

## OUR SUCCESSFUL QUEST FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

There is no question that TCCES schools offer an outstanding Catholic education, and we are taking concrete measures to sustain and enrich our well-rounded curriculum. Last year, during the 2010-11 school year, the St. Mary Central



administration, faculty and guidance personnel began an in-depth review of the school's curriculum and coursework. Instructors from each SMC and Seton academic department attended an "Aligned by Design" workshop to set the groundwork for alignment of TCCES coursework with ACT standards. Over the summer and

throughout the current school year, lead teachers have returned for further consultation and guidance.

This year, TCCES is working on a comprehensive plan for K-12 to sustain and improve academic excellence. The schools are participating in the Learning and Assessment Center program sponsored by the state's CESA 6 (the Cooperative Educational Service Area) in Oshkosh. Title II federal funding underwrites TCCES

involvement in this program, which enables all five TCCES principals and key system teachers to attend monthly sessions focused on adopting the common curriculum standards being

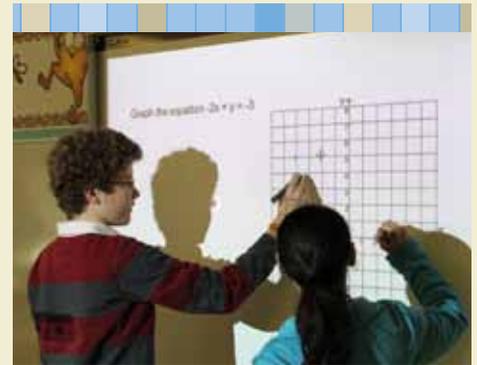


embraced across the country. Every teacher will have an opportunity to participate in at least one of these sessions, and all are working to implement what they are learning.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) focus on:

- a collaborative approach to high level instruction
- research-based educational strategies
- formative assessments to align with curriculum
- high-quality differentiated instruction
- standards-based grading and reporting systems

Anyone familiar with the history of TCCES will recognize that implementing high quality curriculum, instruction and assessment, as well as emphasizing



differentiated instruction are areas on which the system has been focused for the past several years. Aligning these efforts with CCSS will help to better prepare our students for their futures.

Other recent developments in our quest for academic excellence include:

- TCCES educators are meeting with same-subject teachers from the other schools on a regular basis. Teachers from the three elementary campuses are working together, and middle- and high school teachers are meeting by subject to review the benchmarks and address overlaps and/or gaps in the curriculum.
- Course development continues at St. Mary Central in the areas of Advanced Placement, CAPP, and ACT-aligned rigor within all courses. Improvements are reflected in the course selection guide for next fall.
- We strive to focus on excellence in religion instruction as well as in academics, as shown by SMC's early adoption of the UCCB's (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops') mandatory religion curriculum. SMC was one of the first schools in the state to comply with the new requirements. In addition, this year freshmen are engaging in a yearlong cross-curricular project that incorporates activities in their religion, social studies and English classes, thereby integrating faith into the curriculum in a concrete way.

## WORKING WONDERS

Dear TCCES Families and Supporters:

The word advancement means to “accelerate growth or progress, bring something forward or raise it to a higher rank.” True to this definition, the TCCES Advancement Team is responsible for the growth and progress of our system, as well as its positive reputation in the community on so many levels. Without their (often times behind-the-scenes) efforts, revenue generated from enrollment growth would be stagnant or declining, as many other area Catholic school systems are experiencing; economic support from grant opportunities and alumni relations would go untapped; and the special event success that is such a major part of our TCCES community would dwindle.

Over the past five years, the importance and success of their efforts can be concretely measured in terms of annual increases in system enrollment, tens of thousands of dollars in grant and award monies, a significant increase in both the number of donors and dollars generated by the annual fund drives, sustained success of major fundraising efforts and significantly increased and improved relations with alumni and supporters.

It is amazing that this team is made up primarily of part-time employees who, thankfully, give ‘full time.’ Their management of communications, student recruitment and fundraising activities elevates the awareness and understanding of TCCES among donors, alumni and TCCES families, as well as those from outside Neenah/Menasha who are searching for quality Catholic education.

Chances are great that behind a new program (e.g. the one-to-one laptop program), extra-curricular activity (Booster Club, Junior Zephyrs, fine arts concerts) or new facility (TCCES/SMC Fine Arts Education Center), you’ll find Ann Engelhard, Robin Gallucci, Molly Griffin, Linda Michalkiewicz, Jennifer Miller and Sue Thelen working hard to facilitate and promote it.

