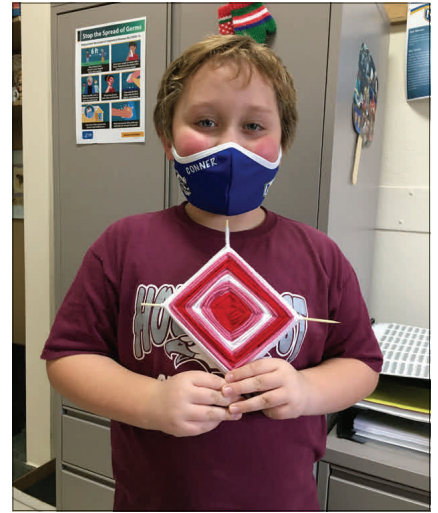
- March 3** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/5)
- March 4** HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 4)
- March 8** MACS Music Boosters Virtual Mtg. – 6:00 p.m.
MACS Faith Boosters Virtual Mtg. – 7:00 p.m.
- March 10** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/5)
MACS Athletic Booster Virtual Mtg. – 6:00 p.m.
- March 11** HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 4)
SC Stations of the Cross (*students only*)
- March 12** HG Stations of the Cross (*Gr. 4/5 students only*)
- March 15-19** **NO SCHOOL – Spring Break**
- March 24** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Stations of the Cross (*Gr. 3 students only*)
- March 25** Feast of the Annunciation
HG All School Mass (*students only*)
MACS Education Commission Mtg. – 5:30 p.m.
End of Third Quarter
- March 26** **NO SCHOOL – Diocesan In-Service**
- March 29** Beginning of Fourth Quarter
- March 31** SC Mass at 8:30 a.m.
HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 4/5)
- April 1** HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 3)
SC/HG Report Cards Go Home
- April 2** **NO SCHOOL – Good Friday**
- April 4** **Happy Easter!**
- April 5** **NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday**



Pajama Day Sleeping Beauties



Decade Day Look-A-Likes



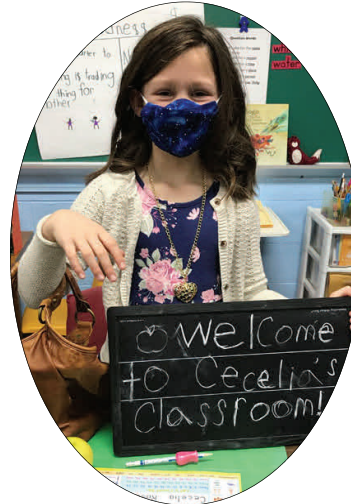
A God's Eye for a Veteran



Career Day – A Policeman ...

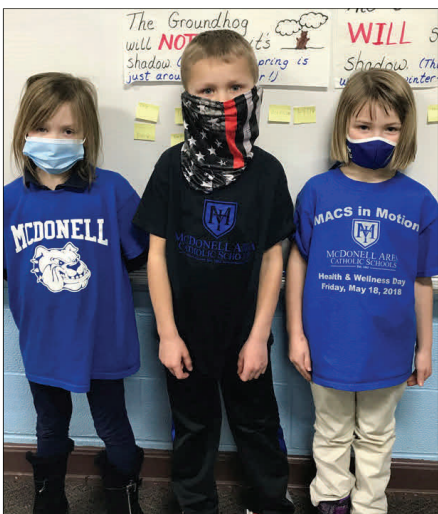


and a Nurse . . .



and a Teacher!

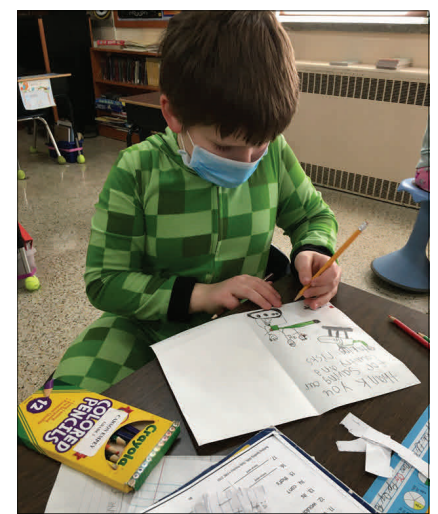
Catholic Schools Week 2021
+
Special Days and Activities



MACKS Spirit Day!



