

# MCDONELL & NOTRE DAME

## NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The '25-'26 school year is off and moving! I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support entering this new school year. With some scheduling and technology usage changes, the first week has certainly brought its challenges but we're working through them with patience and purpose. With anything new, there is always a transition period but I believe the changes will have positive long term effects.

A reminder to anyone that has not completed Release and Medical Form, please submit one to the school as soon as possible. This is a required form by the diocese for all students to have on file. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Medical Release Form Link](#)

Mr. Wedemeyer

### Upcoming events:

**September 22-27 - Homecoming Week:**  
**Friday Night Football Game**  
**Saturday Night Dance**

**October 8 - Picture Retake Day**

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES:

#### Dress Code Reminder:

- Please be sure your son has a tie on Mass days. You may even want to send one to school that he can keep in his locker.

#### Procedure for checking in and out for appointments:

- Please call or send a note BEFORE the start of the school day with date, time and reason for leaving.
- The student will come to the office BEFORE school starts to pick up a pass.
- Student will show the pass to the teacher before class begins.
- Student will come to the office to sign out then wait in the vestibule for ride. (Parents do not need to come inside.)

#### Daily Announcements:

- Located on the MACS website under Academics, Notre Dame School News or McDonnell HS School News

#### Lunch Menus:

- Located on the main calendar of the MACS website

#### Procedure for Prearranged Absences:

Notify the school office as soon as you know your student will be out of school. Notification must be a minimum of three days prior to the planned absence.

We will give your student a Prearranged Absence form to be completed by each of their teachers. This form will provide you and your student with what the expectations are during their time out of the classroom.

Once your student has met with each teacher, they will bring the completed form to the office. Mr. Wedemeyer will then review the information.

Once approved, the Prearranged Absence will be entered into FACTS.

#### Drop Off and Pick Up Table:

There is a Drop Off/Pick Up Table inside the main doors

Please make sure your students' name is on any item you drop off.

If we need to call the student down at the end of the day, please let Mrs. Hughes or Mrs. Smiskey know at the time of drop off.