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From the Principal's Desk

The Almighty's Patience and Gift of Peace

There was a time when there was no time, when darkness reigned as king,
When a formless void was all that there was in the nothingness of eternity,
When it was night.

But over the void and over the night Love watched.
There was a time when time began. It began when Love spoke.

Time began for light and life, for splendor and grandeur
Time began for seas and mountains, for flowers and birds.
Time began for the valleys to ring with the songs of life,
and for the wilderness to echo with the wailing of wind and howling of animals.
And over the earth, Love watched.

There was a time when time began to be recorded.
A time when Love breathed and a new creature came to life.
A new creature so special that it was in the image and likeness of Love
Of Love who is God.
And so man was born and the dawn of a new day shone on the world.
And over man, Love watched.

But there came a time when the new day faded.
A time when man who was like God tried to be God.
A time when the creature challenged the creator.
A time when man preferred death to life and darkness to light.
And so the new day settled into twilight. And over the darkness, Love watched.

There was a time of waiting in the darkness.
A time when man waited in the shadows, And all creation groaned in sadness.
There was waiting for Love to speak again—for Love to breathe again.
And kings and nations and empires rose and faded in the shadows.
And Love waited and watched.

Finally, there came a time when Love spoke again. A Word from eternity—a Word
Spoken to a girl who belonged to a people not known by the world
Spoken to a girl who belonged to a family not known by her people—to a girl named Mary.
And all creation waited in hushed silence for the girl's answer.
And Mary spoke her yes. And Love watched over Mary.

And so there came a time when Love breathed again when Love breathed new life into Mary's yes.
And a new day dawned for the World a day when light returned to darkness, when life returned to
dispel death and so a day came when Love became man—a mother bore a child.
And Love watched over Love—a Father watched His Son.

Love waits and Love watches over us. (Adaptation of *There Was a Time* by J. Breighner)

Sister Rochelle Kerkhof

Sister Rochelle Kerkhof, O.S.F.
SMC Principal



From the Student Service Office....

Emergency School Closings

TCCES/SMC follows the Neenah and/or Menasha Public Schools with regard to school closings due to inclement weather. You can listen to WNAM (1280 AM), WHBY (1150 AM), WAPL (105.7 FM) or any local TV station for school closings. Normally, decisions are made by 5:30 a.m. and are posted immediately.

Planning Ahead for Final Exams...

Students must have all debts paid before finals! This includes IMC fines, lunch money owed and miscellaneous class and sports fees. All uniforms and equipment must be returned. Permits will be issued through the Business Office on January 12. Please call 967-0021 ext. 851 with questions.

Final Exam Information:

1. Students will be required to be in school during the time of a scheduled exam.
2. Exam permits will be distributed on Monday, January 12.
3. Students are not to be in the halls during testing periods. Students may use the IMC or commons for study.
4. Students are to remain in the exam classroom for the entire testing period. They should plan ahead for the possibility that they might finish early. They should bring study or reading material with them.
5. The transportation schedule will not be modified on exam days. The SMC and the Neenah and Menasha buses will run at the regular times on Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15. On Friday, January 16 there will be 11:30 a.m. busing.
6. Dress code is required on exam days.
7. TCCES Food Service will provide an assortment of a la carte entrees in the commons during the mornings of Wednesday, January 14, and Thursday, January 15. Hot lunch will be available to SMC students on those days as well. On Friday, January 16 a la carte items will be available all morning; however, there will not be any hot lunch since students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on that day.
8. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors are not allowed to leave campus at noon for lunch during final exams unless they have written parental permission. Parents may pick up their underclass students for lunch on these days if they wish, provided they have notified the office. Written permission must be submitted to the school office by 7:50 a.m. on exam days if parents are allowing students to leave campus.*
*Forms are available for this purpose at the school office.

