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SMCHS Announces National Merit Semifinalist

Fox Cities: The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) has announced that senior **Erik Meier**, son of Don and Linda Meier of Neenah, has been named as a 2018 National Merit Scholar semifinalist.

This rigorous recognition program begins in students' junior year of high school when 1.4 million students take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQRT), which serves as an initial screening. Meier is among the top scoring students in the nation (less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors) and among the highest scoring entrants in the state.

For Meier to become a finalist, he and St. Mary Catholic High School must submit a detailed application that includes his academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, and honors and awards received. Further requirements include an outstanding academic record throughout high school, being endorsed and recommended by a high school official, writing an essay and earning an SAT scores that confirms the PSAT results. Honorees who are then further honored as National Merit Scholar Finalists in the spring are eligible for associated scholarships.

"Erik is a hard-working and conscientious student who has many outside interests and commitments," stated Pamela Stark, SMCHS principal. "He does a terrific job of balancing a very challenging schedule, and we are looking forward to seeing the great things he will do in the future!"

St. Mary Catholic High School, a regional Catholic high school that is located in the Village of Fox Crossing, is part of St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS). The system also includes St. Mary Catholic Middle

School in the Village of Fox Crossing and St. Mary Elementary Schools (St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel in Neenah, and St. Mary in Menasha). SMCS is dedicated to the individual development of students in grades Pre3-12 by providing the highest quality education focused on faith, academics and service in a rapidly changing world.

(photo attached)

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