TCCES is a great educational option for our community. This team is helping to continue the momentum that has positioned our schools for future growth.

Thank you to the entire advancement team for their willingness to implement the vision within the community and encourage others to support the vision through financial development efforts.

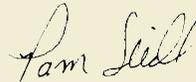
Sincerely,



Michelle Dejno



Sue Pawlowski



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TCCES Board of Trustees Members  
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TCCES Parents

## ■ LET THE SHOW BEGIN!

The excitement about the new TCCES/SMC Fine Arts Education Center continues to grow! The \$4.7 million project announced last fall is the largest building project and capital campaign since the new St. Mary Central High School was built in 1997. To date, TCCES has received pledges and commitments totaling \$3.5 million for the new fine arts center. The campaign leadership team is working to secure an additional \$250,000 to meet the goal of 80% of the project cost before breaking ground to begin construction. "I am very confident that we will achieve this objective over the next two months," said Richard Bergstrom, campaign co-chairperson. "We encourage anyone who is considering joining us in making this dream a reality for the community to make their commitment at this important juncture."



Recent developments in the project include the unveiling of a seat-sponsorship campaign and a few simple alterations to the design plans based on constituent feedback. Recently, project volunteers and The Zephyrator (the SMC mascot) visited the elementary schools and Seton to inspire excitement about the new fine arts center. One fifth grader was so motivated that she went home and held a lemonade sale! The elementary schools held a fine arts center night at Funset Boulevard and many families from TCCES participated in a fundraising night at Perkins; the three events together raised nearly \$700.00. All students are invited to seek pledges for the upcoming move-a-thon, a fun fundraiser designed just for kids that will take place on April 21 at SMC.

The community has responded enthusiastically to this project in many ways, according to Director of Advancement Ann Engelhard. "We have been thrilled with how many volunteers have stepped forward, as well as the number of financial commitments we have received," Engelhard says. "We are so close to our groundbreaking goal and are confident that people who are still considering their pledges will step forward. It seems like there is more excitement and good news every day."

The date for groundbreaking, currently anticipated to be in late May or early June, will be announced soon. The project is slated for completion in time for the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2013. Please contact Ann Engelhard at [aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:aengelhard@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 920-722-7796 ext 201 for more information or to make your pledge toward this important project.

## ■ ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE *continued from cover*

- The "Math Expressions" series will be implemented in the elementary schools next year to ensure consistency between the elementary schools and continuity as students move into middle school at Seton.
- New standards-based progress reports that demonstrate a student's mastery of individual broad concepts rather than assigning a single mark for a subject area have been adopted at the elementary level.

Our schools' administrators and faculty will continue to seek out and implement the best faith-enriching and education practices to enhance the lives of TCCES students. As we all continue on our journey together, parents and supporters can be confident in and proud of the outstanding academic and faith experience enjoyed by our community.



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## TCCES TEAMS ROCK!

In all areas of co-curricular activity, TCCES teams and clubs stand out among their peers. Here are a few highlights achieved so far this year.

### FORENSICS

- SMC won the Olympian Conference meet for the tenth time in 13 years, and all team and individual entries qualified for district competition this year. Twenty-four teams and individuals will advance to the state meet in Madison on April 20-21.
- Fifty three Seton students participated in two competitions this year, taking first place in both for the third year in a row.
- All 65 TCCES fifth graders participated in forensic meets at Seton and SMC, and all groups and individuals received a rating of either first or second.



### ROBOTICS

- Six SMC VEX teams qualified for and two competed in the National Championships in Omaha, Nebraska, both finishing in second place in their divisions, and both teams going undefeated into the final round. Four of five qualifying teams will travel to Anaheim, California in April to compete against schools from all over the world in the VEX Robotics World Championship. This is the eighth time that SMC has sent teams to the international final competitions.
- The Seton F.I.R.S.T. Lego League robotics team qualified for and competed in the state competition for the fifth consecutive year. The students competed against 60 other teams and came in second place for their presentation.