Schedule of Exam Times:

<u>Wednesday, January 14</u>	<u>Thursday, January 15</u>
8:00-9:15/1st Hour Exam	8:00-9:15/4th Hour Exam
9:45-11:00/2nd Hour Exam	9:45-11:00/5th Hour Exam
11:00-12:00 lunch	11:00-12:00 lunch
12:00-1:15/3rd Hour Exam	12:00-1:15/6th Hour Exam
<u>Friday, January 16</u>	
8:00-9:15/7th Hour Exam	
9:45-11:00/8th Hour Exam	

Do not plan any appointments or trips on exam days.

First semester report cards will be mailed on January 26. Please contact the SMC Office if you do not receive your child's report card by January 30, 2009.

Looking Ahead...

- December 1 - Classes Resume
- December 9 - No Classes - Diocesan In-service Meeting
- December 10 - Seniors Graduation Meeting w/Jostens
SMC Blood Drive
- December 14 - SMC Christmas Band Concert-6:30 p.m.
- December 15-16 - SMC Spring Musical Auditions
- December 17- SMC Reconciliation Service
SMC & Seton Choir Concert-St. Pat
- December 23- Christmas Break Begins
Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
- January 5- Classes Resume
- January 7- SMC In-coming Family/Student
Registration Night 6:30 p.m.
- January 9- Grade School Night-Girls Basketball
- January 14, 15-16 - Semester Exams-Early Dismissals
- January 17 - Forensics Parent Meeting-10:00 a.m.
- January 21 - Fruit Sale Begins
- January 24 - Grade School Night - Boys Basketball
- January 25-30 - Catholic Schools Week
- January 25 - TCCES State of the Schools Address
- January 28 - TCCES All System Mass/St Gabriel-9:15 a.m.
- February 8-13 - SMC Spirit Week
- February 14 - Winterfest Dance

Successful 7th Grade Visit Day

On Tuesday, November 11, SMC welcomed 137 students for 7th Grade Visit Day. These 7th graders came from five different area schools. It was a highly successful event where students had the opportunity to attend four breakout sessions. All sessions were highly interactive and allowed our faculty and staff to really showcase what is special about SMC.

8th Grade Shadow Days

There have been several opportunities for interested 8th grade students to come and shadow an SMC student. Visitors are paired with SMC students according to their academic and co-curricular interests so that the visitors get a true feel for what a day at SMC would be like for them. We have received very positive feedback from our visitors saying that they appreciate this opportunity to assist them in making a decision regarding their high school career.

If you are aware of any students or families who are interested in learning more about SMC, please pass along their names/contact information to Sr. Rochelle or Jennifer Miller

SMC Incoming Family/Student

Registration Night

January 7, 2009

6:30 p.m. SMC Commons

This is the official evening to register your student for classes at SMC for the 2009-2010 school year. Faculty, administration and guidance department personnel will be available to answer your questions.

"SMC-Your Child's Fast Track to the Future!"

Find the daily bulletin on the SMC homepage!

www.stmarycentral.org

Guidance Office "GO" News

Guidance Office 7:30 am – 3:30 p.m. @ 722-7796 ext. 156
Mrs. Nelson - Tuesday mornings, Wednesday, and Thursday
Mrs. Pagel - Monday - Thursday
THE GUIDANCE STAFF IS NOT HERE ON FRIDAYS.
Always watch the daily announcements for changes.

Heads Up from the Guidance Office:

Second semester schedules will be finalized and handed out the first full week of January.

SMC Comprehensive Counseling Program continues with:

Juniors: Meetings will be scheduled for February
Sophomores: Meetings will be scheduled for March
*Watch for invitations to come to your home

Upcoming events in the Guidance Office

Dates/Times will be posted in the daily bulletins for SMC Local Scholarships for graduating class of 2009

Seniors!

Financial Aid for College Starts Here:

FAFSA paper forms are no longer available. Seniors, you must apply on line @ www.FAFSA.ed.gov beginning January 1.

Financial Aid Nights for Seniors/Parents:

These programs inform students and their parents about resources available to help finance a college education. When to apply for financial aid, the application process, the various types of financial aid and Q & A are some of the reasons that you should be attending one of these scheduled meetings.

