



WACS
Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools



2026 Teacher of the Year

Bernard McCarthy
Academy of Excellence, Milwaukee

It is our privilege to recognize this year's **WACS Secondary Teacher of the Year, Mr. Bernard McCarthy of Academy of Excellence.**

With more than 25 years of teaching experience, Mr. McCarthy brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom. After spending more than 20 years teaching in public schools, he chose to invest his experience and talents in Christian education, where he teaches high school math—including Geometry, Algebra, and Consumer Math—as well as 12th-grade Boys Bible.

Those who work alongside Mr. McCarthy describe him as a **steady and encouraging presence**. As teachers have come and gone through the years, he has remained a constant for his students and a source of guidance and support for new math teachers. He willingly adjusts his teaching and pacing to meet the individual needs of his students—even when that requires additional time and effort.

But his impact reaches well beyond teaching math. Mr. McCarthy intentionally incorporates a biblical worldview into his classroom, demonstrating a genuine love for the Lord and a desire to influence his students for Christ.

And apparently, years of experience have done nothing to slow him down! Whether he is leading an engaging chapel, participating in a dodgeball tournament, encouraging students, or simply staying late to make sure the job is done well, he brings enthusiasm and energy to his school community.

Mr. McCarthy has been described as a **consistent, faithful, and joyful servant** whose dedication to the Lord, his students, and his school is evident in all he does.

It is our honor to recognize **Mr. Bernard McCarthy of Academy of Excellence as the 2026 WACS Secondary Teacher of the Year.**

Congratulations, Mr. McCarthy!