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SMCS Announces Zephyr Fields of Dreams Project

Fox Cities: St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) is pleased to announce plans for the further development of the high school's competitive athletic facilities. Among the exciting improvements planned for the St. Mary Catholic Schools' main campus are a new softball field, a practice field and an equipment storage building with room for team gatherings.

Among the needs on the athletic/activities facility list, SMCS is placing a priority on providing adequate and equitable competition facilities. Construction of the softball field will complete the vision for the campus that was part of the middle school building project, and will ensure a permanent home for the high school softball team, which was displaced when the new middle school was constructed.

The plans also include:

- A new practice space for the football and soccer teams who currently practice where the new softball field will be located;
- A canopy over the batting cage that will protect the baseball and softball teams from inclement weather and the sun; and
- A building to house the additional equipment needed to maintain the grounds of the new school and the baseball and softball diamonds. The building will also be used for athletic team meetings due to last fall's expansion of the SMCS STEM Club's space.

Re-grading and surface work for the football and soccer practice fields will begin in April 2016, with the area ready for use by the beginning of August 2016. Construction of the softball field will begin in June 2016, with plans to be ready for the 2017 season. Options for the batting cage canopy design and the location, design and size of the storage/team-gathering space are currently being researched.

Financial support to complete the field development project comes primarily from generous gifts from the Jeff and Jennifer Hogenson Family, Scheels All Sports and Miron Construction, as well as many other donors and community members. Help is still needed, however, and alumni, parents and friends of SMCS athletics who appreciate the need for these improvements are encouraged to make a donation. The SMCS Booster Club will match, up to a total of \$10,000, any donation made to support the Zephyr Fields of Dreams initiative. Those who are interested in helping with the project may send a gift to the Zephyr Fields of Dreams Project, c/o St. Mary Catholic Schools, 1050 Zephyr Drive, Neenah, WI 54956. [Donations are also being accepted online](#): visit the SMCS website at smcatholicschools.org and click on the Zephyr Fields of Dreams box or visit the SUPPORT US page.

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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