



2011-2012 Prospectus

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Building the Future...Grounded in Tradition

St. Mary Central High School (SMC) is a Catholic high school located in the community of Neenah-Menasha, Wisconsin. SMC is part of Twin City Catholic Educational System (TCCES). Founded in 1929, SMC is the oldest operating high school in the Fox River Valley.

As a Catholic institution, SMC has the privilege of making faith the cornerstone of everything it has to offer. SMC instills Christian values and welcomes students of all religious beliefs.

SMC draws students from the Neenah-Menasha community (59%) and surrounding parishes (41%). The 2011-2012 freshman class is comprised of students from thirteen different middle schools. The varied socio-economic backgrounds of SMC students foster a balance of values and attitudes within the school community.

For over 80 years, SMC has been providing students with opportunities to enrich their education through participation in co-curriculars. An impressive 98% of students participate in co-curricular activities. Its smaller school size allows SMC the flexibility to foster students individual interests.

When graduating from St. Mary Central, students do not truly leave the school, but move on to become part of our vibrant and vital alumni community. The strength of the relationship between SMC and its alumni family is truly a testament to the school's commitment to and success in fulfilling its mission.

ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM

In June 2009, the TCCES Board of Education approved an exciting technology initiative that included every SMC student receiving a laptop computer. SMC is the first high school in the valley to undertake such an initiative.

Technology and use of the laptop has now been integrated into SMC's already strong curriculum. Teachers deliver technology-integrated instruction in collaboration with students researching and working on their laptops throughout the school day. Students then take the computers home to continue with homework and projects. Their laptops have become an integral tool for teachers and students. Laptops are not intended to be a replacement for the curriculum, but a tool to support it.

Instructors undergo extensive training in hardware, software and curriculum integration. It is essential to the success of this program that our teachers are thoroughly trained. SMC instructors are on the front line, and the success of their training ultimately determine the success of our program.

Outside sources provided the restricted funding needed for software, professional staff development and the infrastructure update necessary to support this endeavor. Families are responsible for procuring their laptops through a lease program, with the cost spread out over a student's time at SMC.

To be competitive in the 21st century, today's students require an engaging and progressive learning environment. St. Mary Central's investment in this program affirms our commitment to our mission of providing a quality education in a rapidly changing world. We are pleased to be at the forefront of the movement toward twenty-first century learning.





CURRICULUM

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A St. Mary Central High School student will be awarded a diploma when 27.5 credits have been earned. Of these 27.5 credits, 20.0 are required courses and 7.5 are electives. The guidance department recommends that students take additional college preparatory courses to reach the recommended credit levels.

Required Credits

AREA	CREDIT
Computer Science	.5
English	4.0
Fine Arts	.5
Health	.5
Mathematics	3.0
Physical Education	1.5
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
Theological Studies	4.0

Recommended College Preparatory Credits

AREA	CREDIT
Business & IT	1.0
English	4.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
World Languages	2.0 or more

Total required course credits 20.0

Elective course credits 7.5

Total graduation credits 27.5

Advanced Placement courses are offered in mathematics, science, social studies and English. Honors courses are offered in English. SMC also offers CAPP courses in English, speech and philosophy.

ELECTIVE CREDITS

Elective courses have been carefully evaluated and selected to provide students with the opportunity to prepare for further education and to explore various fields or occupations. A well-rounded background of general education is paramount to future success in any career. Students should explore as many areas as possible. Students

will secure the most value from their high school education if, as freshmen, they plan tentative four-year programs of electives based upon their future occupational and educational interests.

AP COURSES

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available in many subjects. At the conclusion of course, students can opt to take an evaluation exam which, if passed, qualifies them for college credits. The course selection guide lists AP courses that are available at SMC.

CAPP COURSES

Cooperative Academic Partnership Program (CAPP) offers university-level courses that award dual credit for college and high school. CAPP courses are taught in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. The course selection guide lists CAPP courses that are available at SMC.

