

• One in Christ...One in Newman Catholic Schools

Dear Newman Family,

The beginning of a new school year is a wonderful time to reflect on "Why Newman Catholic Schools?"

- Why do employees choose to work for the Newman Catholic Schools system?
- Why do our families choose Newman Catholic Schools for their children?
- Why do our parishes support Catholic education in our community?

Ask various individuals these questions and you would likely receive very different answers, but the basis of all reasons is a belief in Catholic education. A belief that the youth of our community deserve to receive an education embraced by their faith where they are encouraged to develop a deeper relationship with God. What a wonderful basis for what drives the system forward each day and we are blessed that so many have chosen Newman Catholic Schools for their children's educational journey.

Reflecting on "Why Newman Catholic Schools?" has led to quite a few discussions between system leaders. What those conversations have led to is a desire to re-center our focus and get back to who we are at our core, educating the whole child, mind, body and spirit.

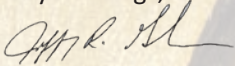
Focusing on educating the whole child, through mind, body and spirit, has been the basis of who we are and what we do for many years, but have we gotten away from keeping these three tenants at the heart of all we do? Have we kept these guiding principles at the forefront, at all times? We would like to offer a definitive yes to these questions but perhaps there have been times that we wandered from our path. It is for this reason that Newman Catholic Schools has chosen to move forward with a reenergized approach to embracing the fundamentals that our mission is based on. As we begin the new school year, we will do so under the guiding message...

Fostering disciples of Christ through faith, service and academics.


This refreshed guiding message will help remind us that faith should be kept at the forefront of all we do and that our mission is to foster discipleship by helping students deepen their relationship with God. Newman Catholic Schools will continue to deliver excellence in Catholic education but we will do so with a renewed sense of who we are at the core.

We hope that everyone has a blessed beginning to the school year. We are excited to take this journey together as one in Christ and as one Newman Catholic Schools.


Many blessings,



Jeff Gulan
President



Fostering disciples of Christ through...



Faith *Service*
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Rev. Albert Joseph Saleth

Helping our students grow in knowledge and faith would not be possible without the support of our local parishes and pastoral leadership. From the entire Newman family, we say thank you for the selflessness and dedication offered to us by our Catholic community. Through your sacrifice and support, Catholic education continues to be an option for our youth. An educational option that focuses on academic excellence embraced by the Catholic faith.

We are one in Christ and one in our desire to support the youth of our Catholic community. Your support is a blessing!

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• 2022 NCHS Senior Graduates

Samuel J. Beck - Honors - St. Norbert College

Anna K. Brown - Highest Honors -University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

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Zongcha C. Lo - Highest Honors - University of Wisconsin - Madison

Laj Ntxiag A. Lor - Honors - Northcentral Technical College

Grace L. Martin - Highest Honors - University of Wisconsin - Green Bay

Nevaeh Nelson - Highest Honors - Northcentral Technical College

Jacob B. Pfiffner - Highest Honors - Saint Thomas University

Madelyn G. Seidl - Highest Honors - University of Wisconsin - Madison

Charlie M. Shields - High Honors - University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

Lillian N. Zeimetz - Valedictorian, Highest Honors, Creighton University

Sanuel M. Zeimetz - High Honors - Saint John's University



• Under Class Promotions

NCES: St. Anne - Fifth Grade



NCES: St. Mark - Fifth Grade



Newman Catholic Middle School - Eighth Grade



Missing: Lillian Bodenheimer and Melani Dallman

Congratulations to the 5th and 8th grade students upon their promotion. Our prayers are with them as they begin the next path of their Newman journey.

Newman Catholic Schools is proud of the dedication these students have for their education and school.

• Celebrating Our Students



JULY		AUGUST 2022					SEPTEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2						1	2	3				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31													
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
	1	2	3	4	5	6							
		NCS Booster Meeting - 6:30pm											
7	8	9	10	11	12	13							
14	15	16	17	18	19	20							
	Assumption of Mary												
21	22	23	24	25	26	27							
													
				NCS - K-12 First Day of School		SAT Testing							
28	29	30	31										
		NCS 3Yr Preschool First Day	4K DCE First Day of School										

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• Celebrating Our Faith



AUGUST		SEPTEMBER 2022						OCTOBER					
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					29	30	31				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3							
				4K WSD First Day of School	No 4K DCE								
4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
	 No School Labor Day		NCS Booster Meeting - 6:30pm			ACT Testing							
11	12	13	14	15	16	17							
Patriot Day													
18	19	20	21	22	23	24							
			Homecoming Week										
				First Day of Autumn		Homecoming Football Game - 1PM							
25	26	27	28	29	30								

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May the birth of
our Savior
Jesus Christ
bring you and your family
endless prosperity,
blessings and peace of mind...




