



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013

Greater Zephyr Open
Royal St. Patrick's, Wrightstown

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013

Alumni Awards Event
St. Mary Central High School

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2013

1963 – 50th Class Reunion*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2013

Class of 1978 – 35th Class Reunion*

SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2013

Class of 1953 – 60th Class Reunion*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013

Class of 1961 "70th Birthday Party"*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

Class of 1973 – 40th Class Reunion*

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2013

SMC Homecoming Weekend

*See back cover for details

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NEW FINE ARTS EDUCATION CENTER

On April 13, 2013, the new Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center was dedicated and blessed by the Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, in a beautiful ceremony that included TCCES students, local parish priests, project and community leaders and local dignitaries. Attendees were, for the first time, able to see the addition to St. Mary Central High School that includes a fully-equipped, state-of-the-art theater and a forensic forum, as well as four interactive classrooms, each with a specific science, technology or career development purpose. Later in the day, The Duttons, an intergenerational variety act from Branson, Missouri, entertained guests in two well-attended performances to celebrate the grand opening. Then, Tuesday, April 16, the St. Mary Central community celebrated its first all-school liturgy in the new facility.



Bishop David Ricken and Dave Voss '73

In addition to the 495-seat theater, the new Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center includes a fly-rigging system, set production shop, green room and forensic theater. The venue will now provide a marvelous facility for students to develop and share their gifts in theater, vocal, instrumental and visual arts, as well as their behind-the-scenes production talents.

Each of the four new technology classrooms is unique and will be available to classes, school clubs and community members and groups for educational purposes. The four rooms include a distance learning lab, a forensic/presentation lab, a business marketing and graphics design lab and an I-STEM (Innovation-Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classroom. These facilities will enable students to develop 21st-century skills, interact with instructors and peers from around the world and receive specialized training in technology-based career skills.

Even as St. Mary Central has adapted to a changing world, it has consistently maintained a sound foundation in faith, academics and service. In recent years, the addition of the one-to-one laptop program, the Mandarin Chinese language and culture curriculum and more accelerated, AP and CAPP courses has furthered the school's quest for academic excellence. No one knows better than St. Mary/St. Mary Central alumni that the school has always been firmly dedicated to educating the whole student.

Many alumni embraced the fine arts education center project, and were actively involved in the planning and fundraising, working to give today's and tomorrow's students greater opportunities. Alumna Barb (Braun '93) Unruh's four children all attend TCCES schools. Her two oldest are students at St. Mary Central, where they are actively involved in fine arts and interested in the sciences. While attending the grand opening, Unruh recalled with amusement the days of putting on stage makeup in the basement cafeteria at the old school and performing to an audience seated in folding chairs. "I am amazed at how far SMC has come since my high school days," she reflected. "What a legacy we are leaving for the students of today and way into the future. It sure is an exciting time to be a Zephyr!"

Alumni in Action at SMC

On the snowy Saturday between Christmas and New Year's, a group of alumni basketball players gathered at the Ralph "Cyclone" McClone Gym for a friendly game of hoops.



Row 1: (L/R) Luke Bergstrom '02, Matt Flunker '09, Eric Coopman '00, Jake Bergstrom '02

Row 2: (L/R) Michael Stinski '11, Mat Van Zeeland '12, Robert Michalkiewicz '03, Coach Mark Ziebell, Brian O'Connell '09



Row 1: (L/R) Katie Houselog '12, Clare Englebert '09, Megan Miner '10, Maggie Pawlowski '09, Rachel Brown '09

Row 2: (L/R) Laura Schroeder '05, Leisa Conn '11, Emily Meyer '07, Corrin Koslowski '07



Craig Uhlenbrauck '89 and Dan '01 and Mike '04 Voss

During the recent basketball season, three alumni, **Craig Uhlenbrauck '89** and **Dan '01** and **Mike '04 Voss**, coached the sixth grade Junior Zephyr basketball team.