KSCADE NETWORK

K-12 Schools/College Alliance for Distance Education (KSCADE) is a distance education network designed to provide students with greater educational opportunities through advanced technologies. The KSCADE Network links thirty schools, forming a consortium within the greater Fox Valley area. The schools have the capability to broadcast courses to and receive them from other schools within the consortium. By taking advantage of programming opportunities, schools can then provide courses not normally available to their students and benefit both gifted and challenged students. The ability to use two-way audio and video incorporated with internet access allows instructors to effectively interact with students.

SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS

It is a graduation requirement for all SMC students to perform a total of sixty (60) hours of service with a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per year.



GRADING SYSTEM

GRADE	CREDIT	PERCENTAGE	GRADE POINT
A	.5	95-100	4.00
A-	.5	93-94	3.67
B+	.5	91-93	3.33
B	.5	87-90	3.00
B-	.5	85-86	2.67
C+	.5	83-84	2.33
C	.5	79-82	2.00
C-	.5	77-78	1.67
D+	.5	75-76	1.33
D	.5	72-74	1.00
D-	.5	70-71	0.67
F	.0	Below 70	0.00

SAMPLE SCHEDULE FOR A TRADITIONAL STUDENT

Freshman Year

English Fundamentals or Honors English Fundamentals
 Global Studies
 World Language*
 Physical Science
 Study Hall †
 Scriptures/Mission
 Health, Technology, Physical Education or Fine Arts Elective
 Pre-Algebra, Algebra or Accelerated Geometry

Sophomore Year

World Language*
 Biology
 Algebra, Geometry or Algebra 2
 Study Hall †
 Jesus and the Church/Sacraments
 Oral & Written Communication or Honors Oral & Written Communication
 Health, Technology, Physical Education or Fine Arts Elective
 Social Studies Elective

Junior Year

Geometry, Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus/Calculus 1
 World Language*
 Morality/Theology Elective
 U.S. History
 Modern American Literature, Honors American Literature or AP Language
 Elective
 Study Hall †
 Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science

Senior Year

Science Elective
 Contemporary Literature, AP Literature, AP Language, World Literature,
 CAPP English or CAPP Speech
 Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus/Calculus or Calculus 2/AP Calculus
 World Language*
 Government/AP Government
 Study Hall †/Senior Privilege
 Senior Seminar/Theology Elective
 Elective

*Mandarin, Spanish, German or French †Study Halls are supervised and quiet



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: CLASS OF 2011

100% of St. Mary Central's 41 graduates applied to and were accepted at institutions of higher learning. Of these students, 61% enrolled in 18 four year institutions; 39% enrolled in two year institutions. 83% will attend four-year colleges in-state; 17% will attend four year colleges out-of-state.

SMC CLASS OF 2011 MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AT THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Barry University	Ripon College
Cardinal Stritch University	Santa Clara University
Carroll University	St. Mary's University of Minnesota
College of St. Benedict	St. Norbert College
Concordia University	St. Olaf College
Edgewood College	Syracuse University
Fox Valley Technical College	University of Colorado-Boulder
Franciscan University	University of Colorado-Colorado Springs
Hollins University	University of Evansville
Knox College	University of St. Thomas
Lawrence University	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Marian University	University of Wisconsin-Fox Valley
Marquette University	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Michigan Technological University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Minnesota State University-Mankato	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Ohio Northern University	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Providence College	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Purdue University	Valparaiso University
Regis University	Viterbo University





CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

St. Mary Central calls non-academic activities “co-curricular” rather than “extra-curricular.” The reasons are founded in the fact that SMC’s activities, athletic teams and clubs work hand-in-hand with the school’s academic program to educate the student as a whole person. Rather than being “extra”, these activities are integral to the well-rounded spiritual, intellectual, physical and psychological development fostered in every student at St. Mary Central High School. SMC offers:

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| A cappella Choir | Intramural Sports | Retreats for Middle Schools |
| Dance Team | Jazz Choir | Science Bowl Team |
| Drama | Jazz Ensemble | Student Council |
| EARTH | Key Club | Teens for Life |
| Forensics | Math Team | World Language Honor Society |
| Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) | Mock Trial | Yearbook |
| IFI/VEX Robotics League | National Honor Society | |
| | NOW! Show Choir | |



The St. Mary Central Athletic Department offers a variety of opportunities for students to participate in high school athletics. For additional information about our programs, please contact Scott Werfal, SMC Athletic Director, at (920) 722-7796 ext. 809 or swerfal@tcces.k12.wi.us.

SPORT

- Boys & Girls Cross Country
- Football
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Boys Hockey
- Girls Hockey
- Baseball
- Boys & Girls Golf
- Girls Soccer
- Softball
- Boys Tennis
- Boys & Girls Track & Field

SEASON

- Fall
- Fall
- Fall
- Fall
- Fall
- Winter
- Winter
- Winter
- Winter
- Spring
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LEVELS OF PLAY

- Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Varsity*
- Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman
- Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman
- Varsity, Junior Varsity, Freshman
- Varsity* (Co-op with Fox Valley Lutheran & Xavier)
- Varsity* (Co-op with Fox Valley Lutheran & Xavier)
- Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Varsity*
- Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Varsity, Junior Varsity
- Varsity, Junior Varsity

**Although some teams are varsity, the teams are made up of freshmen through seniors*





GROWTH SERVICES

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Encouraging each student to understand his/her unique abilities is the focus of the St. Mary Central Guidance Department. This department fosters the growth of the individual – educationally, socially, and personally. The guidance department encourages each student to formulate educational and career goals and then helps him or her to reach those goals. The guidance personnel work collaboratively with administration, staff, teachers, parents and students in taking a problem-solving approach to issues that affect student progress at the high school level. One particular focus of the guidance department is preparing students to make well-informed choices regarding post-graduation.

LEARNING SPECIALIST

SMC has a full-time learning specialist available on a daily basis. The learning specialist's primary duty is to collaborate the efforts of the regular classroom teacher, the student, the guidance staff, school administration and parents so each student can reach his or her full academic potential. Students do not all learn in the same way. Consequently, the SMC learning specialist works with the student's teachers to incorporate differentiated instruction and modifications/accommodations to meet his or her needs. The learning specialist employs multiple strategies recommended by experts in the field of inclusive education and multiple intelligences and is available within the regular classroom, study halls and during non-instructional time before and after school.

READING SPECIALIST

In an effort to promote the highest level of academic success for every student, SMC offers a .5 credit elective course for individuals who will benefit from an Individualized Reading Plan (IRP). Eligible students are identified initially through standardized test results and/or teacher/parent recommendation. After the reading specialist completes a preliminary assessment, a customized reading plan is designed to address the student's reading education needs. The plan may include a combination of phonics, spelling, vocabulary enrichment and/or comprehension-building strategies.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus Ministry is integral to student life at St. Mary Central. We have the opportunity to worship as a faith community in many different ways: daily prayer, group prayer services,

semi-monthly all-school liturgies, Reconciliation services, Eucharistic Adoration, praying the rosary and annual retreats. Every student is given the opportunity to take a leadership role in faith development through these prayer and worship experiences.



TCCES FOOD SERVICE

TCCES Food Service participates in the National School Lunch Program, and all menus meet nutrition standards established by the USDA. As such, we provide healthy, quality school meals, and aim to offer a variety of options that are both nutritious and appealing to students. We do not allow 'fast food' to be brought into the school. Instead of traditional pre-determined meals, students are able to choose from a variety of nutritious items, which they can combine to form meals they will enjoy. Additionally, students are able to purchase a la carte items. TCCES Food Service utilizes a computerized debit system, allowing advance payment for meals. Each student is given a PIN number, which remains constant throughout his or her enrollment in TCCES. The PIN is used to access a student's account as he or she receives lunch each day and the money is deducted from the student's account, thereby eliminating the need to carry cash. Specific details regarding payments and payment options are available in the school office.