### ACADEMICS

- St. Mary Central High School's junior varsity math team won the math meet held at St. Mary Springs in Fond du Lac in the small school division, finishing with the same number of points as the school that won the large school category. In addition, two students took first and second place in the sophomore division, and one placed first in the freshman category.
- Seton took nine teams to a local math competition and finished with the sixth grade team in fourth place, with one student finishing in second place individually. In a regional competition one Seton student qualified for the state meet. Results for additional meets are not yet available.
- Students from each of the elementary schools participated in the knowledge contests sponsored by the Neenah and Menasha Knights of Columbus; results were reported according to students' city of residence. In math, TCCES elementary schools had three first-place finishers, one second-place and two thirds; two students will advance to the state competition. In spelling, TCCES had two finishers in first, second and third place, and two will advance to state. The elementary schools also held a Battle of the Books competition among students on their own campuses.



## MUSIC

- St. Mary Central had 20 students participate in the instrumental regional solo and ensemble competition in Wrightstown, earning ten first-place and six second-place ratings. Instrumentalists in four ensembles, including the SMC Jazz Band, will go on to the state competition in Oshkosh in April. In the regional choral competitions, SMC had 19 individuals and ensembles compete, as well as the 24-member show choir. The show choir and nine individuals and ensembles advanced to the state competition, which will take place later this month.
- The middle school solo and ensemble event had 85 Seton entries, with 39 soloists and 46 ensembles participating. Of those entries, 69 received first place ratings and 16 received seconds.
- All fifth grade band students participated in the solo and ensemble competition held at Seton. This year there were 39 entries, all solos. Thirty three earned a rating of first, and six earned a second. For the 15th year in a row, no students received a third or fourth place rating.



## SPORTS:

- In fall and winter sports, SMC had 23 athletes chosen for all-conference honors in football, soccer, and girls and boys basketball, and one competed in the state cross country meet, finishing 25th in the state as a sophomore.
- Several members of the combined SMC/NHS powerlifting team successfully competed at the state tournament where three SMC students lifted at the varsity level with one finishing in third place, and two SMC junior varsity lifters qualified for nationals later this year.
- Seton's eighth grade Junior Zephyr basketball team competed in the state tournament, finishing with a 4-2 record and the second-highest number of points in their division.

## VOLUNTEER EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

TCCES was recently notified that our nominee, SMC's Technology and Engineering Club (TEC) advisor, Mr. Greg Cheslock, was selected to receive the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region's "Celebrating our Volunteers" Daniel P. Spalding Volunteer Educator Award. Established in memory of SMC alumnus and philanthropist Daniel Spalding '73, the award is bestowed upon a Fox Cities community member who has "an evident passion for education (and) has an impact on students." Cheslock will be honored along with other community volunteers at a special ceremony on Tuesday, April 17 at the Paper Valley Hotel.



From the beginning of the VEX robotics program at St. Mary Central, Cheslock has been instrumental in the group's phenomenal growth and extraordinary success in local, regional, national and international competitions. Giving generously of his time, technical expertise and resources, the value of Cheslock's personal contribution to TEC cannot be overstated, but it is his role as mentor that stands out in the memories of students who have passed through the program since it started in 2003. Alumni commenting on Cheslock's personal impact express sentiments such as "I have met few people who come close to (Greg's) level of selflessness; I know my life would be very different without him" and "I would be honored to become half the man that Greg is today."

## KOHL AWARD BESTOWED ON TCCES EDUCATOR

**Mrs. Jill Ahles**, science and social studies teacher at Seton Catholic Middle School in Menasha has been chosen as a recipient of the **2012 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship Teacher's Award**. Ahles, who has been a teacher at Seton for eight years was also recognized by her Twin City Catholic Educational System (TCCES) peers last spring as an outstanding educator of the year. She is an exemplary teacher who inspires her students and ignites their interest in learning, and she stays current with advancements in curriculum, technology and child development. Ahles is also active as a school volleyball coach and co-leader (with her husband, John) of the school's FIRST Lego League team, which has advanced to state level competition for each of the past five years. Ahles is also an active volunteer with the Boys and Girls Brigade summer camps and clubs.

With the addition of Jill Ahles to the group of Kohl Fellowship winners, 13 TCCES teachers have received this honor since 1999, a remarkable 15% of full-time TCCES educators. "We are blessed in our TCCES schools with truly talented and dedicated teachers," says system president Mr.

Michael Sullivan. "The fact that 13 teachers from within our small community have been recognized as Kohl Fellowship winners reflects the quality of education and leadership our schools provide."

