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MCAULEY ADDS LACROSSE TEAM TO LIST OF ATHLETIC SPORTS

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School President/Principal Dr. Christine Melone and Athletic Director Laurie Jakubczak are pleased to announce the addition of lacrosse to McAuley's athletics program starting in the 2010-11 academic year. It's the first sport added at McAuley since golf began in 2002.

"We are very excited to be adding lacrosse to our list of sports," said Dr. Melone. "We began looking into having a team after our students showed such a strong interest in playing the sport, and we feel lacrosse will be a positive addition to McAuley's outstanding athletic program."

In October, the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) announced that it had elected to add lacrosse to their official list of high school sports for both boys and girls in 2011. McAuley will begin their lacrosse program this year by offering JV and freshmen club teams. With the addition of lacrosse, Mother McAuley now offers its student-athletes eleven sports to choose from including basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and water polo.

"Lacrosse is a growing sport, particularly in the past 10 years," said Jakubczak. "As the only all-girls school in the area to be adopting the sport, adding lacrosse not only offers more opportunities for our student-athletes, but will open doors for future students interested in the sport as well."

According to the Illinois High School Women's Lacrosse Association, the appeal of lacrosse in Illinois has risen tremendously with more players being recognized nationally and continuing on to play at the college level.

A search is currently underway for a coaching staff. Information on the coaching positions is available at www.mothermcauley.org.