

TWIN CITY CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM



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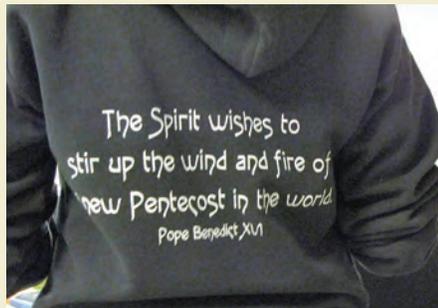
■ SPIRITUS AND TCCES—A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN



SPIRITUS involves teams of six to ten young adults who give nine months of service focused on igniting the faith of Catholic youth in the parishes and Catholic schools of Wisconsin.

Based at the Mt. Tabor Center in Menasha, SPIRITUS is perfectly positioned to play an active role in supporting the faith development of TCCES students.

Guided by the Holy Spirit in their mission to inspire young Catholics to spread the gospel and renew the church, SPIRITUS team members are active in TCCES schools. At St. Mary Central High School they lead retreats, do witness talks in theology classes and regularly attend the weekly “7:07 Zephyr train to heaven” liturgies. At Seton and the elementary schools, SPIRITUS team members lead class retreats, including the year-end fifth grade gathering that focuses on the transition to middle school, relationships



and the students’ growing spirituality. Traditionally during Catholic Schools Week the group has done a spirit rally at Seton with witness talks and activities to help center students in the Catholic faith.

This year, they planned a Mardi Gras event with Catholic teachings, prayers and worship music. SPIRITUS also offers a new drop-in program on Friday afternoons at St. Patrick’s Geenan Hall that is very popular with Seton students.

“We have formed a fantastic relationship with SPIRITUS,” says St. Mary Central Campus Minister Mark Constancio. “They are a familiar presence on campus and they regularly invite students to events at Mt. Tabor. They also attend sporting events, arts performances and other co-curricular events, and form real and meaningful relationships with TCCES students.”



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



July 19, 2013



July 26-28, 2013



November 9, 2013



May 10, 2014

TCCES PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL DIGITAL LEARNING DAY

On February 6, teachers, administrators, faculty and students from TCCES joined with schools from across the country in marking the second annual Digital Learning Day, a nationwide event to promote the use of digital teaching and learning practices in the classroom.

At the elementary level, students received Digital Learning Day badges and had special opportunities in addition to their usual daily experience with technology. One class skyped with a poet in Great Britain about the writing process, another used digital cameras to create a class presentation, several used smart boards to practice letter formation and others recorded and edited their forensic pieces.

At Seton, students participated in an interactive chemistry lab lesson online and others took part in a virtual excavation of Egyptian artifacts. In the afternoon, every Seton student was able to choose two sessions from a list of nine presented by local citizens who work in a variety of industries including green technology, product engineering, law enforcement, business and medicine. The speakers educated students about how they use technology in the workplace. They also talked about how technology has changed and continues to impact their careers.

At St. Mary Central, where technology is ubiquitous thanks to the one-to-one laptop program, students enjoyed participating in three quizzes that could be accessed only by reading a QR code with their laptops or Smartphones.

Eleven speakers, including several alumni, visited St. Mary Central to talk about technology in the workplace. Students were able to choose two sessions regarding technology in the workplace in careers including marketing and communications, engineering (several types), aeronautics, law enforcement, real estate, healthcare (several fields) and music production.

In addition to activities for students, TCCES also offered two sessions for community members including an internet safety information session for parents and an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with Smartphones.



DID YOU KNOW?

Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, TCCES is switching to a printable online version of the system calendar. This is being done for several reasons: to offer a calendar that is always current, to save money on production and printing costs, and because it's the greener, more tech-savvy option!

OUR BEAUTIFUL, BUSY NEW VENUE

The beautiful new Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center has been a very busy place since its doors opened with a day of celebration on Saturday April 13, 2013! A dedication ceremony with a blessing by The Most Reverend Bishop David Ricken started off the day, followed by two performances by Branson, Missouri-favorites The Duttons, as well as a reception for donors. In the few short weeks since those inaugural activities, the theater has been the site of numerous events, many of which are pictured below:



St. Mary Central all-school liturgies



Seton's *Guys and Dolls, Jr.*



The SMC Junior/Senior Prom



Blessing by The Most Reverend Bishop David Ricken



A live broadcast of Catholic radio personality Father Rocky's "Go Ask Your Father"



SMC performance of *Beauty and the Beast*

DID YOU KNOW?

You can keep up with TCCES over the summer on Facebook ([facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com))! "Like" Twin City Catholic Educational System to receive our postings of fun TCCES facts and smiling faces.

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■ \$CRIP PARTICIPATION (AND BENEFITS TO TCCES) SKYROCKET

In the two fiscal quarters since the online \$scrip program was launched, the number of users and the dollar amount going to families' tuition, TCCES tuition assistance and the participating parishes of Neenah and Menasha has skyrocketed!

According to TCCES Director of Business Services Jeanne Lee, the dollar amount of profits being credited to participating school families as tuition credits has doubled in six months. While the current participation rate of 45% is a significant increase, many more TCCES families could still take advantage of this benefit to achieve a real reduction in the cost of tuition.

Due to a number of exceptional and dependable volunteers led by St. Mary Elementary parent Stacie McClone, nearly \$60,000 will be made available through \$scrip to help students whose families choose a Catholic education. In addition, families with children who attend religious education classes or prepare for sacraments through participating parishes may

use TCCES \$scrip to offset the cost of religious education fees.

By visiting the \$scrip site (shopwithscrip.com) families can easily place orders and reload gift cards from the convenience of their own homes. Even more exciting, once Presto Pay is set up, users can pay for their orders online and purchase ScripNow, which can be printed out instantly or accessed via Smartphone. And don't forget that friends and relatives are able to sign up and have their purchases credited to any TCCES family's account.

\$scrip sales continue through the summer with all orders due by noon on the Monday of each week and pick up at the St. Mary Central High School Business Office or participating parish offices beginning Thursday afternoons. There will be no \$scrip sold during the weeks of July 1 or September 2. If you haven't signed up yet, visit our TCCES website to print out the instructions at tcces.org under the \$scrip tab, and watch your credits grow!

■ GOODBYE AND THANK YOU!

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the following TCCES faculty members who retired at the end of the school year. We appreciate their dedication and commitment to Catholic education, and wish them the very best as they take their leave. Each and every one will remain forever part of the TCCES family.

Pat Bowen
Mary Buchta
Michael Buss
Sue Callan
Mike Heideman
Jim Machamer
Bruce Nufer
Larry Orth
Judy Stoffel

TCCES Director of Advancement Ann Engelhard has stepped down from her position after ten years of dedicated leadership. The impact of her dedication and professional contributions to TCCES will be long lasting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2013!



DID YOU KNOW?

We love to see those smiling faces, scholars, athletes and community members, so please remember to visit Shutterfly (stmarycentraltccesphotos.shutterfly.com) and click on the link to upload your photos to the TCCES page. It's also a great site to visit if you would like to see the action from an event you missed.