Amanda (McClone '05) Gilioli, third from left, and SMC students

Amanda (McClone '05) Gilioli recently spoke to students during a Teens for Life luncheon. Amanda was instrumental in establishing this pro-life group while at SMC, and is currently involved in Wisconsin Right to Life.



Paul '61 and Pat (Vandehey '61) Meier

St. Mary Central observed "National Digital Learning Day" on Wednesday, February 6. Several alumni were featured speakers at sessions concerning technology in the workplace that were offered to students. Many also attended a presentation called "Getting To Know Your Smartphone."

Engagements, Weddings and Newborns

Liz (Bergstrom '98) Auth and husband, Robin, welcomed a baby girl, Adelaide Quinn, on January 4, 2013.

Leigh (Englebert '99) Klatt and husband, Justin, welcomed baby Adalyn Leigh on January 20, 2013. Adalyn joins big brother, Austin.

Stephanie (Fink '00) Rossi and husband, Nick, welcomed daughter, Emma, on February 18, 2013.

Eric '00 and Renee (Heimerman '00)

Siems welcomed Ellen Marie on February 19, 2013. Ellen joins big brother, Thomas.



Eric, Ellen and Thomas Siems

Kathryn Kaufman '02 became the bride

of Jason Rasmussen on August 24, 2012

at St. Margaret Mary Church

in Neenah. Kathryn is currently employed as an assistant state's attorney at the Winnebago County, Illinois State's Attorney Office. Kathryn and Jason reside in Harvard, Illinois.

Emily Tuchscherer '02

and her fiancé, Michael Stagliano, started dating after he filmed *Bachelor Pad 3*. The couple is planning a Memorial Day 2014 wedding in Chicago. Emily recently accepted an investment banking position in Los Angeles.



Michael Stagliano and Emily Tuchscherer '02

Allison Becker '04 and Chris Kellett are engaged and planning a summer 2014 wedding.

Kali Houselog '04 and Peter Sawyer were married on October 20, 2012. Kali, a doctor of chiropractic, is employed at Family & Sports Chiropractic in Appleton.

Alumni Updates

ALUMNUS REFLECTS ON SERVING MASS WITH POPE BENEDICT XVI

Matt Rappl, a seminarian currently studying in Rome and a 2009 SMC graduate, recently reflected on being chosen to serve Christmas Eve Mass with Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's Basilica. Below are excerpts from that reflection.



Matt Rappl '09

"In the awe of standing under Bernini's massive baldachinno above the altar, and staring down the expanse that is St. Peter's central nave, it's not too hard to get carried away in the moment... Thankfully, everything in St. Peter's points to the altar.

The privilege of serving the Christmas Vigil Mass was something that will remain with me for a lifetime... One can't help but be moved by the sheer immensity of St. Peter's Basilica and the architects certainly had that in mind when they were constructing it... Another thing that struck me about the Mass was observing the cardinals ascending the steps to the altar to receive Holy Communion. These men have given their lives in service to the Church. Some of them have even experienced persecution in their own countries and yet they were all united in their love of the Holy Father and were present to celebrate one of the greatest of all mysteries, the Incarnation. What a joy it is, indeed, to celebrate the birth of Christ in the heart of the church, above the tomb of St. Peter, with our current pope, Benedict XVI." Used with permission from *The Compass*

SMC GRADS "GROW LOCAL"

In 2011, St. Mary Central grads Calvin Andersen '07 and Steve Catlin '07 teamed up with a college roommate to form Grow Local, a start-up farming operation offering sustainable produce grown using organic methods. A greenhouse-enclosed system called aquaponics (raising fish in tanks and growing plants in the water), is one example of how Grow Local plans to create a sustainable food source that will invigorate the community, economically and environmentally. "The Fox Valley is a great market for local food, and right now we're finding, to our pleasure, that those looking for local products are underserved here," Catlin said.



