



Chippewa Falls Dean Changes

Fall has always been my favorite season. The crisp weather, the colors and even the beginnings of winter hold a certain charm for me; they quiet my soul. I love the impossibly clear, starry sky of the early morning.

Fall is also a season of change. And so it is with the leadership of our MACS system as we transition to a new Dean. We warmly welcome the Very Reverend Jesse Burish, pastor of Notre Dame Parish, in this new role. Fr. Burish has served on the MACS Education Commission for several years and is co-chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. He is a good and holy priest with a dedication to Catholic education. I look forward to working with him to continue to build the Kingdom of God through our educational mission.

In this season of thanksgiving, on behalf of MACS as well as personally, I also want to express my deep gratitude to the Reverend Justin Kizewski, pastor of Holy Ghost and St. Bridget's parishes, who has served us faithfully as Dean for the past 3.5 years. Fr. Kizewski oversaw the conclusion of our most recent strategic planning process and wholeheartedly devoted his time and energy to our mission in countless ways. Fr. Kizewski's vision for Catholic education can be summed up by a statement from our Strategic Plan: "MACS has an approach to Catholic education that is illuminated by the unity of truth and the harmony of faith and reason, and announces the mystery of salvation across curricula." I can pay him no greater homage than by promising to continue to pursue this vision of authentically Catholic education, which promotes the full flourishing of every human person in Jesus Christ.

To both Fr. Burish and Fr. Kizewski: "We always give thanks to God, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, for we have heard of your faith in Jesus Christ and the love you have for all the holy ones because of the hope reserved for you in heaven." Col. 1:3-4



Mrs. Molly Bushman
MACS President

The Faithful Departed

As the year creeps on toward winter, the days getting shorter, nights getting longer, and temperatures getting lower, the Church takes the month of November to remember and pray for the faithful departed.

As the natural world around us dies with the approach of winter, the Church recalls that we too will die one day, that our life on this earth is not meant to be forever. God has made us for heaven.

The Church begins November with All Saints Day on November 1 and asks for the prayers of the saints, those who have already reached heaven. We ask them to pray for us, that we too may join them one day in heaven. And the very next day, November 2, All Souls Day, is a day for the Church to pray for those who have died but might still be on the way to heaven. Our prayers for them help them to be purified of their sins so they too can enter into the presence of God.

In a special way this November, we pray for the repose of the souls of our relatives and friends, and all benefactors of MACS. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.



Fr. Ethan HoKamp
Chaplain

NOVEMBER EVENTS

For full listing, check on website for school's monthly events calendars.

- Nov. 1** All Saints Day
- Nov. 2** All Souls Day
- Nov. 4** Begin Second Quarter
- Nov. 8** **Spaghetti Spectacular Drive thru!** All system fundraiser held from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. @ McD (See flyer)
- Nov. 9** Spaghetti dinner take-outs delivered to local businesses. (See flyer)
Music Booster Meeting - by email (see pg 3)
Faith Booster Club - virtual (see pg. 3)
- Nov. 11** MABC parent meeting virtual (see pg. 3)
- Nov. 12** HandS parent meeting virtual (see pg. 3)
- Nov. 17** Education Commission meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 21** Country Craft Expo (CANCELED)
- Nov. 23-24** **NO SCHOOL** - Teacher In-Service
- Nov. 25-27** **NO SCHOOL** - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 26** **Giving Thanks**
- Nov. 26-27** Central Office & Early Childhood Closed

MACS CENTRAL OFFICE THANKSGIVING WEEK HOURS

OFFICE HOURS OPEN

Monday & Tuesday 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Central Office and Early Childhood Center **CLOSED**
Thursday and Friday



Education Technology & Media

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MACS on the Move

Mr. Val Knobloch

We just came through a record breaking snow in October. Just one more thing to contribute to the interesting times we live in. With our preparations for "Brick to Click," we have added mobile devices and many more streaming events. While we stream sports, you might be surprised to know that our weekly Masses are as numerous on our calendar. We stream two masses a week, one for the high school and one for the Middle schools. Go to our [Live Stream page](#) for our schedule and to view events or to our Facebook page. I am waiting now to stream the semi-final volleyball game between McDonell and Gilman. And also a big shout out to the McDonell Boosters for providing resources to get additional equipment so that we can stream more than one event at a time.