We also offer free and reduced price lunches to eligible families. The federal guidelines are published annually, and applications are available through the school office and food service employees. Parents are encouraged to apply if they feel they may be eligible. Applications may be submitted to food service and will remain completely confidential.

For SMC specific questions, you may contact Kim Bowers or Julie Dionne in the school kitchen at (920) 722-7796 x 308 or e-mail kbowers@tcces.k12.wi.us or jdionne@tcces.k12.wi.us. General inquires can be directed to Lynn Graves at lgraves@tcces.k12.wi.us.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Our goal at SMC is to work together in a Christian atmosphere to provide each student with a positive high school experience. The St. Mary Central administration asks students, parents, families and teachers to maintain open lines of communication throughout the school year in order to achieve this goal.

EDLINE

Edline is an easy way for parents to keep up to date with their students' classes and activities. This internet-accessed program facilitates the flow of information between parents, students and teachers. It is a powerful tool for managing assignments and grades. Students and parents are given access to the program by using secure, privacy-protecting passwords. Parents and students receive email alerts as new grades are posted, can view team and club activities and read daily announcements. Edline can also be used to send homework from the student's home computer to the student's files at school.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT CONFERENCES

Mandatory parent-teacher-student conferences are scheduled in October and February/March. Parents, families and teachers are encouraged to contact one another regarding questions and/or concerns at any time.

BOOSTER CLUB

SMC Booster Club raises funds to support SMC student athletic and co-curricular activities. The Booster Club parents raise funds through a variety of activities. These activities provide a wide range of opportunities for parents to get to know and work with each other.

FINE ARTS CONNECTION

SMC Fine Arts Connection is a parent group that provides support for music and drama-related activities. The drama parents help the SMC director and students to organize performances of live theater productions and musicals.

TCCES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The TCCES Board of Trustees 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 of parents, our parishes and various constituencies. Parents who are interested in becoming involved should speak with TCCES President Michael Sullivan.

IFI/VEX ROBOTICS LEAGUE

The SMC IFI/VEX Robotics League is a co-curricular technology education program. Parental help is always encouraged and welcomed. Parents with expertise in technology fields may consider volunteering their time working with the students on their robotics projects. Others may like to plan or work at some of the fundraising events, or help plan the trips to various competitions.

ZEPHYRFEST

Zephyrfest is the largest oral and silent auction in Wisconsin. In one magical night, the event raises approximately \$355,000 to support St. Mary Central High School. What started more than 25 years ago with a few hundred people has turned into the must-attend event of the year. Last year, more than 750 people enjoyed an elegant dinner and bid on over 400 silent and oral auction items. Zephyrfest is St. Mary Central's major fundraiser, and is extremely important to continuing the tradition of excellence in Catholic education. Many hands are needed to make this evening the huge success that it is.



TUITION

Each family is responsible for making arrangements to either pay tuition in full in August or to enroll in the monthly payment plan. The tuition figures listed are for the 2011-2012 school year. Tuition rates for the 2012-2013 school year will be available in January 2012.

SMC 2011-2012 TUITION

In-Parish Tuition - high school grades 9-12 - \$5,085
(includes retreat/testing fees)

Out-of-Parish Tuition - high school grades 9-12 - \$6,085
(includes retreat/testing fees)

Fine Arts (art, band, choir, etc.) & Sports Fees - \$75 per activity
(maximum of two fine arts fees and two sports fees per student, per year)

Tuition Credit: A multi-child discount is available if a family has two or more full-day K-12 students. Each K-12 qualifying student can receive a \$150 credit.