A Thank You Card for a Priest



A Valentine for a Veteran

“Books on Parade” march on in the first grade classrooms

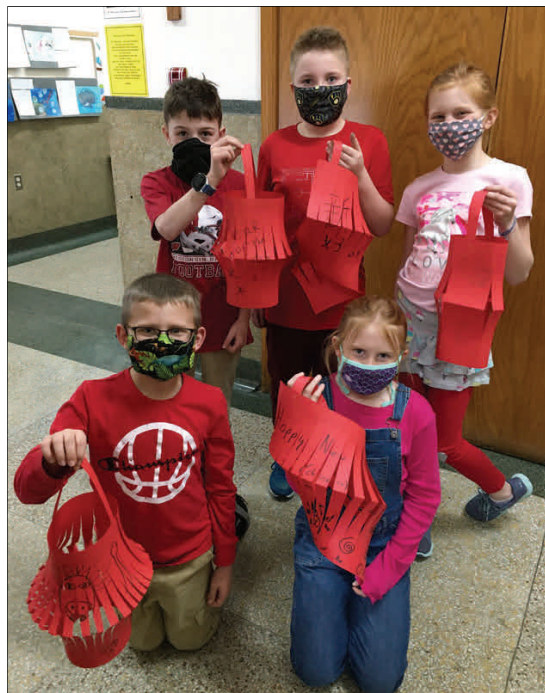


STORYBOOK Parade

Whether it be *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Bat*, *The Night Before Christmas*, or *Hello Kitty Show and Tell*, these books are real treasures to their young readers!



During Catholic Schools Week, first graders and their families always make a display illustrating their favorite book or story. The students share this book or story and the reasons why they like it with their classmates. Because of COVID-19 this year, the three classes could not share with each other nor could parents come to school to see all the wonderful projects. What to do? The teachers took videos of the presentations and Mrs. Dodge compiled them into one video for the viewing pleasure of the students at school and the families at home.



Fourth grade students celebrate the Chinese New Year

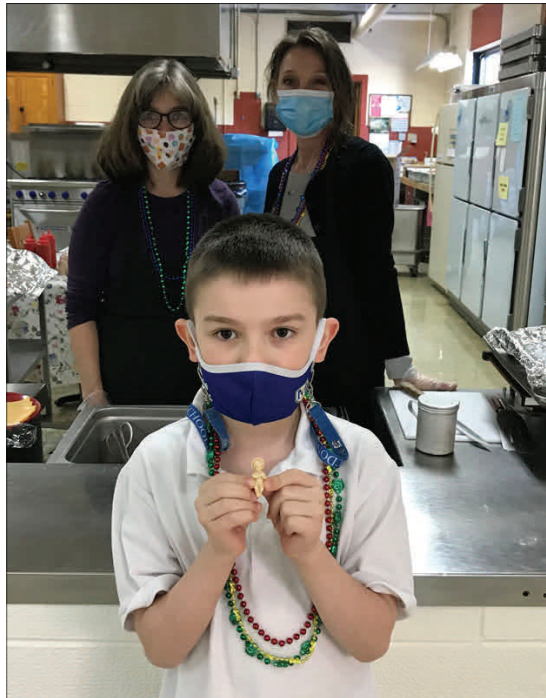
The fourth graders recently celebrated Chinese New Year. Unlike our New Year's holiday on January 1st, the Chinese New Year is a moveable celebration. This year, the Year of the Ox, began on February 12, 2021 and ends on January 31, 2022. According to the Chinese Zodiac, people born this year (or in 2009, 1997, 1985, 1973, 1961, etc.) are strong, fair, reliable, conscientious, calm, patient, honest 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.

