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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SMCS to Present Elementary Enrichment Showcase

Neenah/Menasha: The St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) Elementary Enrichment Showcase will take place at the Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center on the campus of St. Mary Catholic High School (1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah) on **Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** The evening is an opportunity for SMCS Pre-3 - 5th grade students to share what they have learned through the variety of classes offered by the enrichment program. In addition to the onstage performances there will be a STEM display.

The Elementary Enrichment Program offers exciting and unique opportunities to SMCS students throughout the year, mostly in the areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), visual and performance arts and healthy living. The program offers opportunities for students to conveniently explore interests and hobbies that are not included in the regular school day. Courses vary each semester and alternate between our three elementary campuses (St. Gabriel Elementary and St. Margaret Mary Elementary in Neenah, and St. Mary Elementary in Menasha). Parents are able to enroll their children online for the courses.

The mission of the popular SMCS Elementary Enrichment Program is to offer a variety of classes to students at a low cost, build community among our elementary students, help families enjoy more time together at night and expose students to STEM and other programs that they may not otherwise get a chance to experience.

Some of the classes currently available to SMCS students are Clay Animation Studio, hip hop and ballet dance, art, tennis, golf, football, karate, chess, Girls on the Run, a co-ed

running club, Kidstage, Kiddy Keys and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) classes including VEX IQ Robotics, Jr. FIRST Lego, FIRST Lego League, Club Invention, a computer coding club and a math club.

Program Director Christine Cedergren stated, "Our exciting enrichment program boasts a wide variety of opportunities that cultivate an environment in which young people flourish: one that challenges their minds, expands their social awareness, reinforces their moral growth and promotes an active lifestyle." Visit the SMCS Elementary Enrichment Program page on the system's website at smcatholicschools.org for more information.

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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