MACS Technology - MACS Students grade K-12 have assigned or personal Chromebooks or iPads for Google Classroom, Infinite campus plus many other uses. We are still awaiting back-ordered chromebooks for the 3rd and 4th graders but when completed, we will have ordered over 260 devices. St. Charles Primary will have iPads purchased in the last 2 years and the 3 - 12 will have assigned Chromebooks. Be on the lookout for an updated use agreement that will offer the user a protection against damage to the device. The Media and Technology committee is considering a replacement program of 4 years for all personal devices. That should be finalized by the next newsletter.

Looking forward - MACS has participated in the **Speak Up** national survey since 2012. We encourage you to log in and "speak-up" [Go to the link below](#), choose either community or parent and then complete the survey. We use the local (and national) data from this survey of students, staff, parents and community to help us with strategic planning.

<https://speakup.tomorrow.org/>



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

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.



SCRIP GIFT CARD NEWS

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Thinking about Black Friday/Cyber Monday shopping? The Scrip office will be open extended hours for your Scrip needs. Monday and Tuesday, November 25 & 26, open 7:30-6:00 p.m., Wednesday normal business hours 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. Closed on Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday.

Ms. Kathy Adams

Please contact me if there is a specific vendor that you would like to have for Black Friday shopping - we still have time to order. Go to shopwithscrip.com for available vendors. **If you have never used Scrip, this is a prime time to get started.** All scrip purchased between July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 will be credited to the 2020-21 school year. You can elect to have your credits go either to a current or future student tuition, a local parish or to the overall MACS system.

We are thankful for all of you that support the MACS system and may God bless you this Thanksgiving.

Fundraising News - Spaghetti Spectacular



13th Annual

Spaghetti SPECTACULAR!



Mrs. Katrina Geissler
 Spaghetti Spectacular
 Chairperson

Come and spaghetti it!

The 13th Annual Spaghetti Spectacular is Sunday, November 8! This year will be a **drive-thru only option** with a pit stop to buy raffles for a chance to win a raffle basket valued over \$200.

Volunteer opportunities are still available. Your help is needed **on Sunday, November 8 and Monday, November 9 during the day to deliver meals to area businesses on time.** The more drivers we have the better our service to our supporters. Help us spread the word to area businesses about our special Monday delivery. We will deliver a hot spaghetti meal, with the homemade garlic bread and salad, to businesses in the Chippewa Falls area on Monday the 9th. Ask your employer to let everyone order in! The order form is in this newsletter and on the website.

The bucket raffle baskets can be viewed on the MACS website. Click on the Spaghetti news and announcements on the home page. at McDonellAreaCatholicSchools.org

With your help, we can achieve our goal of \$20,000!

Home and School Association (HandS)

email: macshomeschool@macs.k12.wi.us
 website: [hands](#)



Mrs. Chelsey Lindenberg
 President

Thanking God for Providing

We all have something to be thankful for, whether it is our family, career or simply this beautiful world God has provided us.

We were very sad to have to cancel the Harvest Hoedown this year, but hope the students enjoyed their goodie bags that went home instead. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped put this together.

November 12 will be our next parent HandS meeting. We invite you to join us at 6:00 p.m. virtually. Any committee members helping with events in November to February should attend this meeting for details on their upcoming event. Meeting attendance is applied to your volunteer hours and we enjoy seeing all the parents and hearing all the great ideas. Look for a link going up closer to the meeting date on our webpage. Email us or ask your Parent Ambassador about our Facebook group.



MACS Music Boosters



Mrs. Megan McChesney
 President

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 website: [musicboost](#)

Announcing "My Fair Lady"

Music Boosters organized the month of October via email chain. October's update from Mr. Hanson was announcing a musical production of "My Fair Lady" this winter, thanks to McDonell staff stepping up to direct the production.

The Annual Country Craft Expo has been canceled for 2020, with plans to host again in 2021. Crafters have been notified via email. If you know of a crafter that needs to be added to our notification list, please contact Jenny Schafer, craft fair chair with contact information of that crafter so that we can communicate with them.

We do not plan to host face-to-face meetings during the COVID pandemic, so if you would like to be added to the email distribution list for the Music Booster Club, please email me at the above address and I will add you to the list!

