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Five Parishes Planning CONNECT 5 Community Event for New Middle School

(Neenah/Menasha) The five Catholic parishes of Neenah and Menasha are joining together to host a noncompetitive fun run/walk to raise funds for the new St. Mary Catholic Middle School which was recently constructed and now shares grounds with St. Mary Catholic High School.

The event will begin at St. Patrick's Parish (Nicolet Boulevard, Menasha) with registration and check beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015. The bells of all five churches will ring simultaneously to mark the beginning of the event at 10:00 a.m., and participants will walk along a route that includes the Trestle/Friendship Trail to the location of the new middle school at 1000 Zephyr Drive in the Town of Menasha.

Exciting, family-friendly activities, cash concessions and entertainment in a festival-like atmosphere will welcome participants at their destination. The cost is \$15 for students and \$25 for adults, with a \$60 maximum for families (immediate members). Registration forms are available at all five parishes, as well as church and school offices. You may also register online by visiting smcatholicschools.org and clicking on the New Middle School box.

"We are so excited about this opportunity to build community and provide support for our new middle school!" says event leader Mary Fulton. "We really encourage people to come out and support our Catholic schools. We are focusing on fun activities for kids and families, and the run/walk is non-competitive, so everyone can participate and have a great time!"

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St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) - which includes St. Gabriel, St. Margaret Mary and St. Mary Elementary Schools, St. Mary Catholic Middle School and St. Mary Catholic High School - strives to provide the highest quality education in a faith-filled environment for children in preschool through high school.