December 10 @ Pickard Auditorium Neenah 7:30-8:30 p.m.

January 8 @ Appleton North 7:00 p.m.

February 21 @ College Goal Sunday, Fox Valley Technical College 2:00 p.m

(other sites listed at www.wicollegegoalsunday.org)

Using SCA's Grant to Buy GPS Receivers

Mrs. Hoernke purchased 12 Garmin eTrek Venture HC global positioning system (GPS) receivers with the grant money SCA gave to TCCES last spring. The Environmental Science students spent two weeks learning about GPS and how to use the units in Jane's Woods, marking waypoints of benches, Stations of the Cross, the trails, and other points of interest for later use in creating a digital map of the woods. They also marked ash trees and recorded the diameters of the trees to map their location in case the Emerald Ash Borer ever migrates to this part of the state. The GPS information gathered will be incorporated into Geographical Information System (GIS) software to create the maps. Hopefully by the end of the school year, SMC will have a digital map of the woods. Mrs. Hoernke has also shared the GPS receivers with Mr. Machamer at Seton for use in his Technology classes.

SMC Blood Drive

December 10 - 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Parents are welcome to sign up as donors. Call or stop in the SMC office for available times. (722-7796)

IMAJN Mass Update

Please join us for the IMAJN Mass at St. Margaret Mary Church at 5:00 p.m. on the following Sundays in December and January: December 9, December 17, January 4 and January 18. There will NOT be an IMAJN Mass on February 1, 2009.

Students from St. Mary Central will be the host group for the liturgy on January 4. SMC students are encouraged to volunteer as greeters, ushers, lectors, servers and musicians. Also, any confirmed seniors are encouraged to volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers. IMAJN is an excellent opportunity to get involved at church! Please see Miss Hawley or Mr. Constancio for more information or to volunteer.

Ms. Bausom is Nominee for Principal Award

TCCES is pleased to announce that Ms. Bausom, principal of Seton, has been selected by the Diocese of Green Bay to be its nominee for the National Catholic Educational Association's (NCEA's) Robert J. Kealy Distinguished Principal Award.

Known for embracing educational innovations, yet adhering to proven practices and for being tough, yet fair, Ms. Bausom, is a dedicated and selfless leader. As a result of her leadership during the past 18 years, Seton continues to enhance Catholic identity; identify and address students' individual strengths and challenges; promote staff unity and a sense of school community; and incorporate and wisely utilize technology.

Ms. Bausom's application has been submitted to the NCEA's regional selection committee in Chicago. The nominee selected by each regional group will be honored at the NCEA's convention, and one or more will move on to the competition for the U.S. Department of Education's National Distinguished Principal Award.

All Are Welcome!

Parents, parishioners and friends are invited to join our students in prayer in the SMC chapel!

Praying the Rosary - Every Monday 11:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration - First Fridays of the month
12/5 and 1/9 8:00a.m. -3:00p.m.

Mass - Wednesdays 7:00a.m. - Dec. 3, 10,17

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28



Athletic Director's Announcements

SMC Website For Sports: www.highschoolsports.net

Olympian Conference Sportsmanship

As we start the winter sports season, a reminder to SMC parents, students and fans to **practice good sportsmanship at all athletic events**. The Olympian Conference promotes good sportsmanship at all athletic events. Please demonstrate good sportsmanship by giving proper respect to all players, coaches, officials, cheerleaders, spectators, school property and authority. Keep in mind that this is a high school interscholastic athletic event and that good sportsmanship is imperative.

Grade School Night

The SMC Zephyrs will host Grade School Night on the following dates:

Boys January 24, 2009 Chilton
Girls January 9, 2009 Valders

All grade school and middle school students (K-8) will receive free admission, a coupon for popcorn and pop, and will be eligible for door prizes of SMC clothing during the game. Informational flyers will be distributed with further information on these events to all area Catholic grade schools and middle schools.