Previous TCCES recipients who have been recognized with this honor include Rhex Arboleda (2006), Chris Benrud (2010), Brad Curran (2009), Ruth Hoefs (2002), Ann Hoernke (2004), Kathy Kellermann (1999), Tom Kropidlowski (2007), Karen Langdon (2009), Jim Murphy (2001), Judy Stoffel (2004), Valerie Vancil (2007) and Jean Zuleger (2000).



## TCCES COMMITTED TO PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

At TCCES, we strive to create, provide and maintain the best-possible environment in which students are able to thrive and flourish. TCCES is committed to ensuring that every adult who comes into contact with any child has properly complied with all of the requirements established by the Diocese of Green Bay through the Protecting Our Children initiative. The three-step process involves:

- Participation in a three-hour VIRTUS adult awareness training session. The informative class educates adults about the warning signs of potentially abusive situations and provides guidelines for appropriate interaction with students, for the protection of both the adult and students.
- One-time completion of the diocesan application form (eAPPs) which includes authorization for a background check. Each person's background is automatically rechecked every four years thereafter.
- Submission each year of a signed Code of Conduct agreement.

Records are updated on an ongoing basis to confirm safe environment compliance, both in the TCCES Business Office and at the diocese. Tracking this information is an important safeguard for our students. Although some parents may object initially to the requirements because they "know *they* are fine," most come to see the importance of verifying the credibility of every



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adult that comes into contact with our students. “Although no system is foolproof,” says Jeanne Lee, TCCES Director of Business Services, “it is of utmost importance that we do everything in our power to create a safe environment for our students. We take this very seriously, and we are fortunate that the diocese has such a strong program in place for us.”

For more information about Protecting Our Children, visit [www.gbdioc.org/protectingourchildren](http://www.gbdioc.org/protectingourchildren). Questions about the program should be directed as follows: parents/volunteers should email Seton Administrative Assistant Barb Funk or call her at 727-0279; employees should contact Jeanne Lee.



## LENT IN TCCES SCHOOLS

In addition to liturgies and a reconciliation service, St. Mary Central will observe Lent this year with a Living Stations of the Cross that will involve high school students and the St. Mary Elementary School community. The Reverend Jewel Aytona from the Our Lady of Good Hope Shrine in Champion, WI, whose unique way of communicating with students involves breakdancing and rapping, will visit the school after the liturgy on April 30 to share his message of Jesus’ love.

Each week during Lent, every Seton religion class will take some time in the chapel to reflect on their Lenten journey as the season progresses. Every year, Seton collects sacrificial donations for a local, a national and a worldwide project. Students are expected to do extra chores to raise the money or donate from their own finances. This year, the international organization is the Water for South Sudan project, a group that strives to provide destitute people with the simple gift of clean water. Eighth grade Seton students will make a special Lenten pilgrimage to the new Our Lady of Good Hope Shrine in Champion, Wisconsin.

The TCCES elementary schools planned some shared activities and some of their own. Every school had a special

ceremony to symbolically bury the word “Alleluia” for the solemn season of Lent. The word will be joyfully resurrected after Easter. All of the schools will also observe the Stations of the Cross-- St.

Mary students will attend a service at church each Friday, St. Gabriel students will perform a Living Stations of the Cross all together, and each class at St. Margaret Mary will observe the tradition in the way that best suits each age group. Alms collected at each school will go to separate organizations including a mission school in India, an orphanage in Mexico and Operation Rice Bowl, an international hunger-fighting organization. All of the elementary students are also writing or drawing in reflection journals, and each school will present a Tennebrae service for students on Holy Thursday.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Please welcome Robin Gallucci, who is hard at work as our new part-time Zephyrfest event planner. Gallucci has an extensive business background and in recent years has been involved as a community volunteer, particularly in the area of event planning. Former coordinator Sue Thelen has transitioned to a part-time position in development and constituent relations.

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## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- All three TCCES elementary schools participated in the International Day of Peace in September. In preparation for the event, each student created a colorful pinwheel with a personal message or prayer for peace. On the special day, they all gathered together at their schools for a prayer service to remember those who have given their lives in the name of peace, and to ask for peace in the school family, in the community, and the world. "Although the pinwheels have now been removed," said one principal, "the hopes and prayers for peace in our world will continue."



- At Seton Catholic Middle School, the seventh and eighth graders at Seton recently completed a quarter-long project that spanned three curriculum areas and culminated in a spectacular science fair. After choosing a topic, they conducted background research, wrote research



papers and analyzed and graphed their data. Using their new knowledge, students used the scientific method to test and conduct experiments. Topics were varied and included building the best bridge, the science of dizziness and video games as exercise. The final projects were displayed at the science fair, where the eighth graders' projects were judged by high school science teachers.