Fehrenbach, Catlin '07 and Andersen '07

The trio has overcome some growing pains because figuring out how to run a business as well as a farm is no easy feat. Luckily they aren't afraid to get their hands dirty! But sustainable agriculture is not the only goal at Grow Local. Developing a sustainable business is also high priority. The current operation on Park Avenue in Neenah is a pilot project to prove the model, and is the first step in a larger plan to franchise Grow Local. "We kind of had the notion when we started that we wanted to save the world," said partner Alex Fehrenbach. "Our vision for the future is still the same. We want to be an integral part of the community for education and food and for entrepreneurship." For more information, visit the website at growlocal.us.

ALUMNA TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP AT ST. MARY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jill (Gyrion '85) Ahles, Seton educator and St. Mary alumna will succeed Michael Buss as principal of St. Mary Elementary School in Menasha. An active parish member at St. Mary her entire life, Jill spent her early years at St. Mary Elementary School and then went on to attend the original St. Mary High School. Now, she and her husband are sending their children through TCCES schools. Jill's roots run deep in St. Mary Parish--her



Jill Ahles '85 with students

own great-grandparents, John and Mary Ponkratz, were founding members of the parish, and her great-grandfather helped to build the physical church.

"One of my fondest memories of growing up just a block away from St. Mary church is listening to the church bells ring. It seems that the 'bells of Saint Mary's are now calling me back to Saint Mary Elementary School," she recalls. "I feel that God has always directed me in my career choices and feel strongly that He again is calling me to take on this new opportunity. I'm humbled and honored to return to my roots at St. Mary Elementary School as the next principal. I will work with the faculty and staff to build on and expand the foundation and traditions of the school, which have sustained it through many changes and challenges over the years. It is very exciting to be a part of this next chapter!"

Patrick Batey, president of TCCES, is pleased to have such a strong candidate to follow Mike Buss. "Mike is a true professional. His leadership, dedication and strong commitment to his faith and to Catholic education will be missed. At the same time, we are thrilled to have an educator of the caliber of Jill Ahles assuming leadership at St. Mary Elementary School. With her roots in the school community, enthusiasm and credentials, she is the perfect person to lead St. Mary into the future."

**MARQUETTE HOOPS
LIFE LESSONS CARRY
FROZENA FORWARD**
SMC alumnus Robert
Frozena '07 was recently
featured in the *Marquette
Business Update* magazine.
Below is an excerpt from that
Q&A interview:



Robert Frozena '07

Q: What did basketball teach you about the value of teamwork?

A: "Obviously you see teamwork on the floor, on the court. But behind the scenes, there's always little things that result in your teammates saying 'Get through it, you can do it'. I know when I was on the team, just a couple of times, I would help tutor the guys in certain courses. You're working together to achieve your ultimate goal and it's the same way in the business world."

Q: Did that teach you how to work without worrying who got the credit?

A: "Absolutely. When you go through your classes in school, especially on the business side, you're always doing team projects because they're trying to prepare you for the real world. I just kind of had, I guess you could say, a double course of lessons."

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Q: You're still remembered as a fan favorite at Marquette. What did that teach you?

A: "It taught me appreciation. It's absolutely amazing that the fans appreciated me as much they did. It was never necessary....I never asked to be embraced like that. However, I'm eternally grateful to every Marquette fan until the day I die. My four years, I'll never forget. The experiences were like nothing else..."

Frozena now works as a securities trader at Baraboo Growth, LLC in the Milwaukee area.

FORMER CLASSMATES PRESENT AT SAME CONFERENCE

Elizabeth Allen and **Tara Mendez** were friends and classmates at SMC, graduating in 2009 and entering the honors programs at their respective colleges. In April, by coincidence, both ended up presenting at the 27th National Conference on Undergraduate Research. Allen, a recent graduate of Hamline University, spoke on Emotion Regulation and Satisfaction in Romantic Relationships. Mendez, who is graduating from St. Norbert College this spring spoke on Quantification of Vesicular Glutamate Transporter Proteins in Zebra Finch Neurons. The alumnae have plans for postgraduate education in marriage counseling and family therapy and veterinary science, respectively.