Spend a Day With SMC Basketball

December 30, 2008 the SMC boys and girls basketball teams will be hosting Shiocton High School in basketball. This is the only chance to see the boys and girls play at home on the same day. The JV girls play at 1:00 p.m., JV boys at 3:00 p.m., the Varsity Girls at 5:00 p.m., and Varsity boys at 7:00 p.m.

SMC to Host Baseball Clinic

SMC will be hosting the Midwest Baseball Academy's Spring Training 2009 clinic. This is a unique concept that provides sessions for young players (grades 1-12) with advanced hitting, pitching and catching training programs, presented by the area high school and college coaches. Dates are February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, and 8. For details, a description of the program and registration forms visit www.baseballacademy.net

IN SEARCH of Baseball Players

If you are interested in working at the Midwest Baseball Academy's clinic please contact Elliot Kramsky at ekramsky@tcces.k12.wi.us.

Fall Sports Awards 2008

Cross-Country

Coach's Award: Brandon Willems
Most Valuable Runners: Amanda Batterman and Alex Reinl
3-Year Plaque: Alex Reinl and Nick Eilers
4-Year Plaque: Clare Englebert
Brandon Willems
All Conference: Alex Reinl and Brandon Willems
Conference Champion: Amanda Batterman
Maria Schumacher Spirit Award: Clare Englebert

Tennis

Most Valuable Player: Rachel Brown
Most Improved Player: Melanie Andersen
Coach's Award: Emily Rasmussen
4-Year Plaque: Rachel Brown, Tara Mendez, Tizzie Allen
All Conference: Rachel Brown, Tara Mendez, Tizzie Allen

Soccer

Most Valuable Player: Phil Wedge and Sam Koslowski
Most Improved Player: Matt Rapp
Coach's Award: Frantisek Horvath
All Conference: Phil Wedge and Sam Koslowski

Volleyball

Most Kills: Erin Andersen
Most Blocks: Erin Andersen
Most Aces: Erin Andersen
Most Digs: Megan Miner
Most Valuable Player: Erin Andersen
Most Improved Player: Amanda Vegso
3-Year Plaque: Cara Prosser
All Conference: Erin Andersen and Megan Miner

Football

3-Year Plaque: Eric Ransom, Alex Waite, Brian O'Connell, Matt Flunker, Dylan Brockman, Jacob Berken, Sam Batley, Caleb Wallace, Payton Parker, Mike Zolnowski and Austin Hibbert
All Conference: Anthony Lutz, Brian O'Connell, Matt Flunker, Dylan Brockman, Caleb Wallace & Mile Zolnowski
Robert Schultz Coach's Award: Matt Flunker

SMC Football Receives State Recognition!



St. Mary Central quarterback Anthony Lutz and wide receiver Brian O'Connell were quite the connection this season for the Zephyr Football Team. Lutz finished the season second in the state in total yards passed -- 2208 yards and 22 passing touchdowns. Brian O'Connell finish 11th in the state in total receiving yards with 47 catches for 708 yards. Lutz and O'Connell lead the Olympian Conference in passing and receiving. Michael Zolnowski and Eric Ransom were the 2nd and 4th leading receivers in conference with 544 and 431 yards respectively. Coach Kuehn commented, "It's really a statement about the whole offensive group. The line protected well, Anthony made some nice plays, and the receivers caught the ball. We want our athletes making plays at SMC, and they did that."

Christmas Shopping at the Zephyr Depot

Hours: Wed Dec.10 11-3:30
Thurs Dec.11 11-9
Fri. Dec 12 11-3:30

Spend: \$25 save \$5
\$50 save \$10
\$75 save \$15
\$100 save \$20

Happy Holiday! Charlie & Beth



Booster Club News

“Volunteers Supporting 22+ Organizations”

Next Meeting Wednesday, December 3 at 6 p.m.
in the SMC Art Room. See you there!