- The SMC Environmental Activists Respecting Their Habitat (EARTH) Club has more than 30 active members who are concerned with protecting the environment, focusing on creating



awareness and supporting earth-friendly activities. For the past two years, EARTH members have been working through the three-phase process to have SMC certified as a Green and Healthy school through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Among other requirements, this year it involved collecting all of the garbage disposed of at SMC on certain days and counting, inspecting and separating the waste into recyclable and non-recyclable categories. "We were pleased," says religion teacher and club advisor Gail Hawley, "to see that SMC already does a pretty good job of recycling. There's always room for improvement, though, and we'll keep on working to create awareness and good stewardship." The group is also involved with the state's highway clean-up project and raising funds for local environmental projects.



### DID YOU KNOW?

A focus on teacher training and the frequent and effective use of SMART boards in elementary and middle school classrooms, as well as complete integration of laptops across the curriculum at the high school means that TCCES students are benefitting from true technology integration. Recently, school districts in the area have been going digital with the purchase of iPads or similar devices for particular age groups. The difference in TCCES schools should be noted. For more information, check out our technology FAQs at [http://www.tcces.org/documents/TCCES\\_Tech\\_FAQs\\_Feb12.pdf](http://www.tcces.org/documents/TCCES_Tech_FAQs_Feb12.pdf) on our website.

## TCCES TASK FORCE LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

TCCES is studying ways to sustain and advance facilities and curriculum to ensure the continuation of high-quality Catholic education for our Fox Cities families. At the State of the Schools address in January, it was announced that a special task force has been created to review and recommend potential system changes and opportunities that will enhance TCCES educational excellence, as well as ensure long-term financial stability. The objective of this group is to collaborate with all stakeholders (families, parishes, staff, pastors, and the diocese) to explore solutions.

The task force was appointed by the TCCES Executive Committee and the pastors of the five Twin City parishes. It will function as an extension of the executive committee and will work with parish representatives, pastors and the board's executive committee, utilizing all resources in order to provide the best recommendations to the TCCES Board of Trustees. The task force will explore facilities capacity, community demographics, other parochial and public school system models and optimal class structures based on

## A SINCERE THANK YOU TO MR. MICHAEL SULLIVAN

It is with grateful hearts that we bid farewell to TCCES President Michael Sullivan. In the eight years since Mr. Sullivan took on the then-new position of system president, TCCES has made tremendous strides in many areas, including system unity; Catholic identity; curriculum alignment, expansion and improvement; public perception and fiscal management. Growth in just a few of these areas would be cause for celebration, but success in so many aspects that are vital to the success and essences of Catholic education is nothing short of remarkable. A quiet, but strong leader, Mr. Sullivan set a professional, compassionate and dedicated standard that is admired and appreciated throughout TCCES.

On behalf of the entire TCCES family, we in the advancement department and TCCES administrative offices wish Mr. Sullivan and his wife, Rita, the very best as they move into the next phase of their lives.

curriculum needs. The input of the TCCES community will be requested and welcomed, according to TCCES Board President Bob Andersen. "The input of all interested parties," says Andersen, "will be vital as we look the future." Recommendations developed by the task force will be presented to TCCES Board of Trustees in the fall of 2012 and ultimately to the TCCES Corporate Board and the diocese.

Outstanding Catholic education is a long-term priority in Menasha and Neenah. Exploring all practical options to continue delivering it to our TCCES families is important in order to sustain and meet high education standards for our community.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Many exciting things are happening this year with TCCES's new Mandarin language and culture program including a visit to China in November by SMC Principal Pat Batey funded by the Chinese Bridge Delegation educational exchange, a student field trip to Chicago's Chinatown and a short course for the general public on Chinese history and culture, which is being attended by about 20 community members. Several SMC students will compete in the Wisconsin Association of Chinese Teachers' Speech and Pronunciation Contest in April. Next year, second year Chinese will be added to the curriculum as the program continues to grow.



## COMING NEXT YEAR

Due to the success of her "Trip through China" educational series this spring, Mrs. Ping Champeau has already committed to teaching a similar course in the fall of 2012. Watch for more details! For more information or to be put on the contact list for this class, please contact Molly Griffin at [mgriffin@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:mgriffin@tcces.k12.wi.us) or 722-7796 ext 803.

