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SMC Sends Three Teams to the 2010 Vex Robotics World Championship

NEENAH: The 2010 VEX Robotics World Championship will be held at the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas, Texas from April 22nd - 24th. Over 300 teams from around the world will be in Dallas to compete including Syntax Error, Short Circuit, and Mad DeZign, from SMC.

Syntax Error and Short Circuit earned their VEX Robotics World Championship slots by qualifying at the Wisconsin VEX Robotics Championship and Mad DeZign earned theirs by qualifying at the Great Lakes VEX Robotics Regional in Chicago.

The name of the game challenge this year is Cleansweep. The teams design and build their robots to score points by throwing footballs and soccer balls into their opponent's side of the playing field.

"The purpose of the SMC Technology and Engineering Club and VEX Robotics is to get young people interested in science, mathematics, and engineering by designing and building robots for competition. The majority of students who participate in high school robotics will continue their post high school education in science and engineering for career goals in engineering," stated Mr. Greg Cheslock, TEC Advisor.

Since 2003, SMC's TEC teams have competed in numerous regional and national competitions, placing teams in the top three each year at the national tournament since the club's inception, and earning the "Best Design," "Innovation" and the coveted "Inspire" awards.

St. Mary Central, a regional Catholic high school, is part of Twin City Catholic Educational System (TCCES). The system also includes St. Margaret Mary and St. Gabriel Elementary Schools in Neenah, as well as St. Mary Elementary and Seton Catholic Middle School in Menasha. TCCES is dedicated to the individual development of each student by providing an education focused on faith, academics and service.

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