Calling on Volunteers: As we gear up for the start of the winter sports season, we (and the students) continue to depend on the support of parent volunteers. Shake off the winter blues by working the winter concessions and middle school basketball tournaments. See below for additional areas of need.

Boys & Girls Basketball Concession Co-Chairs: We need at least two more parents to step up and co-chairs boys basketball concessions with Sue Miller. She will put together the parent work schedule and can come early to set up. If interested see Sue or an SMC Booster Club officer. Zero, zip, nada – help! **No one has stepped forward to chair the girls basketball concessions.** If interested contact a booster officer.

2009 Zephyr Golf Open Committee: The next golf planning committee meeting is Wednesday, December 3 after the Booster Club Meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Zephyr Open Organization Challenge: A challenge is going out to all the 22+ SMC organizations that are financially supported by SMC Booster Club to obtain a \$350 sponsor for the Zephyr Open and/or a \$100 silent auction item. One organization that meets the challenge will be randomly selected for a pizza/sub party. As you obtain your sponsor or silent auction item contact Kurt Rasmussen – Zephyr Open Chair or an SMC Booster Club Committee member.

Supplies/Equipment: Looking for donor/sponsor for two portable outdoor canopies (E-Z Up 10’x10’) for outdoor sport teams and events.

Thank You – Schenck Business Solutions for donating 10 folding tables to SMC Booster Club for high school events.

Upcoming Volunteer Events – If interested in volunteering contact an SMC Booster Club Member

- Wednesday, December 3, Golf Meeting, SMC IMC Room
- Assisting w/SMC gym re-lighting project. Four volunteers needed. Date & Time TBD
- Sunday, January 11, 2009 – Concessions for a Club Volleyball Tournament @ SMC
- Saturday/Sunday, January 17 /18 – Boys Middle School Basketball Tournament @ SMC/St. Mary Elementary School
- Saturday, February 7 – Brit Beat (Waverly Beach)
- Saturday, Sunday March 14/15 – Girls Middle School Basketball Tournament @ SMC/St. Mary Elementary School
- Saturday, March 7 – Forensic Festival @SMC
- Saturday, March 21 – 2009 Wisconsin VEX Robotics Regional Tournament @ SMC
- Thursday, July 16 – Zephyr Open Golf Tournament

The SMC Booster Club Officers for the 2008-2009 Year:

President – Steve Butke (sbutke@new.rr.com)

Vice President – Kathy Bergholz (kbergholz@new.rr.com)

Secretary - Mel Vanderkolk (vanderkolk1015@sbcglobal.net)

Past President – Jenni Hibbert (Jhibbert@kcc.com)

Golf Outing – Kurt Rasmussen (kurtrasm@sbcglobal.net)

Middle School Tournaments – BJ Grassman (scjack1@aol.com)

Concessions – Beth Hawkins (bhawkinsbl@sbcglobal.net)

Campus Ministry

Catholic Heart Workcamp

We are eager to invite all SMC High School students to join us at Catholic Heart Workcamp 2009. Our destination is Minneapolis/St. Paul, June 21-26, 2009. Take your faith to the next level by using your time and talent to serve the Gospel by serving others. This is also *an opportunity for SMC academic credit*. Registration forms are available on Ed-line and through the Campus Ministry Office. More information about Catholic Heart can be found at www.heartworkcamp.com or by contacting Mr. C. Space is limited.

Senior Retreat

The SMC Seniors traveled to Monte Alverno Retreat Center on November 16-17th for their “Discipleship – Becoming Men and Women of Christ” retreat. Students were challenged to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and to respond in faith. The retreat was under the direction of SMC Campus Ministry.

Special thanks go to: Fr. Keith Clark, Gail Hawley, Tanya Schreiber, Bridget Andersen, Pam Mullins, Laura Guy, Jim Prosser, Elliot Kramsky, Peter Post, Cindy Nelson, Diane Pagel, Michael and Gail Flunker, Carlos and Peggy Mendez, Jim and Kris Ransom, Bob and Lorene Willems, Darrin Kuehn, Liz Auth, Anne Hoernke, Mike Sullivan, Bob Abel, Tony Constancio, Gail Constancio, and Natalie Constancio for helping out and being models of faith to our youth.