Thank you for your support of Fine Arts at MACS!

MACS Athletic Booster Club - Grades 5-12

email: mcdathboosters@macs.k12.wi.us
 website: [mabc](#)



Mrs. Janet Roth

Congratulations and good luck to our athletes participating in post season events. Even though schedules were on a day-to-day basis, we need to commend our athletes and coaches for adapting to the new 'norm' and doing their best.

Volunteer Bus Drivers are needed

When we don't have drivers, our only option is to hire Chippewa Yellow bus which takes funds that were allocated for uniforms & equipment from our budget. Please consider volunteering your time - we will even help with training. If interested, contact Chad Borman, c.borman@macs.k12.wi.us or call the school.

Football Mania is in full swing - check the Mack's website and your church bulletin for winners.

Thank you again to all who participated in the new Spirit of the Mack's auction. We are looking for additional volunteers to help with next year's auction. If interested, please email the committee at: spiritofthemacks@macs.k12.wi.us.

If you have a student in grade 5-12 athletics, you are part of this club. We meet the second Wednesday each month at 6:00 p.m. Watch our website page for information.

Stay safe!

MACS Faith Booster Club

email: faith@macs.k12.wi.us
 website: [macsfaithboosters](#)



Mr. Rolly Enderes
 President

Parent-Led Small Groups

If you are interested in learning about leading your son/daughter and their friends in a small faith-sharing group, please email us for more info.

Fundraising: Contact Erica Boehm at our Faith Booster email above to purchase a pack of car washes from Express Mart. *Sold in packs of 5 for only \$40.* These make great gifts! Proceeds go to supporting campus ministry events and retreat costs.

Wreath Sale

The wreath sale proceeds will offset retreat and other faith events for 2020-21.

Order now to October 30.

Anyone interested in purchasing a wreath or car washes should contact Faith Boosters using our email above or call: 715-723-9126 x2210 ask for Erica Boehm.

- 24" wreath \$18.00**
- Door swags \$14.00**
- Crosses \$16.00**
- 36" wreath \$32.00**

Our faith parent meeting is the second Monday at 7:00 p.m. each month. Google link to our meeting is: <https://meet.google.com/hbc-hdkw-fcd>





PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Brian Schulner, NDMS & MCCHS Principal
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Mr. Brian Schulner

Early Release Dates

One of the problems we have had this school year is finding time to meet with staff to discuss events, issues, student progress, etc. Unfortunately due to the COVID measures we are taking, I have staff reporting early (7:15 a.m.) in order to supervise their classrooms so students are not grouping in the halls and commons. The day ends at 3:30 for the students and the teachers (without complaint) have already put in more then their contracted time.

The MACS Education Commission approved having an early release at 2:45 p.m. once or twice a month in order that I can plan with our teachers. In the case of the high school it would effect RP2 which is the students resource study time or choir. Mr. Nepl in Choir feels he will be able to work with it. In the case of the middle school we will create an adjusted afternoon schedule for those days.

I understand that releasing at 2:45 may cause issue for students who ride the Chippewa Bus. I will arrange for a supervised study time for those students in the commons who are waiting for the bus home.

At present I am planning releases at **2:45 PM** on two dates before Christmas break. **Friday, November 6 and Friday, December 4.** Fridays are not the most perfect days to meet as the teachers tend to be whooped by then, but Friday seemed more logical in the sense of letting families get the weekend started.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about this.



STUDENT AMBASSADOR NEWS

Mary Jacobson, Coordinator
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Mrs. Mary Jacobson

Happy Fall! While we all can certainly see the challenges we have been facing over the last several months, I have seen plenty of blessings. I think of November as the month of being thankful. In the midst of being separated from the people we love and the things we prefer to do, I am seeing students growing in ways they would not have, without this pandemic. I have seen creativity and senses of humor. I have seen compassion and understanding. I am very proud of them and thankful that I get to work with them.

We continue to work on the newsletters to the those isolated at home, are preparing for the Diaper Drive, and gearing up to help with the Spaghetti Spectacular.

