

# TCCES HIGHLIGHTS



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## TCCES Starts the Year-- and Every Day-- With Prayer

In late August, TCCES faculty and staff assembled for a daylong retreat at Homestead Meadows prior to the new school year. Following a diocesan update and heartfelt and inspiring address on personal prayer by Deacon Ray DuBois, communications director for the Diocese of Green Bay, the educational community shared a day of prayer, laughter, education and team-building. Every teacher received a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The day concluded with a Mass celebrated by Father Allen of St. Gabriel parish.

The following weekend, many TCCES families, faculty and supporters gathered to celebrate the annual Back to School liturgy and enjoy a cookout potluck picnic.



The Reverend Richard Allen joins in singing "Awesome God" at the closing of the TCCES Back to School liturgy.

"These annual events are a fitting way to begin our school year," says TCCES President Mike Sullivan. "Gathering as an education- and faith-community

### TCCES Mission Statement

Twin City Catholic Educational System, in partnership with family, Church and community, provides a quality Catholic education that is focused on faith, academics, service and personal development from preschool through high school to influence a rapidly changing world.

underscores the reasons that all of us choose to work and educate our children in Catholic schools, where sharing our faith is an integral part of our day, every day."



## TCCES Technology Update

As they entered their school buildings this year, TCCES students walked into classrooms that are increasingly better equipped to prepare them for the future. Every TCCES school has developed a working technology plan, and strides were made over the summer to implement many of the goals, with more upgrades planned throughout this academic year.

Three of the five campuses now have wireless capabilities. Data projectors, interactive white boards and laptops are already being used or are planned for every campus. Many TCCES teachers took classes and training sessions to learn how to better integrate technology into their lesson plans.

St. Mary Central High School administrators are very pleased with the smooth transition to the laptop-based curriculum that was initiated this fall. "The teachers were very well prepared and eager to begin this new school year," comments Principal Pat Batey. "Since we are starting the program with the freshman class, they were here for a full week before the other students started. The freshmen were so engaged with the laptops' capabilities that they didn't even mind starting early. Now the other students are excited to get started with their laptops." Sophomores and juniors will receive their laptops at the beginning of the second semester, in January.

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## TCCES Board of Trustees Refines Its Vision

As the system and the Green Bay Diocese continue to grow and evolve, a new role for the TCCES governing board has emerged. In conjunction with a shift from emphasis on the day-to-day matters in the schools, the entity has taken a new name—the TCCES Board of Trustees. This board is composed of all of the pastors from the Neenah-Menasha parishes and members selected and appointed by the board's governance committee, with care taken to create a balance of representation from Neenah-Menasha parishes and various constituencies.

The primary areas of focus for the TCCES Board of Trustees include:

- increasing visibility and communication
- hiring and evaluating the system president
- facilitating fundraising (particularly third-source fundraising) for the system
- developing growth opportunities (targeted growth opportunities include technology, enrollment, parish relationships, facilities, marketing and a continued focus on Catholic Identity).

Curriculum and educational issues are the responsibility of the schools, led by the individual school principals. Each principal works closely with and under the direction of the system president, who is responsible for keeping the board informed.

For more information, find the TCCES Board of Trustees under the *Who We Are* heading on the TCCES home page at [tcces.org](http://tcces.org).



The 2010-11 Board of Trustees (1 to 4) Seated: Rev. Paul Radetski, Michael Sullivan, Rev. Richard Allen; Standing: Bob Andersen, Marvin Daniels, Michelle Dejno, Meg Brew, Sue Pawlowski, Howard Healy, Sara Widener-Brightwell, Steward Koskinen, Lori Lepper, John Fuller, Gary Elmer, Rob Michel  
Not pictured: Rev. Michael Ingold, Beth Nemecek, Peter Schmitz

## Extremely Enthusiastic



TCCES faculty and staff were on hand for “the reveal” when Elementary Music Teacher Rhex Arboleda’s family saw their new home, built courtesy of many volunteers and the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* TV program. Don’t miss the episode featuring the Arboledas, which is scheduled to air on Sunday October 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The TCCES Board of Trustees recently approved this fresh new logo to reflect the system’s core values.