TEC Retreat - January 2-4 at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Green Bay. T.E.C. is designed for Catholics who are at least a junior in high school or older. Contact Mr. C for details.

Global Outreach Summer Exchange Camp - Slovakia

A fantastic opportunity for SMC students to visit the homeland of Peter Tinath and meet with other GO alumni like Klara Kollar, Frank Horvath and Katalin Csiszar. Imagine being a part of this fun-filled European exchange July 6-23, 2009!

The trip is open to a limited number of students sophomore or older and adults who work with young people. Included in the trip will be opportunities to tour Poland, Slovakia, and Vienna, as well as cultural and historical sites in Bratislava, Kosice, and other Slovakian cities. For information check www.globaloutreachprogram.com, talk to Mr. C in the Campus Ministry Office or contact Tom Kropidowski: tkropidowski@tcces.k12.wi.us / 920-277-4002.

National Catholic Youth Conference – NCYC 2009

Join thousands of youth from across the US at the biennial Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri next November 18-22nd. SMC will be coordinating with TCCES parish youth ministers and the Green Bay Diocese to offer a trip for our students. Contact Mr. C in the Campus Ministry Office 722-7796 if you are interested or need more details.

Advent at SMC

Each Monday of Advent the entire student body will go to the Commons for an Advent prayer service and lighting of the advent wreath candles. Each week we will decorate one of the halls with the theme for that week and by Christmas break all the halls will be decorated.

Clubs and SMC Activities

EARTH Club

Attention All Parents! Don't throw away that empty ink cartridge - Bring it to school!

The EARTH Club has launched a fundraiser with empties 4cash.com. Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit our school and the students - not to mention it is great for the environment!

You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges to the school (placed in the original box that you would have thrown it away in to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag.) The collection box is in room 202.

Thank you for supporting the SMC EARTH Club and for keeping unnecessary trash out of the landfill!

Update on Jane's Woods

Have you taken a stroll through Jane's Woods lately? There has been quite a bit of maintenance done in the woods this fall. Mrs. Hoernke's Environmental Science class spread 40 yards of wood chips along the trails and benches, updated the signs, cleared around the Stations of the Cross, spread five yards of black dirt in various patches for seeding woodland grasses in the spring, and pulled grape vine out of trees and bushes. In addition to that work, Rawhide Boys Ranch has sent a crew of five workers six times this fall to work with Pat Hickey clearing buckthorn. They focused on the southern half of the woods where the buckthorn is still a major nuisance.

Forensic News

Reminder for Parents of Forensic Team Members

Saturday, January 17-SMC Commons-10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Important information will be given for the season.

Opportunities will be given for you to sign up to help with breakfasts and snacks for the team on competition days, the SMC Middle School Meet, as well as two booster club events forensics is required to help with. Questions will be answered & refreshments will be served.

From 10:45 a.m. – Noon, you will have the opportunity to see students perform if you wish. **At least one parent must attend the parent meeting.**

Winterfest 2009

Saturday, February 14 8:00 p.m. - midnight

DJ Martin Sound Systems will be providing the music. The court will be presented with the crowning of the King and Queen at 10:00 p.m. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the coronation.

Please consider an end of year gift to the SMC or TCCES Annual Fund Drives! It's more important then ever this year!

TEC News! (Technology and Engineering Club)

The 2009 Wisconsin VEX Championship

The 2009 VEX Robotics Championship Robotics Tournament will come to SMC on March 21, 2009. The tournament, hosted by the SMC TEC, is a qualifier for the world competition in Dallas the following April. High school robotics teams from the midwestern states are expected to begin registering soon for the 36-team competition.