Alumni at Zephyrfest

March 16th at the Radisson Paper Valley was the place to be! Zephyrfest 2013 was held with 710 guests enjoying a wonderful Moroccan inspired evening. Enjoy these pictures of several alumni friends in attendance.



*Beth (Beachkofski '71) Sass and
Jane (Beachkofski '73) Voss*



*Matt Kellermann '01, Steward Koskinen
'01 and Tom Kellermann '05*



*Leigh (Englebert '99) Klatt, Meghan (Healy '99)
Teeling and Leisl (Bergstrom '99) Britzke*



Pete '69 and Pat (Zelinski '69) Zagzebski



*Patti Houlihan '75, Becky (Hett '73) Auxier,
Sue (Viotto '72) Fink and John Fink '66*



**Alumni! We would love to include information about you
in future editions of the *Zephyr Connection*.**

Please send information about and photos of Class reunions • Weddings • New arrivals
Professional accomplishments • Graduations • Athletic accomplishments • Community involvement
• Volunteer activities • Lottery winnings—big donation expected

Please email Sue Simonsen at ssimonsen@tcces.org with your news.

SMC Happenings

STUDENT LAUNCHES SUICIDE-AWARENESS PROGRAM

As a fifth grader, Katie Gloede, now a 16-year-old SMC sophomore, was "hit hard" by kids and teens considering suicide. She has now decided to do something about it.



Katie Gloede

Through a series of recent events, Katie has raised funds to sustain an educational program called "Learn 2 Fly," which will hire suicide-prevention trainers to speak to high school and middle school students throughout the Fox Valley. Katie is laying the groundwork for a career that will help others. "I want to study psychology and hopefully open a nonprofit psychiatric firm to help people who need help, but can't pay for it," she said. Katie enjoys writing, reading and music, but mostly, she says, "I really, really, really enjoy helping people."

SPRING MUSICAL IN NEW FINE ARTS EDUCATION CENTER

SMC's Zephyr Players were pleased to present the beloved Disney musical *Beauty and the Beast* as the troupe's first theatrical production in the new Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center. Young patrons were encouraged to dress up as their favorite character for the afternoon shows, and many little princesses came to have their pictures taken with Belle and use their magical, lighted roses to help bring about the show's magic.

FATHER ROCKY BROADCASTS LIVE FROM SMC

Relevant Radio did a live broadcast of its popular "Go Ask Your Father" show with radio personality Fr. Rocky at St. Mary Central on Friday May 3. In this live-audience format our students had the opportunity to ask



Fr. Rocky listens to a question from sophomore Claire Kalas

Fr. Rocky a wide variety of questions about our church, moral teachings and faith life. Fr. Rocky answered students' pre-approved questions, and students were able to participate in the broadcast that was heard by a nationwide audience with thousands of listeners. Fr. Rocky, aka Fr. Francis Hoffman, JCD, is the executive director of Relevant Radio. His "Questions and Answers" column appears in *Our Sunday Visitor's* "The Catholic Answer" magazine.

SCHOLARSHIP DONOR BREAKFAST ENJOYED

A special gathering was held on May 8, 2013 at St. Mary Central to thank our generous scholarship donors. In attendance were our honored guests, as well as TCCES President and SMC Principal Patrick Batey, advancement and guidance department staff, parents and students. An SMC senior who receives tuition assistance addressed the group and told about the many opportunities she has enjoyed as an SMC student. Several donors shared stories about the origin and significance of their scholarships.



Chatting at the Scholarship Donor Breakfast are (L/R) Don Marshall, Mike Tuchscherer and Jerry O'Connell '53

MARCH FOR LIFE DELEGATION TRAVELS TO D.C.

