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St. Mary Catholic Schools welcomes Eric Conner as fine arts director

Conner to lead high school theater productions, fine arts programs and campus fine arts center operations

NEENAH, Wis. (August 20, 2021) – St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) welcomes Eric Conner as its new fine arts director.

Collaborating with SMCS administrators, faculty, students and community partners, Conner will plan, coordinate and implement fine arts programming, lead high school productions and promote growth of fine arts at SMCS. He will also manage operations for the state-of-the-art Jane Bergstrom Fine Arts Education Center on campus and provide technical support in that venue, which hosts elementary through high school performances and community productions, assemblies and events throughout the year.

“St. Mary Catholic has a great theater program, and I’m excited to continue to lead the high level of theater here,” Conner said.

Prior to joining SMCS, Conner worked as the choral and performing arts director at Waupaca High School and previously held roles as the choir director for the Wisconsin Dells School District and the choir director for the Spooner Area School District. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in music education from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire in 2014.

Aligned with the vision to be a school system where students discover and develop their God-given talents, SMCS fine arts and other co-curricular opportunities are a part of a well-rounded education and core element of the SMCS student experience. Students are encouraged to explore theater, forensic performance, and visual, vocal and instrumental fine arts through a variety of curricular and co-curricular offerings at SMCS. For more information about fine arts at SMCS, visit <https://smcatholicschools.org/co-curriculars/fine-arts/>.

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St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) serves more than 900 students in grades preschool-12 at five campuses – St. Mary Catholic High School and St. Mary Catholic Middle School in the Village of Fox Crossing, Wisconsin, and St. Mary Catholic Elementary Schools (St. Gabriel and St. Margaret Mary in Neenah, Wisconsin, and St. Mary in Menasha, Wisconsin). SMCS is dedicated to preparing and inspiring students to lead meaningful lives, rooted in the teachings of Christ in our Catholic tradition.