In order to put on this event, we need the help of volunteers and have to begin plans early. TEC is asking anyone who would like to help our students bring this one-day championship event to SMC, please sign up on the TEC website at www.smctecrobotics.com. Click on the volunteer link at the top of the page. Event planning meetings will be scheduled and you will be contacted with dates and times.

The Wisconsin VEX Robotics Championship is going to be an amazing *high-tech sports* event right here at SMC!

TEC is a Learning Resource

TEC is just one of the many fine educational resources here at SMC. Students who have an interest in technology and engineering join TEC to explore and learn by designing and building robots for competition. They are also building life skills and preparing for future educational and career goals in science, technology, and engineering. TEC has approximately 25 active members and is open to all students from SMC.

Did you know...?

TEC students often volunteer to share their knowledge and experiences with the community. Over the years, TEC students have reached out to hundreds of area young people to share the wonders of science, technology, and engineering.



Photo: SMC junior and TEC student Dan Stinski demonstrates VEX Robotics during the Wisconsin LEGO League Tournament at St. Joe's Middle School in Appleton.

TEC Welcomes Advisors

Jeff Ehlers (parent of TEC student Alex) signed on as a TEC adult advisor for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Ehlers is president of Renewegy and has a background in aerospace engineering, electronic controls, and the hybridization of vehicle and equipment propulsion systems. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to SMC's TEC students. TEC also welcomes back parent advisors Herb Schanke and Jim Rapp.

Thanks to everyone who supports the students of the SMC Technology and Engineering Club!



IMC Christmas Wish List

Wish #1 That everyone at SMC would find time to read, to have those moments to read for enjoyment and form a curiosity about the world around us.

Wish #2 Find the time for quiet reflection on what we have read. Shut off the television, turn off the computer, power off the cell phone, ipod, etc. and sit down to read.

Wish #3 All the books missing from the IMC would miraculously reappear. Perhaps as families get ready for the holidays, they may find some of these missing books and return them.

Junior Library Guild

A nice gift idea for family and friends is a membership in the Junior Library Guild. Members will receive one hardbound book a month. JLG offers a variety of lists to choose from representing different genres and age levels. It's like Christmas once a month. Visit their website at www.juniorlibraryguild.com.

A Great Way to Use TCCES SCRIP

Consider getting TCCES scrip for Barnes and Noble to use as a stocking stuffer. The book lover will appreciate gift that will give them hours of joy.

Battle of the Books

Students in the Battle of the Books are very busy reading the 20 books on the competition booklist. In January they will take several online quizzes individually or as a group to determine who will represent SMC in the statewide competition in February. More than 30 students are participating this year.

IMC opens up during lunch periods

SMC has more than 20 students who don't have study halls. They would benefit being able to use the IMC during the lunch period. Two parents have volunteered to provide supervision for two days a week. This will help, but we still need more parents to come forward. You need to have Virtus clearance and training in order to serve in this capacity. Please contact Anne Shelley for more information.

On the days when supervision is available, the volunteers will place a sign by the Commons entrance to notify lunch room supervisors and students that the IMC is open.

Gifts to the IMC

Donations of facial tissue, used pens and pencils, etc. are always welcome. Thank you to all who help keep the students supplied with tissue and writing tools.

The IMC would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and New Year.



Fine Arts Connections

Congratulations to everyone involved with "Back To The 80's."

Enjoy the Sounds of the Holidays!

SMC Christmas Band Concert

Sunday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. - SMC Commons

SMC and Seton Christmas Choir Concert

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. - St. Pats Church in Menasha

SMC Fine Arts Fruit Sale

Beginning in January, we will again offer a variety of delicious fresh fruits. Look for your order form mid January. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to support many of our students' activities.

Sale Dates: January 21 - February 9, 2009

Delivery Date: March 4, 2009

Parent Advisory Council

The SMC Parent Advisory Council was formed during the past school year. Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis during the school year, and the first meeting was hold on October 29. The meetings are conducted in an informal manner, providing parents/guardians with the opportunity to provide their input and insights on a variety of topics to Sr. Rochelle.