SMC's technology program requires families to lease a laptop computer for each of their children. The fee covers laptop rental, insurance and technological support. The computer may be purchased at the end of a full four-year lease for \$1.00, and several payment options are available.

TUITION ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

SMC is committed to providing a quality Catholic education for all students regardless of their financial situation. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available. Tuition assistance/scholarship applications are included in all registration packets.

All requests are handled in a confidential manner. Please contact Mr. Michael Sullivan, TCCES president, at (920) 722-7796 ext. 804 or email msullivan@tcces.k12.wi.us for additional information.

SMC awards numerous scholarships each year. There are many scholarships available to qualifying students at any grade level. For the 2010-2011 school year, SMC granted a total of \$227,575 in scholarships and tuition assistance. From this total, over \$77,750 was awarded to incoming freshmen. The number and value of scholarships varies each year. Following is a list of the scholarships that were granted in the 2010-2011 school year:

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| Alumni Scholarship | Raymond & Marie Miller Scholarship |
| Helen K. Asmuth Memorial Scholarship | Mary Beth Nienhaus Scholarship |
| Bergstrom Family Scholarship | Jean O'Connell Memorial Scholarship |
| Ruth Stowe Boehnlein Memorial Scholarship | Harold Roggenbauer Memorial Scholarship |
| Cameron Paul Memorial Scholarship | Edward and Rosella Rippl Memorial Scholarship |
| Catholic Club Scholarship | Monica T. Rohe Memorial Fund |
| Cayen Family Scholarship | Erna Schierl Memorial Scholarship |
| Chris Meier Memorial Scholarship | Rev. Phil Schoofs Scholarship |
| Class of 1957 Scholarship | Michael A. Sommerhalder Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Arnold and Alma Sommerhalder |
| Class of 1958 Scholarship | Dan Spalding Educational Foundation Scholarship |
| Barbara Ciske Memorial Scholarship | SMC Annual Fund Scholarship |
| Cummings Family Scholarship | SMC Booster Club Scholarship |
| D.W. Bergstrom Memorial Scholarship | SMC Fine Arts Scholarship |
| DeJonge Memorial Scholarship | St. Vincent DePaul Scholarship |
| Elaine Beck Memorial Scholarship | Joseph R. Steidl Memorial Scholarship |
| Harold L. Gage Memorial Scholarship | Steven Stute Memorial Scholarship |
| Gunderson Scholarship | Rosemary Trettin Forensics Scholarship |
| Farnham (Gunner) Johnson Scholarship | Tuchscherer Family Scholarship |
| Carolyn A. Hanlon Scholarship | U.S. Oil Scholarship |
| Joan Hickey Polivka Memorial Scholarship | Valley Kids Scholarship |
| David Hussey Scholarship | Myra M. and Robert L. Vandehey Foundation |
| Healy Family Scholarship | Carl J. Voissem Scholarship |
| Jon St. John Memorial Scholarship | Waite Family Scholarship |
| Kampo Scholarship | Weiss Family Scholarship |
| Keating Scholarship | Ethel L. Zeininger Memorial Scholarship |
| John J. & Ethel D. Keller Fund | Leone M. Zettel Memorial Scholarship |
| James Kolosso Memorial Scholarship | |
| Kraus Family of Neenah Scholarship | |
| Mary Fink-Atchison Scholarship | |
| Mike Marshall Memorial Fund | |
| Max Ogden Scholarship | |
| McClone Family Scholarship | |



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary Central High School is dedicated to the individual development of our students by providing an education focused on faith, academics and service.

VISION STATEMENT

St. Mary Central High School will be the educational leader in promoting and fostering student spiritual, academic and social growth.

COMMITMENT TO FAITH

Faith and worship opportunities are vital to the mission of St. Mary Central High School. To foster this goal, we celebrate semi-monthly all-school liturgies, chapel visits, prayer services, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation services and daily prayer.

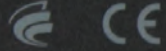


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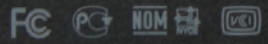
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