If you wish to support our Diaper Drive, you can drop diapers off at McDonell's main entrance anytime during the school day now to November 10. We will have a drop box outside the main doors. We are also collecting monetary donations so we can purchase more diapers. If you wish to support in that way, you can mail a check made payable to MACS with "diaper drive" noted on it to McDonell High School - Diaper Drive, 1316 Bel Air Blvd., CF

The donations will be going to St. Francesca Resource Center, Chippewa County Social Services for their foster care program, Catholic Charities and Chippewa County



FINE ARTS NEWS

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McDonell High School and Notre Dame Middle School are busy preparing for the Advent and Christmas Season. Look on the website school calendar for all the concerts and programs in December during the Advent season at all the school buildings for live streaming.

SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS



Mrs. Gretchen Jorgensen

My Fair Lady Musical

McDonell Central Catholic High School and Notre Dame Middle School are proud to present **My Fair Lady** this winter 2021. The musical is open to ALL students grade 6 through 12. Auditions are Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12. Sign up is outside the choir room.

Director: Mrs. Gretchen Jorgensen
 Vocal Director: Mr. Mark Nepl
 Orchestral Conductor: Mr. Sean Hanson

Performance Dates

Friday & Saturday, February 19 & 20 at 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m.
 Friday & Saturday, February 26 & 27 at 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.

NOTRE DAME STUDENT COUNCIL



Mr. Peter Thoma

Peter Thoma, Student Council Advisor
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The following students have been elected by their classmates to be members of the Notre Dame Middle School Student Council for the 2020-21 school year.

- Ben Siegenthaler** - President
- Grant Smiskey** - Vice President
- Delaney Smiskey** - Treasurer
- Jaidyn Brady** - Secretary
- Victor Gillett** - Presidential Liaison
- Elianna Eddy** - Media & Technology Representative
- Angelo Enderes** - Student Speaker



McDonell Central Catholic Youth Rotars

Congratulations to these students representing McDonell at the Rotary weekly meetings for the 2020-21 school year.

October	Ann David
November	Nya Lieble
December	Jake Siegenthaler
January	Logan Hughes
February	Kelly Cushman
March	Kate Roth
April	Happy Yang
May	Jackson Bushman

Infinite Campus Access Help

With Infinite Campus, you are able to access your child’s homework, lunch balance, grades, report cards, and updates from the school.

If you have any questions on how to use or access Infinite Campus, contact

Ms. Kathleen Adams
Executive Administrative Assistant
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GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Mrs. Ruthann Proue, School Counselor
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ACT Test

Juniors should take the ACT at least one time during their junior year. Register online at www.actstudent.org. You will need to enter the McDonell school code, which is 500-402.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
12-12-20	11-06-20	11 - 07-20
02-06-21	01-08-21	01-09 -21
04-17-21	03-19-21	03 -26-21
06-12-21	05-07-21	05 -08-21
07-17-21	06-18-21	06 -19-21

College Applications

If seniors have not completed the college application process, they should submit them as soon as possible. A number of schools have a priority deadline date. Be sure to pay attention to those dates so you don't miss out.

Junior Meetings

If parents of juniors did not meet with me during Juniors’ week, you can still schedule an appointment. If parents opt out of the meeting, I will still meet with juniors to review graduation requirements and suggest courses to take senior year.

Sophomore Meetings

Meetings will take place the week of November 9-13. Parents will receive invites to schedule their meeting during the week within the hours of 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please check your emails from me for further details.

Freshmen Meetings

Meetings will take place the week of November 30–December 4. Parents will receive invites to schedule their meeting during the week within the hours of 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Please check your emails from me for further details.



Ms. Kaitlyn Ziarnik School Counseling Assistant
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Hi everyone! I am so excited to be a new member of the McDonell Family!

I look forward to working with each of you as we navigate this new normal together. While I am not yet a school

counselor, I have past experience working with teens through a summer program, with incoming college students and college freshmen at UW-Eau Claire, and with children with autism, cerebral palsy, and brain and spinal cord injuries. In my role as the school counseling assistant, I plan to work to the best of my ability to best serve McDonell/Notre Dame students in the guidance area under the direction of Mrs. Proue.

I am excited to bring my previous experiences and learned strategies to the McDonell/Notre Dame community as I get to know each of you over the course of the school year. I've had the most welcoming experience as a new staff member and am happy to belong to this family moving forward. Feel free to reach out via email or phone with any questions you may have for me.

Until then, have a lovely day!