NOVEMBER		DECEMBER 2022					JANUARY 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30				29	30	31				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
				1	2	3							
				St. Mark Christmas Concert 3P, 4K, K - 1 - 6PM	Wausau Holiday Parade St. Therese Christmas Concert - 3PM	SAT Testing							
4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
2nd Sunday Advent		St. Nicholas Day St. Mark Christmas Concert Grades 2 - 5 6PM	MS/HS Christmas Concert 6:30PM Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Feast of the Immaculate Conception		ACT Testing							
11	12	13	14	15	16	17							
3rd Sunday Advent	 Feast Day Our Lady Guadalupe		NCS Booster Meeting - 6:30PM	St. Anne Christmas Concert Grades 3-5 6PM									
18	19	20	21	22	23	24							
4th Sunday Advent		St. Anne Christmas Concert Grades K - 2, 6PM	Last Day of NCS Classes First Day of Winter	3P, K - 12 Christmas Break									
25	26	27	28	29	30	31							
Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ			Christmas Break	4K DCE & WSD in Session	4K DCE & WSD off for Christmas Break	Christmas Eve							
Christmas						New Year's Eve							

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• Celebrating Our Early Childhood Centers




DECEMBER 2022		JANUARY 2023						FEBRUARY					
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3					1	2	3	4			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	26	27	28				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7							
New Year's Day	Classes Resume		NCS Booster Meeting - 6:30PM										
8	9	10	11	12	13	14							
 Epiphany				High School Semester Exams						No 4K WSD End 2nd Qtr			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21							
	No School Teacher Inservice No 4K DCE & WSD Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday												
22	23	24	25	26	27	28							
29	30	31											
	Catholic Schools Week												

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• Celebrating Our Elementary Students



JANUARY		FEBRUARY 2023					MARCH						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31					29	30	31				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday							
			1 NCS Booster Meeting - 6:30PM WPCP Enrollment Begins Open Enrollment Begins	2 Catholic Schools Week	3	4							
5	6	7	8	9 All Schools Mass	10	11							
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 No 4K DCE	17 No 4K DCE & WSD	18 ACT Testing							
19	20 No School 4K WSD in Session President's Day	21 St. John Henry Newman Birthday Mardi Gras	22  Ash Wednesday Washington's Birthday	23	24	25							
26	27	28											

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• Celebrating Our Middle & High School Students



FEBRUARY		MARCH 2023					APRIL							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
	1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
26	27	28	29	30	31		30							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday								
			1	2	3	4								
			NCS Booster Meeting - 6:30PM	 Read Across America Day										
5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
					No School Teacher Inservice	SAT Testing								
12	13	14	15	16	 No School No 4K DCE & WSD End 3rd Qtr St. Patrick's Day	18								
19	20	21	22	23	24	25								
			Spring Break											
	First Day of Spring													
26	27	28	29	30	31									

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• Celebrating Our Artists




APRIL		MAY 2023					JUNE																								
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																									
	1	2	3	4	5	6																									
			NCS Booster Meeting - 6:30PM	National Day of Prayer	Cinco De Mayo	SAT Testing																									
7	8	9	10	11	12	13																									
					No 4K DCE																										
14	15	16	17	18	19	20																									
 Mother's Day				Ascension of Jesus																											
21	22	23	24	25	26	27																									
			2023 Baccalaureate Mass		 Class of 2023 Graduation No 4K WSD																										
28	29	30	31																												
	 No School Memorial Day	High School Exams																													

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• Celebrating Our Musicians



MAY		JUNE 2023					JULY							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
28	29	30	31				30	31						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday								
				1	2	3								
				Last Day 3yr PS, 4K DCE, WSD & NCS K-12		SAT Testing								
4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
						ACT Testing								
11	12	13	14	15	16	17								
		NCS Teacher Summer Academy												
18	19	20	21	22	23	24								
														
Father's Day			First Day of Summer											
25	26	27	28	29	30									

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• Celebrating Cabin Fever & SwingFest

Cabin Fever



On Saturday, April 9, the Booster Club held Cabin Fever, an annual event focused on raising necessary funds in support of the Newman Catholic Schools' athletics program. Over 150 fans of Newman Catholic Athletics attended this year's event and showed their dedication by helping raise a record \$28,253. Funds raised through Cabin Fever are shared evenly between the school's sports programs and help cover the cost of needs such as uniforms and equipment.



SwingFest

136 golfers on a beautiful summer day was the perfect recipe to make this year's SwingFest a great success. On Friday, July 15, 32 teams took to the greens to play 18-holes in the dual cup golf scramble at Pine Valley Golf Course. Thanks to the support of sponsors and teams, the Booster Club raised over \$15,000, the second largest total in event history, in support of Newman Catholic Schools' athletics program.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4  Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21  SwingFest	22 ACT Testing
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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• State of NCS

Written by: Jeff Gulan, NCS President

Though it is often believed that summertime in a school system is a time of relaxation, it is actually a time of preparation. A time for administration and their teams to close out the year and prepare for the coming school year. A time for the system's District Office to close out the financial year and review the State of NCS.