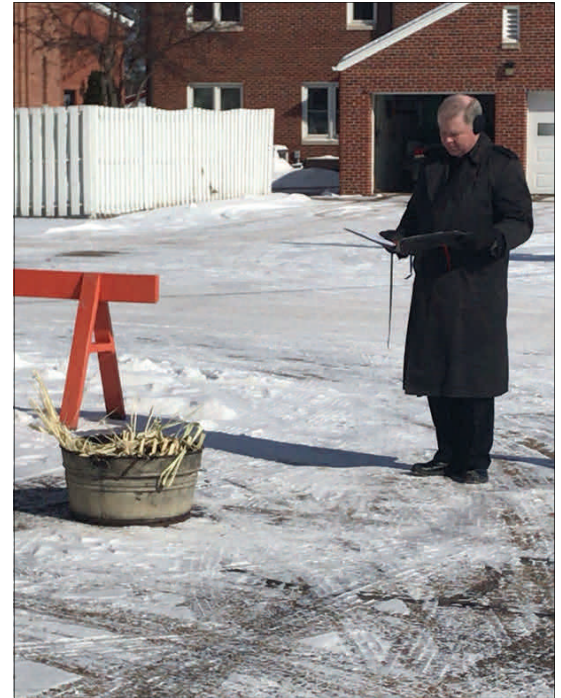


St. Charles and Holy Ghost students prepare for the 40 Days of Lent

This second grade boy (near right) found the Baby Jesus in his piece of the King Cake. Many blessings of good luck to him! Mrs. Swoboda and Mrs. Brown, bakers of the cake, look on.



Msgr. Gorman (far right) prays before setting ablaze a pile of dry palm branches. Last year's palms will become this year's ashes that are distributed on Ash Wednesday.



FAT TUESDAY

On Fat Tuesday, the day before Lent began, the St. Charles K-2 students started off their day by virtually burying the Alleluia. During these 40 Days of Lent, we do not say or sing the joyful word *Alleluia*. Instead, we acknowledge our sins and repent.

For lunch, the wonderful cooks at St. Charles School gave everyone a piece of their version of King Cake. The official colors of Mardi Gras are found in the colored sprinkles on the white frosting of the cake – green for faith, purple for justice, and gold for power. A small plastic baby, which is said to represent the baby Jesus hiding from King Herod, is hidden inside the cake. Whoever finds the baby in their piece receives good luck.

Later in the afternoon, the student body gathered outside to watch Msgr. Michael Gorman burn the palms for Ash Wednesday's prayer service.



This Holy Ghost fourth grader (above left) chose to have the ashes applied to her forehead, while this fifth grade boy (above right) decided to have the ashes sprinkled on his head.

On Ash Wednesday, ashes are distributed as a sign of turning away from our sinful lives and turn toward Jesus. In this time of COVID-19, Fr. Justin Kizewski gave our students the option of receiving ashes the traditional way – a Sign of the Cross on their foreheads – or sprinkled on their head as is done in European countries.





Kindergarteners show their SPIRIT

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

Mrs. Brianna Rider's kindergarten class (left) show off their MACS Spirit on Spirit Day during Catholic Schools Week. This group is just starting on their MACS journey. Think of how different they will be as seniors graduating in the year 2033!



Rope Jump Final Competition held at St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools

As PE Teacher Mrs. Val Seigenthaler said, "Due to COVID, Bloomer is unable to host the Rope Jump Competition this year, but COVID has not stopped us!" Therefore, our schools held their own Rope Jump Finals. Below is the list of our finalists:

St. Charles - Division 1 (Grades 1 and 2)

Girls: Leila Allen, Dani Hackett, Ellie Meyer, Nora Ruf, Lydia Sullivan

Boys: Landon Dorn, Henry Niese, Collin Smiskey, Dane Smiskey, Gabriel Stepp

Holy Ghost - Division 2 (Grades 3 and 4)

Girls: Londyn Baier, Jolie Bushman, Solveigh Endrud, Elaina Geissler, Taylan Hanson

Boys: Collin Berg, Isaac Brenner, Vance Grunwald, Nicolas Lobos, Jack Smiskey

Holy Ghost - Division 3 (Grade 5)

Girls: Elin Leinenkugel, Jenna Proue, Addison Slowiak, Brynn Wedemeyer, Elin Youngquist

Boys: Waylon Edison, Leife Endrud, Cameron Mudrick, Oliver Niese, Noah Smiskey

OUR WINNERS WERE:

Girls Division 1: Lydia Sullivan (1st), Dani Hackett (2nd)

Boys Division 1: Dane Smiskey (1st), Henry Niese (2nd)

Girls Division 2: Jolie Bushman (1st), Solveigh Endrud (2nd)

Boys Division 2: Collin Berg (1st), Vance Grunwald (2nd)

Girls Division 3: Elin Leinenkugel (1st), Brynn Wedemeyer (2nd)

Boys Division 3: Waylon Edison (1st), Leife Endrud (2nd)

St. Charles Overall Winners: Dane Smiskey and Lydia Sullivan

Holy Ghost Overall Winners: Collin Berg and Jolie Bushman




St. Charles Girls Division 1 Rope Jumpers show off their awards after completing the competition (above).



Holy Ghost students try a few warm up jumps (above).

Jump Rope For Heart Donations for the American Heart Assn.:
St. Charles School: \$1,926.81
Holy Ghost School: \$1,173.21
TOTAL: \$3,100.02 Thank you!



American Heart Association®

LITTLE MACK MESSENGER

MARCH 2021

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

We spent the month of February learning about our 5 senses, healthy teeth, and fairy tales. Check out some of our artwork in the early childhood hallway! Please remember to check your child's cubby in their classroom for artwork and other daily information. With some warm weather in the near future, please continue to send snow clothes including: Gloves, hat, snowpants, boots, and a winter coat.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BB4C?

We had a busy month of February. We learned about the letters E, F, H, T, I, U, and C and practiced them in our Green Books. We talked about rhyming words and practiced beginning sounds. We spent a lot of time in the gym this month due to the colder weather. With the warm weather approaching, please remember to pack all snow clothes. Enjoy our spring break the week of March 15-19!



Looking Forward

March 15-19

SPRING BREAK

**No BB4C : Supers
available**

March 26

**No School: Supers
Available**



**29th Annual
Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship
Teacher Nomination Form**

The McDonell Area Catholic Schools are now accepting nominations for the twenty-ninth recipient of the "Joseph and Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship."

The scholarship, established by the family and friends of the Bischel family, will be given annually to a teacher that best exemplifies what Catholic education is, both in and out of the classroom. The recipient of the award will receive a cash scholarship to be used at his or her discretion.

The Joseph and Olivia Bischel Scholarship also recognize the contributions made by the total staff of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools. The Joseph and Olivia Bischel Scholarship will be presented during the Staff Appreciation Breakfast. Last year's recipient was Gretchen Jorgensen.

To nominate a teacher for this award, complete the nomination form and return to the MACS Central Office attention: Kathleen Adams or email k.adams@macs.k12.wi.us no later than Friday, April 30, 2021.

Name of Teacher Nominee: _____

How does this teacher exemplify the essence of Catholic education?

Name

Date



MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Est. 1882

McDonnell Central Catholic High School

1316 Bel Air Blvd, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 715.723.9126

2nd Quarter 2020-2021 School Year

Honor Roll

9th Grade High Honors: Frederick Blair, Andrew Bormann, Abigail Bresina, Jonah Christopherson, Olivia Clark, Aubrey Dorn, Wesley Eddy, Madeline Geissler, Kali Goulet, Isabel Hartman, Maria Herron, Corbin Holm, Prudence Maloney, Katie Ruf, Kenneth Schafer, Gretta Sokup, Alexander Tokarski

9th Grade Honors: Emily Cooper, Kinley Laux, Calvin Rineck, Katie Rubenzer, Anna Thaler,

10th Grade High Honors: Rebecca Baier, Andrew Bauer, Benjamin Biskupski, Eva Bushman, Nichole Guski, Megan Hanson, Marley Hughes, Aidan Misfeldt, Sydney Retzlaff, Ella Schemenauer, Evelyn Willi, Josie Witkowski

10th Grade Honors: Christine Abbe, Grace Goettl, Arylona Hazelton, Isabelle Keck, Rhiannon McChesney, Griffen Sokup, Greta Thornton

11th Grade High Honors: Daniel Anderson, Helen Bullard, Jonathan Fischer, Sydney Flanagan, Samantha Guski, Kristiana Hess, Sophia Kinlen, Kallee Le Cloux, Paige Smiskey, Emma Stelter