SENIOR GRADUATION NEWS

SENIOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Orders were taken Wednesday, October 21 with Jostens for the senior graduation announcements. On Friday, October 23, seniors were fitted for caps and gowns. If your son/daughter failed to bring the order form home, 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**.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



Mrs. Gretchen Jorgensen
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 715.723.9126

Mrs. Gretchen Jorgensen

Congratulations to the following students who are representing their class as a student council member for the 2020-21 school year.

Freshmen: Kassie Herr, Katie Ruf, Morgan Wirtz

Sophomore: Izzy Keck, Rhiannon McChesney

Junior: Lauryn Deetz, Kallee LeCloux, Kait Ortmann

Senior:

Jackson Bushman, Happy Yang, Samantha Wirtz,

Leadership:

President: Elise Bormann

Vice-President: Emma Stelter

Secretary: Drew Hunt

Treasurer: Sophia Kinlen

Media Relations: Eva Bushman



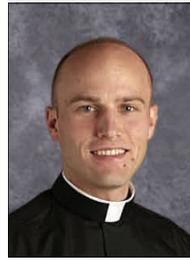
Rotary Rose Sale - Order online

The sale of roses has begun! Student Council and Student Ambassador members will be selling roses for \$20/dozen until Thursday, November 5. Roses will be ready for pickup on Friday, November 13. Please indicate how many dozen you would like, your name and address or phone. Please consider purchasing a dozen to help both the Rotary Club, the McDonell Student Council and the McDonell Student Ambassadors. Order by clicking this link. <https://forms.gle/wTMkajye5jDCYaY56>

Poinsettia Sale - Order form in newsletter

McDonell Student Council is selling beautiful poinsettias for \$11 again this year! If you are interested in purchasing poinsettias, you can place your order using our email address: mcd.s.council@macs.k12.wi.us or by going online to <https://forms.gle/BABNJw2csa1w36Qc7>. Please indicate how many of each color (red, pink, or white) you would like, your name and address, a phone number, and if you will be picking up your poinsettias or if you would like them delivered. (delivery only to the immediate Chippewa Falls area) All orders must be placed by Friday, November 20. The pick-up/delivery date is Monday, November 30, from 1:00-4:30 p.m.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS



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Fr. Ethan Hokamp



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Ms. Erica Boehm

Middle and High School Youth (and families):

What is EXALT?

An evening of worship, adoration and confession.

Where: St. Charles Borromeo Church

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

When: November 3 and December 1

Marian Consecration

Would you like to grow in your relationship with Jesus through Mary?

Join us in a 33 day Marian Consecration starting November 5.

Parents and families: Email Erica Boehm (see above) for the materials to aid in your Marian Consecration.

Students: See Ms. Boehm to join a group of students who will be praying through those 33 days and to get a book / materials.

Instagram Updates

Follow us on Instagram to stay up to date on events and what's happening in campus Ministry @macsministry.

Fundraising

Want to support campus ministry events?

Need a carwash?

Email Erica Boehm to purchase a pack of car washes from Express Mart. *Sold in packs of 5 for only \$40. Proceeds go to supporting campus ministry events and retreat costs*

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

13th Annual Support Our Troops

The McDonell National Honor Society (NHS) in partnership with the YMCA and Leinenkugel Brewing Company is collecting goods for the 13th annual Support Our Troops Drive.

Do you know a person serving over seas? Send us their address to received one of our packages.

The goal is to collect enough product to surpass last year's record of 168 boxes that were shipped out to troops for Christmas. MACS also donated over \$500 used for shipping costs. **Deadline is November 13.**

Please send material or cash donations to any school office attention Support Our Troops. Thank you for supporting our community!!

Look for flyers in this newsletter with details and a list of items needed.

**McDonell
 Class of 2021
 Members**



- Elise Bormann
- Ann David
- Ellie Eckes
- Rachel Eisenreich
- Anna Geissler
- Peter Herron
- Andrew Hunt
- Cynthia Keck
- Ben Prissel
- Kate Roth
- Lizzy Wedemeyer



Principal's Corner

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

Dear Families,

As we continue to press on in this most unusual school year, we also continue to be met with new challenges. However, I believe that we have been able to persevere through all of them. Quarter number one is coming to an end, and it has been wonderful to see most of our students back in our buildings. It also has been great to walk into a classroom and watch our teachers bring those who are virtual into their room digitally. Learning happens through many forms and I am confident that our students have continued to grow mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually during the early stages of this school year.

