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SMCS VEX Teams Perform Well at Menasha Tournament

According to SMCS Technology and Engineering Club Leader Greg Cheslock, the St. Mary Catholic Schools VEX Robotics Teams had “a very good day” competing in the Menasha VEX Robotics Tournament at Menasha High School on Saturday, December 12. Every SMCS team made it to the quarter finals; six were in the semifinals, and three made it to the final round.

Ultimately, SMCS teams 1200 (Syntax Error) and 1200E (Nutz `n Voltz) partnered with a team from Notre Dame Academy to win the tournament, and also qualified (again) for the state and national tournaments. SMCS Team 1200F (Z Ballers) was a finalist, also qualifying for state.

SMCS teams also captured the following awards:
Create Award - Team 1200C (Technical Breakdown)
Design Award - Team 1200 (Syntax Error)
Excellence Award - Team 1200F (Z-Ballers)
Sportsmanship Award - Team 1200G (Robo Revolt) This is the first award earned by the eighth grade team.
Programming and Driver Skills Award - Team 1200F (Z-Ballers)

As of December 12, Z-Ballers is ranked fifth in the world in programming and driver skills!

Team members include:



Members of the winning alliance: Team 1200 (Syntax Error) includes (Row 1, l to r: William Mai, Robert Engelhard and Greg Gurta; and Team 1200E (Nutz 'n Voltz) includes (Row 1) Connor Trader, (Row 2) Dominic Lehner, Noah Johnson, Jakob Franda, Kobi Coggins, Jackson Miller and Nathan Zelinski.

St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) includes St. Mary Catholic High School and the new St. Mary Catholic Middle School in the Town of Menasha 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 each student in grades Pre3-12, by providing the highest quality education focused on faith, academics and service in a rapidly changing world.

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