11th Grade Honors: Laneyse Baughman, Lauryn Deetz, Benjamin Goebel, Phoenix McNamara, Calissa Moucha, Landon Moulton, Kaitlyn Ortmann

12th Grade High Honors: Isaac Bleskachek, Elise Bormann, Joelle Bremness, Kelly Cushman, Maggie Craker, Gavin Dorn, Rachel Eisenreich, Anna Geissler, Nya Lieble, Benjamin Prissel, Kate Roth, Jake Siegenthaler, Vincent Van Sleet, Elizabeth Wedemeyer, Rongxian 'Happy' Yang

12th Grade Honors: Elizabeth Eckes, Logan Hughes, Andrew Hunt, Sidney Rice, Samuel Tokarski

Congratulations!

High Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.667– and above Grade Point Average

Honor Roll Eligibility: 3.33 – 3.66 Grade Point Average

McDonnell Area Catholic Schools

2021-2022 School Calendar

July 2021							July		January 2022							January	
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	4	Independence Day	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	1	Solemnity of Mary
				1	2	3									1	3	Return From Break
4	5	6	7	8	9	10			2	3	4	5	6	7	8	20	Education Commission
11	12	13	14	15	16	17			9	10	11	12	13	14	15	21	No School/In-Service
18	19	20	21	22	23	24			16	17	18	19	20	21	22	30-31	Catholic Schools Week
25	26	27	28	29	30	31			23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31			30	31							
August 2021							August		February 2022							February	
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	9-11	New Staff Induction	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	1-5	Catholic Schools Week
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	15	Assumption			1	2	3	4	5	17	Education Commission
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	17-19	Teacher In-Service	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	18	No School/In-Service
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	Education Commission	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	24-26	Teacher In-Service	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
29	30	31					25	Family Fun Night	27	28							
							30	First Day of School									
September 2021							September		March 2022							March	
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	6	No School/Labor Day	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	11	No School/Diocesan In-Service/La Crosse
			1	2	3	4	16	Education Commission			1	2	3	4	5	17	Education Commission
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	24	No School /Diocesan In-Service/ McDonell	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	21-25	Spring Break
12	13	14	15	16	17	18			13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
26	27	28	29	30					27	28	29	30	31				
October 2021							October		April 2022							April	
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	2	Spirit of the Macks	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	15	No School/Good Friday
					1	2	15	Homecoming						1	2	17	Easter
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	15	Homecoming Dance	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	18	No School/Easter Monday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	21	Education Commission	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	21	Education Commission
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	29	No School/In-Service	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
31																	
November 2021							November		May 2022							May	
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	1	All Saints Day	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	19	Education Commission
	1	2	3	4	5	6	14	Spaghetti Spectacular	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	20	Senior Graduation
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	Spaghetti Deliveries	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	26	Ascension of Jesus
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	16	Education Commission	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	26	8th Grade Last Day
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	22-23	Teacher In-Service	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	27	Last Day of School
28	29	30					22-26	Thanksgiving Break	29	30	31					30	Memorial Day
																31	In-Service/Retirement
December 2021							December		June 2022							June	
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	8	Immaculate Conception	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	1	Staff Mass/Breakfast
			1	2	3	4	16	Education Commission				1	2	3	4	16	Education Commission
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	22	Community Fun Day	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	23-31	Christmas Break	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	25	Christmas	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
26	27	28	29	30	31				26	27	28	29	30				

- NO SCHOOL
- Important School Dates
- Teacher In-Service
- Holy Day of Obligation
- Education Commission Meetings @ 5:30 PM
- New Staff Onboarding

Quarter Schedule	
Qtr 1: 08/30-10/28	42
Qtr 2: 11/01-01/14	43
Qtr 3: 01/17-03/18	42
Qtr 4: 03/28-05/27	43

Regular School Start and End Times					
School	Hours	Lunch	Instructional time		
SC	7:40-2:30	:20	6:30		
HG	7:40-2:35	:20	6:35		
ND	7:50-3:30	:30	7:10		
McD	7:50-3:30	:30	7:10		

*Calendar subject to change