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 the satisfaction in 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!



After a record breaking snowfall on October 20, these first graders eagerly hit the white stuff the next day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Charles and Holy Ghost Schools – November 2020

Nov. 3	End of First Quarter
Nov. 4	Beginning of Second Quarter SC Mass at 8:30 a.m. HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 4/5)
Nov. 5	HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 3)
Nov. 6	SC/HG Report Cards Go Home
Nov. 8	Spaghetti Spectacular – 11 a.m.-6 p.m. (Drive-thru at McDonell School Parking Lot)
Nov. 9	MACS Music Boosters Mtg. (see page 3) MACS Faith Booster Mtg. (see page 3)
Nov. 11	SC Mass at 8:30 a.m. HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/4) MACS Athletic Boosters Mtg. – 6 p.m. at McD
Nov. 12	HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 5) Home & School Meeting (see page 3)
Nov. 17	MACS Education Commission Mtg. – 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	SC Mass at 8:30 a.m. HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grades 3/4)
Nov. 19	HG Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Grade 5)
Nov. 23-24	Teacher In-Service Days – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL
Nov. 26	Happy Thanksgiving
Nov. 30	School Resumes Angel Giving Tree Begins



Fifth graders prepare to be recorded ringing chimes in their song for the virtual Holy Ghost Christmas Program.

“Spooktacular” artwork celebrates the Halloween season



Holy Ghost third graders created a variety of Halloween designs recently during their art classes with Mrs. Bekka Beaufeaux. Two students from Mrs. Cheri Miller Van Dyke’s class work on their pieces (above left) while another pair from Mrs. Barb Eckwright’s class (above right) show off their completed works. Spooktacular and eek-tastic!!

Student Council elected

The 94 students at Holy Ghost School recently elected their Student Council members for the 2020-2021 school year:

- President** - Megan Busse (Grade 5)
- Vice President** - Landon Cooley (Grade 4)

- Homeroom Representatives:**
- Room 3-102** - Sydney Dassow
 - Room 3-103** - Meila Andress and Mae Hunter
 - Room 4-202** - Felix Stary
 - Room 4-203** - Taylan Hanson
 - Room 5-204** - Mazie Andress
 - Room 5-205** - Brynn Wedemeyer

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.



Engineering skills in the classroom



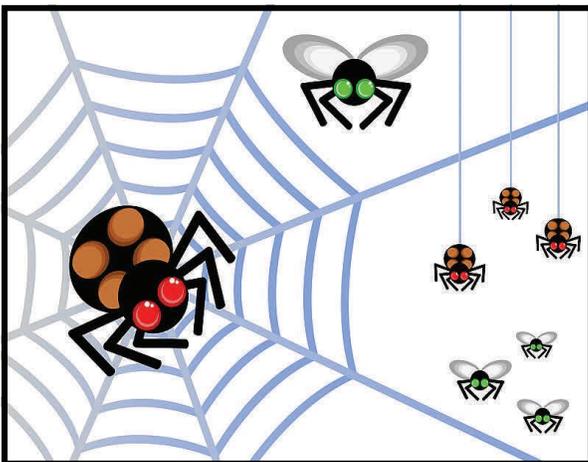
Using the Engineering Design Process, fourth grade students (right) try to figure out how to reduce damage related to erosion. Each team built a model and will use three tests to figure out the best solution to the problem.

First grade students create very inviting spider webs



Around Halloween time, thoughts of creepy, crawling things like spiders come to mind. The first grade class, including the girl and boy pictured at left, created unique spider webs during an art lesson. They used rulers, chalk and markers to make these beautiful webs. What poor, unsuspecting fly wouldn't be enticed to check out one of these masterpieces?

See the excerpt from the famous poem, "The Spider and the Fly" below!



The Spider and the Fly

"Will you walk into my parlor?" said the spider to the fly;
 "'Tis the prettiest little parlor that ever you may spy.
 The way into my parlor is up a winding stair,
 And I have many curious things to show when you are there."
 "Oh no, no," said the little fly; "to ask me is in vain,
 For who goes up your winding stair can ne'er come down again."