Eight SMC students and two advisors were in Washington, D. C. for the March For Life 2013 Rally. We appreciate their representation of the TCCES/SMC community at this very special event. Thanks to SMC faculty Anne Shelley '69 and Mark Constancio, as well as the parent chaperones, for their guidance and leadership.



BEST WISHES TO ANN ENGELHARD

TCCES Director of Advancement Ann Engelhard has stepped down from her position after ten years of dedicated leadership. Engelhard was instrumental in establishing and growing the advancement department in the areas of development, enrollment growth, alumni and donor relations, marketing and fundraising. Engelhard also played a significant role in the project management of our new Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center.

The influence of Ann Engelhard's dedication and professional contributions to TCCES will be long lasting. We thank her for her hard work, commitment and visionary leadership, and wish her well as she leaves to pursue personal interests.

OOPS!

From our Fall/Winter issue, we have a few corrections: (1) **Patti Houlihan** '75 is retiring after 37 years of coaching--20 years at Seton and 17 years at St. Mary Elementary. (2) **Sue (Mitchell) Houlihan** graduated in 1982. (3) Under "In Memoriam," **James Lotzer** graduated in 1948.

Winter/Spring Sports Update

BASKETBALL

The Lady Zephyrs **girls basketball team** had a successful season, finishing fourth in the Olympian Conference. Junior Jenna Thelen was chosen first team all-conference.

The **boys basketball program** had a strong season that ended with a loss in the regional finals against Shiocton.

SPRING SPORTS

An unusually rainy spring put all of the sports team behind schedule, with many competitions cancelled and not rescheduled. More cooperative weather finally arrived, however, allowing the girls soccer, boys tennis, baseball, softball, golf and track teams to compete.

Highlights of the season (as of mid-May) included senior Kelly Conn breaking the school record for the most career soccer goals that had been set by her sister, alumna **Leisa Conn '11**; the baseball team now playing all home games on campus with their new diamond amenities; and the golf team having their best season in years!



You're Invited

SMC Alumni Awards Event

July 20, 2013 • Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center

HONOREES:

Alumni Achievement
Mary Beth Nienhaus '61

Distinguished Service
Jim Cummings '83

Outstanding Catholic Christian Service
Sister Eileen Mahony '59

Athletic Hall of Fame
Dawn (Derfus '89) Gaab
Jeff Ropella '83
1953 Boys Basketball Team
1955 Football Team

THE EVENING:

4:00 p.m. Mass available at St. John's Menasha
5:15 p.m. Welcome/Tour of the Fine Arts Center
6:00 p.m. Alumni Awards
6:45 p.m. Buffet/Cash Bar
7:30 p.m. Hall of Fame Awards
8:45 p.m. Closing

For each reservation, register online at www.tcces.org or send \$30 per guest and their names by July 12 to:

St. Mary Central High School
Attn. Alumni Awards Event
1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI 54956

Questions? Contact Sue Simonsen, 722-7796 x 853 or email ssimonsen@tcces.org



Greater Zephyr Open

Friday, July 19, 2013

Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links



Schedule:

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| 8:00 am | Registration |
| 10:00 am | Shotgun Start - NOTE: EARLIER START TIME FOR 2013 |
| 3:30 pm | Dinner (heavy hors d' oeuvres) |

Entrance fee of \$105 per person includes:

- 18 holes scramble format golf (rain or shine), cart and range balls
- Lunch "at the turn"
- Hole prize challenges and Hole-In-One prize opportunities
- Dinner (Dinner-only tickets are \$15.)

