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St. Mary Catholic High School to host VEX Robotics tournament January 8

More than 30 middle and high school robotics teams from 16 Wisconsin schools will compete this Saturday

NEENAH, Wis. (January 6, 2022) – St. Mary Catholic High School (SMCHS) will host the SMCHS VEX Robotics Tournament on Jan. 8, 2022.

Hosted at SMCHS, 1050 Zephyr Dr., Neenah, the tournament will feature more than 30 teams from schools around the region to compete to win tournament awards and earn spots in the state robotics competition. Six teams from St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) will also compete.

The public is invited to attend, and admission to the tournament is free. Masks will be required during the tournament. Concessions, including hot food and beverages, will be available throughout the day.

The schedule for the tournament is as follows:

Jan. 8, 2022

7:00 a.m.	Doors Open, Pit Area Open
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Inspection
7:30 a.m. – Noon	Interviews with Judges in Pit Area
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Coaches/Drivers Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Skills Competitions
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Qualifying Matches
11:30 a.m. – Noon	Lunch Break
Noon – 2:30 p.m.	Qualifying Matches Continue
2:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Break – Alliance Select Prep
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Alliance Selection Process
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Alliance Strategy Discussion
3:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Elimination Matches
5:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Awards and Close

“We enjoy hosting this annual robotics tournament. It provides our SMCS teams the opportunity to compete on our home turf, as well as allows us to provide hospitality and serve other teams through the team service center,” SMCHS VEX Robotics Advisor Phil Kerwin said. “We enjoy showcasing the exciting opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education here at SMCS and beyond.”

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In addition to VEX Robotics, SMCS provides a rigorous STEM curriculum including Advanced Placement (AP,) Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) courses and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) modules from preschool – grade 12. SMCS also offers STEM co-curricular programming, including aeronautics and rocketry, clean energy and solar exploration, video production, e-sports and electronics.

For more information about the tournament, contact Phil Kerwin at pkerwin@smcatholicschools.org. For more information about the VEX Robotics program, visit www.vexrobotics.com

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St. Mary Catholic Schools ([SMCS](http://www.smcatholicsschools.org)) serves about 950 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 Elementary and St. Margaret Mary Elementary in Neenah, Wisconsin, and St. Mary Elementary 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.