~ From "The Spider and the Fly" by Mary Howitt
 Published in 1828



LITTLE MACK MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2020

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

We enjoyed celebrating the Halloween Holiday with fun activities and a costume party! Our students have been focusing a lot on Fall themed activities and this month will be focusing on the topic of Thanksgiving. Please remember to send appropriate clothing for your student(s). With the cold weather approaching, their classrooms will go outside until the weather no longer allows them to. We look forward to the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday and spending it with our families.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BB4C?

Our BB4C class focused on Fire Safety in the month of October. We did lots of fun activities and learned what to do in case of an emergency. In the month of November we will learn about Thanksgiving and continue working on our letters and numbers. Please remember to send all winter clothing with your student!



Looking Forward

**November 11:
Veteran's Day**

**November 23-27:
BB4C CLOSED**

**November 26-27:
EC Closed for
Thanksgiving**



McDonell High School Student Council's Annual Sale of



POINSETTIAS

\$11

Orders are DUE by Friday, November 20th!

Order **ONLINE** at <https://forms.gle/BABNJw2csa1w36Qc7>

or by **EMAIL** at mcd.s.council@macs.k12.wi.us.

PICK UP DATE: McDonell High School on Monday, November 30, 2020 from 1:30-4p or delivery by Student Council within the immediate Chippewa Falls Area.

These beautiful plants are perfect for gifts for your piano teacher, your neighbor, your daycare provider, those in the nursing home, your boss, the grandparents and special friends. They are also beautiful for your home, school and office decorating.

COLD WEATHER CAUTION:

Poinsettias are extremely sensitive to the cold. Each plant will be wrapped in pretty foil and placed in a plastic sleeve when you pick them up. You *must* protect them from the cold air. You cannot leave them in your vehicle or uncover them until they are in a warm environment.

Please submit cash or a check payable to "McDonell Area Catholic Schools" (or "MACS") for total order **upon receipt**.

PLEASE ENTER THE NUMBER OF PLANTS YOU WOULD LIKE FOR EACH COLOR:

Red Poinsettias _____ White Poinsettias _____ Pink Poinsettias _____

I will pick them up _____

I need them delivered _____ (include address)

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Physical Address (for deliveries only) _____



Thank you for supporting Student Council at McDonell Central Catholic High School!

13th Annual



Spaghetti SPECTACULAR!

Drive Thru

Sunday, November 8

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

McDonell Central Catholic High School

Parking Lot Entrance

1316 Bel Air Boulevard • Chippewa Falls

MEAL \$8

Menu includes:
Spaghetti with
meat or meatless sauce
Deacon Dan's 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



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#SpagSpec



Example of a past raffle basket.

MACS 13th Annual

Spaghetti SPECTACULAR!

Hot Spaghetti Lunch
delivered (Chippewa Falls ONLY)

Monday, November 9

(Meal includes spaghetti, homemade garlic bread and salad)



Order Monday's meal by fax or email to:

MACS Spaghetti Lunch
FAX 715-723-1501

EMAIL spaghetti@macs.k12.wi.us

ORDER BY **Friday, November 6 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?

Drive-thru!

Sunday, November 8
11:00 - 6:00 p.m.

McDonell Central Catholic High School
Parking Lot



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TAKE OUT ORDER FORM

Business & Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Delivery Instructions: _____

Phone: _____ E/Mail: _____

Spaghetti with meat sauce _____ X \$8.00 = \$ _____

Spaghetti with meatless sauce _____ X \$8.00 = \$ _____

Salad Dressings: French ___ Ranch ___

Payment due on delivery _____ Total Order: \$ _____

Payable to: McDonell Area Catholic Schools (MACS)

Delivery Time Preference

Between 11:00 - 11:30 _____

Between 11:30 - 12:00 _____

Between 12:00 - 12:30 _____

Between 12:30 - 1:00 _____



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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Support Our Troops Care Package Information

