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‘State Fair’ Comes to Catholic Memorial High School Student production of the Broadway musical opens February 10

Waukesha, Wisc. – Catholic Memorial High School’s (CMH) student production of the Broadway musical, State Fair, opens February 10-12, with additional shows on February 17-19 and 23-26. Advance tickets are on sale to the public during school days, \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. Limited seating tickets will be sold at the door on the day of each performance. All performances will be held at the CMH auditorium/Grasch Family Stage.

The musical is being produced and directed by 2010/11 Tommy Award winner for Outstanding Direction (Guys & Dolls) and CMH full-time staff member and coach, Christopher Andacht. In total, Andacht has directed or produced 32 productions at CMH, 16 of them being musicals.

Pete Lange, full-time instrumental and choral director for Catholic Memorial, is the vocal director for the musical. Choreography for the musical is being done by Doug Reed, 2010/11 Tommy Award winner in Outstanding Choreography (Guys & Dolls). Reed is also the choreographer for the Fireside Theater in Ft. Atkinson, Wisc.

“The dances in this production would be a challenge to even a professional company,” said Andacht.

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State Fair is set in Iowa in the late summer of 1946 where the Frake family makes plans to attend the State Fair. Father, Abel (Teddy Delforge/Dan Engsberg), enters his boar into the boar judging contest. After some indecision, mother, Melissa (Kelsey Landry/Laura Ellingen), enters her mincemeat pie for judging at the fair. Their daughter, Margy (Kelli Piatt/Melissa Betters), and son, Wayne Frake (Tyler Agnew/Mitchell Matyas), each find love at the Fair.

The musical boasts two main casts and three children's casts that alternate performance dates. The three children's casts are made up of 90 children who come from elementary schools in the Waukesha area.

"I applaud the dedication of the all students, staff, parents, and others involved in this musical," said Fr. Paul Hartmann, president of Catholic Memorial High School. "Their efforts align with the values that CMH pursues every day, with the goal of achieving its mission – memorial, faith, trust, respect, inclusiveness, professionalism, excellence, and *caritas in omnibus* [genuine care and interest in the lives of others]."

Last year Catholic Memorial won more Tommy Awards than any other high school for its performance of *Guys and Dolls* last year and this year's musical is sure to rival it. *Guys and Dolls* received awards for Outstanding Musical, Lead Performer, Direction, Choreography, Dancer, Technical Achievement, two Honorable Mentions Lead Performers, and an Honorable Mention Supporting Performer.

For more information on this production and to find out more about Catholic Memorial High School, call (262) 542-7101 or visit the Web site at www.catholicmemorial.net.

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About Catholic Memorial High School

Catholic Memorial High School of Waukesha is an Archdiocesan Catholic college preparatory high school serving 700 students from the Waukesha County area. The school was established in 1949 to honor the sacrifices of 23 local servicemen lost in World War II.

Catholic Memorial High School was selected by the National Catholic High School Honor Roll as one of its top 50 schools in the United States. The Honor Roll recognizes academic institutions distinguished by academic excellence, Catholic identity, and civic education.

At Catholic Memorial High School, we educate students as individuals, intellectually and spiritually. We guide students to work to their highest, God-given potential. We prepare them for postsecondary education to become leaders service the Church and the world.