All parents are invited to attend the Parent Advisory Council. If you are interested in attending, please mark your calendar for **January 28, 2009**. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be held in the SMC Conference Room. The other dates for this year are **Tuesday, March 24, 2009**, and **Wednesday, May 27, 2009**.

The mission of the council is:

- To provide an open ended forum through which SMC parents/guardians may become involved with St. Mary Central High School; and
- To proactively generate, discuss, recommend and assist the continuous improvement of the SMC high school experience.

Specific areas of focus for the advisory council include:

- **Curriculum** - a 'think tank' group of people interested in keeping SMC in touch with what is happening outside of the school with regard to curriculum offerings, trends, possibilities for our students, etc.
- **Catholic Identity** - parents/guardians who are interested in thinking outside of the box in helping to form and to shape Catholic educators, as well as to ensure that SMC is presenting the best practices with regards to sacraments, devotions, liturgical functions and the learning of doctrine and dogma.
- **School Climate** - parents/guardians are needed who are gifted in the areas of public relations issues, customer service education for our employees and for our students, coaches, etc. People who know how to increase group morale, school spirit, volunteerism and general well-being of a service-orientated, non-profit ministry and business organization.
- **Health and Safety** - parents/guardians who are interested in the issues of education surrounding the misuse of drugs and alcohol, steroids and prescription drugs. Those interested in seeing SMC standardize educational programs concerning suicide prevention, adolescent depression or self-inflicting syndromes. Mental health issues: peer harassment, peer pressure, self-esteem, cognitive distortions, etc. Moral issues surrounding sexuality, sexual preferences and sexual relationships, sexual abstinence, date rape, etc.



Congratulations!
Jumbo Gumbo
was a successful and
enjoyable event.
Special thanks to all who
attended and volunteered.

Zephyrfest 2009

Planning is Underway!

Saturday, May 2 - Radisson Paper Valley Hotel

Zephyrfest Wish list

1. Event tickets (Resch Center, PAC, sports of any kind-especially Badger, Packer and Marquette games, etc.)
2. Airline tickets and/or vouchers (huge need for all of the trips we offer)
3. Restaurant certificate donations
4. Donation of inflatable jumpers/bouncers
5. Water trampoline
6. Wii Games (to build a package to the Wii that we have)
7. TV for use in a TV raffle promotion

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Sue Thelen at sthelen@tcces.k12.wi. Or call 722-7796, ext. 853.

Thank you for your continued support of SMC!

Events Worth Checking Out!

The Fox Valley Symphony presents Holidays Pops, a family-friendly Christmas concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 4 at Pickard Auditorium in Neenah. The Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble and Fox Valley Horns will join the FVS. You can buy tickets in advance at 968-0300 or at the door. For more information, please visit www.foxvalleysymphony.com.

St. Mary Elementary - "Scoopie Night"

When: Monday, December 8th

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Culver's in Darboy

St. Mary's teachers and staff will be serving guests on this night. 10% of the sales during this timeframe will go directly to St. Mary Elementary School. Enjoy a treat and help our TCCES school!

"Wines Around The World" - Saturday, February 7, 2009

Butte des Morts Country Club

Please join our TCCES families and friends for an adventurous evening of wine tasting and fun at the 11th Annual St. Margaret Mary event. Sample a variety of wines and wonderful hors d'oeuvres, and partake of a fabulous display of silent and oral auction items!

Tickets are \$35/person. Tickets will be available at SMM or SMC offices. All proceeds benefit SMM School enrichment programs.

St. Mary Parish/Elementary Winter Escape!

Saturday, February 14, 2009 at Germania Hall featuring dinner, silent auction and dancing.

Tickets are \$25 each and available at St. Mary Parish or the elementary office. (725-5351).

SCRIP

Plan ahead for Christmas gifts and New Year's parties!

Place orders for Scrip early.

- **Orders placed on December 17 will be available for pick up on January 9, 2009. There will be no Scrip orders over the holidays.**



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