Food Items

Instant Coffee – plain & flavored
Powdered sweetener
Powdered creamer – regular/flavored
Powdered Gatorade
Powdered hot chocolate
(with or w/o Mini Marshmallows)
Powdered hot cider
Crystal Light – Powdered
Tea bags – regular & flavored
5 Hour Energy Drinks
Slim Jims/ Beef jerky/Beef Sticks
Crackers & Cheese-(Packets)
Pringles
Candy (M&M's are great, hard candy,
anything that won't melt)
Licorice, Gum/Bubble Gum/lollipops
Rice Krispie Treats
Microwave popcorn
Granola Bars/Power Bars
Dried Fruit
Chex Mix
Instant soup/ Dinty Moore
Ramen Noodle Soup
Tuna or chicken – canned or packages
Ravioli, Spaghettios, Mac & Cheese
Spices /Garlic powder
Tabasco Sauce/A1 Sauce/BBQ Sauce
Summer Sausage
Instant Oatmeal (single serving packs)
Fruit Roll Ups/Fun Fruits

Practical Personal Items

Baby Wipes – unscented preferred
*No anti-bacterial items
Disposable Razors
Scrunches/Barrettes
Female Sanitary Products
Non aerosol shaving cream
Soap or body wash
Shampoo/conditioner-hotel size great

Deodorant

White Calf Socks, T-shirts
Wool Socks – Winter Afghanistan
Eye drops, especially for the desert
Contact Lens Cleaner
Chap stick/Lip Balm
Breath mints
Tooth brushes/Dental Floss
Sun Block/Sun Glasses
Lotion-Hand & Body
Post Shaving Lotion
Baby Powder
Foot Powder
Foot Warmers
Hand Warmers
Combs & Brushes
Cotton balls, Nail Files
Batteries – AA & AAA
Phone Cards-International
Paperback books/Magazines-sports/hunting/
fishing/romance/fashion/craft/hobby-new/
read
Small metal mirrors
Disposable cameras, film
Sudoku puzzles/Cross Word Puzzles
Journals, Pens & Crayons

Toys:

Squirt Guns/Frisbees/Dart Boards
Small flash lights
Hackie sacks, Yoyos/Jump Ropes/Fidget
Spinners
Small travel games
Ziploc Bags: Snack, sandwich, quart & gallon

Christmas items:

Christmas candy
Santa hats/Reindeer Antlers
Christmas Decorations
Christmas Cards/Signed from you
to a soldier



CHIPPEWA FALLS YMCA
YMCA of the CHIPPEWA VALLEY

611 JEFFERSON AVE, CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI 54729
715.723.2201 • WWW.CHIPPEWAYMCA.COM





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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CARE PACKAGES – 13th Drive

The Chippewa Falls YMCA and the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company, with your help, would like to

“SUPPORT OUR TROOPS” – MEN AND WOMEN

in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard with CARE PACKAGES to our military serving overseas now.

- What:** CARE PACKAGES
Arrival: Christmas
Deadline: Friday, November 13, 2020
- Drop-Off** Chippewa Falls YMCA, Eau Claire YMCA,
Leinenkugel’s Leinie Lodge or McDonell High School
- Packing Day:** Saturday, November 14, 2020 8:30-11:30am
CHIPPEWA FALLS YMCA GYMNASIUM
- Volunteers:** Complete a Volunteer form.
Or you can make a monetary donation.
- Postage:** Donations are welcome. It’s approximately \$18.95 to send one care package. You can leave your monetary donation at the YMCA front desk in a labeled envelope.

Know someone serving in the military overseas who would enjoy a package from home? Fill out the forms and we’ll send them out.

Suggested Items: See Attached List

Questions: Contact Jim Ignarski at 715-723-2201 or reach out via email at jignarski@ymca-cv.org.



McDonnell Wreath Sale 2020

This year's wreath sale is benefitting spiritual growth and faith activities for McDonnell/Notre Dame including offsetting retreat costs.

Orders due by October 30.

Pick up is at McDonnell in the parking lot on November 17 from 2:30-6:30pm.

To order: Call McDonnell 715.723.0538 x 2210, email: faith@macs.k12.wi.us, or fill out and return the bottom of this form.



Cross
\$16.00



Swag
\$14.00



24"
\$18.00

36"
\$32.00



Name _____ Phone # _____

Email address: _____

Write amount of each:

Cross \$16 _____ Swag \$14 _____ 24" \$18 _____ 36" \$32 _____ Total _____

Make Checks payable to **MACS**.

Mail or drop off at:

McDonnell Central Catholic High School, Attn: Erica Boehm,
1316 Bel Air Blvd. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

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