NEW for 2013:

Prepaid Wristband (\$45 per person)

"On Course" raffles/games include:

- TaylorMade ROCKETBALLZ RBZ driver raffle
- Putting Contest for cash
- "Refreshment" raffle
- (2) Mulligans

Sponsorship Opportunities

_____ **Event Sponsor** \$2,000
(includes four complementary golfers)

_____ **Cart Sponsor** \$1,000
(includes two complementary golfers)

_____ **Lunch Sponsor** \$500
(includes one complementary golfer)

_____ **Hole Sponsor** \$350
(includes one FREE Olympian Conference Family Athletic Pass (\$135 value) for the 2013-14 season)

Golfer Registration

_____ **Golfers** \$105 per person
\$420 per foursome

_____ **On-Course Wristbands** \$45 per person
\$180 per foursome

_____ **Dinner Only** \$15 per person

Player #1 _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

Golfer Registration deadline is Friday, July 12th.

Register by June 7th to be entered into a drawing to WIN (2) 18 hole rounds with cart at Royal St. Patrick's!



Proceeds from the GZO benefit the St. Mary Central Booster Club.

 **Register ONLINE!**

Scan the QR code or visit www.tcces.org/smc

Or mail this registration form with payment to:
SMC Booster Club, 1050 Zephyr Drive
Neenah, WI 54956



CLASS OF 1961 TO HOLD "70TH YEAR BIRTHDAY" CELEBRATION

St. Mary High School • Menasha High School
Neenah High School

Come celebrate our 70th birthdays!

Saturday, September 14, 2013

Place: Jefferson Park Pavilion, Menasha

Time: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Bring your own picnic lunch and beverages (chairs & coolers if you wish)...we can always order in!

Cost: Free...you earned it at 70!

RSVP: Bob Rueckl at rjrueckl@gmail.com

Any help with additional or updated email information is appreciated!

Thanks to the planning committee: Mary (McChain) Kugler, Kathy and Ken Syring, Sandra (Schanke) Hanney, Bob Rueckl, and Leo Nickash



1050 Zephyr Drive
Neenah, WI 54956



**Congratulations,
Class of 2013!**

Welcome to the SMC Alumni Family!

2013 Reunions

CLASS OF 1953 – 60TH CLASS REUNION

Please join the celebration which begins with a fish fry on Friday, September 13 at Stone Toad. Classmates will gather again on Saturday, September 14 for a luncheon at North Shore. Contact Paul Schierl at cornerstone@cfnews.org.

CLASS OF 1963 – 50TH CLASS REUNION

This special reunion group's reunion will be held at the Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Conference Center in Neenah on Saturday, August 10. Please contact Kathy at macsell4u@aol.com for registration details.

CLASS OF 1973 – 40TH CLASS REUNION

This class will gather at the Miron Banquet Center on Saturday, September 20, 2013 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Please contact Gary Lesperance – gary@lesperance.org.

CLASS OF 1978 – 35TH CLASS REUNION

This group will gather on Saturday August 17 at SMC for a tour of the facility, including the new fine arts education center and technology classrooms. The group will continue their celebration at O'Hauser Park. Other details can be obtained by contacting Joe Rohe at snocruzers@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 2003 – 10TH CLASS REUNION

Plans are in the works for this class to gather for their tenth reunion. Please contact Brian Collar at briancollar@gmail.com.

Reunion classes still in need of chairpersons for 2013:

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| 1968 – 45th reunion | 1988 – 25th reunion | 1998 – 15th reunion |
| 1983 – 30th reunion | 1993 – 20th reunion | 2008 – 5th reunion |

Please contact Sue Simonsen at 920-722-7796, ext. 853 or ssimonsen@tcces.org for assistance in planning your reunion.

THIRD ANNUAL Brandon's B+ 5K RUN/WALK



July 27, 2013 8:30 am

St. Mary Central High School
1050 Zephyr Dr., Neenah, WI

SOCIAL EVENT AFTER RACE INCLUDING

Basket Raffles • Silent Auction
Games • Music • Food & Drink

**PROCEEDS GO TO THE BRANDON WILLEMS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**Visit 5kforbrandon.com
for registration information**