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## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2012



## ST. MARY CENTRAL 2012 SUMMER PROGRAMS

*"The kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21*

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### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**WHO:** Girls entering grades 3-8 (ages are divided)  
**WHEN:** Mondays June 18, 25, July 9, 16, 23 and 30  
 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

*Boys Summer Skill Ball*  
**WHO:** Boys entering grades 2-4; 7:30 - 8:45 a.m.,  
 Boys entering grades 5-7; 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.,  
 Boys entering grades 8-9; 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays  
 June 12 - August 2

### *Middle School Shooting League*

**WHO:** Boys entering grades 6-9  
**WHEN:** Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 June 12 - August 2, 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**WHEN:** July 24-26  
**WHO:** Girls entering grades 5-6; 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.,  
 Girls entering grades 7-9; 5:15 - 7:30 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

**WHO:** Students entering grades 5-8  
**WHEN:** June 18 - 21, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### GIRLS TENNIS

**WHO:** Girls entering grades 6-8  
**WHEN:** June 11 - 15, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### SOCCER

**WHO:** Boys & girls entering grades 4-9  
 (ages and genders are divided)  
**WHEN:** June 11 - 14 (4 days), 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### STEPS

**WHO:** All student athletes entering grades 6-12  
**WHEN:** June 11 - July 26, M,T,W,TH, 7-8:00 a.m.,  
 8-9:00 a.m., 9-10:00 a.m.

### MUSICAL THEATRE

**WHO:** Students entering grades 2-6;  
 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., students entering  
 grades 6-12; 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.,  
**WHEN:** July 23 - August 3

### MATH TUTORING

Contact Ms. Trisha Reichenberger  
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All camps are held at St. Mary Central High School, Neenah. Camp t-shirt is included in fee. For general camp information contact Jennifer Miller at [jmiller@tcces.k12.wi.us](mailto:jmiller@tcces.k12.wi.us) or go to our site to view a brochure/registration form.

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## SMC STUDENT ACADEMIC HONORS

In Fall 2011, the College Board honored six SMC students who have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. The College Board's Advancement Placement Program (AP) provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced college placement, or both for successful performance on AP examinations. In addition, in the past two years, two SMC students have been recognized as National Merit Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation by scoring in the top percentage among the 1.5-million students who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) in the fall of their junior year.

As the result of extensive teacher training and certification, St. Mary Central has significantly increased the number of AP courses available, offered both as classes and independent study opportunities. This spring, SMC will administer AP

tests in twelve different areas. The school will proctor 113 tests with 69 individual students taking at least one AP exam. The drive to expand AP offerings as part of the system's focus on curriculum was led by guidance counselor Cindy Nelson, who will retire at the end of this year. Counselor Jennifer Whiting, who has worked in TCCES schools for six years, will move to SMC on a fulltime basis next year. Whiting holds a master's degree in school counseling and has been working extensively with Nelson for the past two years to prepare for the transition.

## ANNUAL FUND BRIDGES THE GAP

Staff development, religious education supplies, textbooks, maintenance of technology equipment, tuition assistance for qualified families...everyone can agree that all of these are



essential to providing an outstanding Catholic education to TCCES students. But, tuition payments and parish subsidies can only meet part of the cost of these important items—the rest must come from fundraisers and the Annual Fund.

The average cost to educate a TCCES student this year is \$6300. Your unrestricted support of the annual fund enables us to offset the average \$1260 per student that is not covered by tuition and parish subsidy. You can see what a difference you can make, so please be generous when making your gift today.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Semester 2012

### APRIL

- 16-26 TCCES Flower Sale
- 20 Scholarship Donor Breakfast  
Seton JAM Jazz Concert
- 26 St. Gabriel Spring Concert

### MAY

- 1 St. Margaret Mary Spring Concert
- 3-5 Seton Musical *Seussical, Jr.*
- 5 Zephyrfest
- 10 St. Mary Elementary Spring Concert  
Flower Sale Pick-Up
- 14 Seton Spring Band and Choir Concert
- 15 TCCES Elementary Band Concert  
@ SMES
- 20 SMC Spring Band and Choir Concert

### JUNE

- 1 Fifth Grade Recognition @ TCCES  
Elementary Schools
- 4 Seton Graduation
- 5 SMC Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation
- 6 Last Day of School
- 8 Teacher and Staff Recognition Breakfast
- 10-15 SMC Students to Catholic Heart  
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