The past two years have been challenging as we have all had to deal with unexpected disruptions and change, but the staff, students and parents of Newman Catholic Schools have dealt with the unknown with grace and continued dedication to the system. As we look towards the 2022-2023 school year, we can do so knowing that the system is poised for success and in a position of financial stability. In the spring of 2021, Newman Catholic Schools announced several difficult decisions that had to be made to help balance the budget. Implementation of necessary change and strengthened management of funds has ensured Newman Catholic Schools has a strong foundation to build upon.

The balanced budget has allowed several projects to commence this summer; including phase one of the installation of a new heating and cooling system at the middle and high school. The original boiler system will be replaced over the next three years; Year 1: HVAC installation on the second floor, Year 2: first floor HVAC installation, and Year 3: installation in the gymnasium and commons/lunchroom. Additional projects include repairs to the middle/high school parking lot, gym floor and stage. These capital projects are made possible through private donations, which have also allowed NCS the ability to improve staff salaries to remain competitive.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, NCS initiated a curriculum review process to assist in improving instructional offerings and implementing outcomes-based instruction. Step one was to tackle Mathematics. Educators worked with Amy Mettlach, Director of Instruction, to evaluate and select a new mathematics curriculum. Once written, the updated curriculum was implemented, first at the elementary level before expanding to the middle school program and high school algebra. Through strengthened assessments and STAR testing, educators have witnessed significant gains in student achievement.

Recently, the English Language Arts curriculum underwent the same process and new textbooks have been purchased. Additional curriculum improvements occurred within the system's religion programs, social studies, and several Advanced Placement courses. Advanced Placement Biology test scores were recently published and showed significant improvement in student achievement over past years. A testament to the dedication of faculty who have embraced outcomes-based instruction.

Newman Catholic Schools just completed the second year of the five-year strategic plan. Each domain area is working hard to move towards completion of goals; sharing updates regularly with the system's guiding body, the NCS Education Commission. Newman Catholic Schools will use the current strategic plan as a guide into the 2024-2025 school year.

Newman Catholic Schools asks all stakeholders to remain engaged and help the system rise up to meet new challenges. Without stakeholders giving of themselves through time, talent and financial support, Newman Catholic Schools would not succeed in bringing excellence in Catholic education to its students. If interested in becoming more involved in helping Newman Catholic Schools fulfill its mission, contact Sarah Keene, Director of Advancement & Alumni, or Jeff Gulan, NCS President.



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• Retirements

At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, Newman Catholic Schools said goodbye to several of its faculty members.



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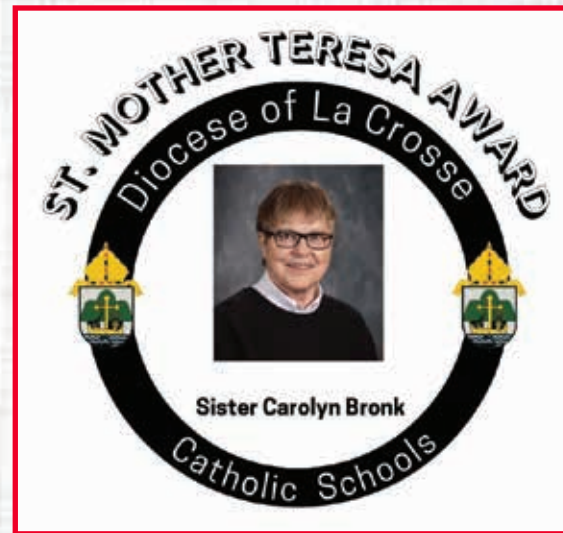


Tina Meyer - NCES: St. Mark



Jim Swita - NCHS

• Awards



In appreciation for your dedicated service to the children of the Diocese of La Crosse, we thank you for your hard work and service in the ministry of Catholic education. You have helped to build the community of faith within our diocese.

St. Mother Teresa Award

Each year a diocesan teacher, staff member, or administrator is recognized for the dedication and devotion they offer the students of the Diocese of La Crosse. The honoree goes above and beyond within their school, parish, and/or community.

This year's award recipient, Sr. Carolyn Bronk, was honored for her dedication to the Newman Catholic Schools family. Not just within the last nine years as an educator at NCES: St. Mark but also for the time that she spent as a faculty member at Newman High School in the mid-1970's. Sr. Carolyn was a pioneer, helping to develop the girls' varsity sports program at the high school.

Sr. Carolyn Bronk lives as a disciple of Christ every day, showing the students of Newman Catholic Schools what it means to live God's word and be of service to others. Newman Catholic Schools is blessed to have Sr. Carolyn as a leader of faith within our community.

• Alumni Stories

In May of 2022, Newman Catholic School we honored two of it's alumni at our Founder's Day celebration.



Jeny Nieuwenhuis-Hardel

While walking the halls of Newman Catholic High School and throughout her adult life, Jenifer (Nieuwenhuis) Hardel has lived Saint Newman's words by being of service to those around her.

Jeny had a rich high school career where she excelled as a leader within school organizations and athletics. A three-sport varsity athlete, Jeny also participated in Student Council all four years, holding the position of Senior Class President. She was a member of the Red Hat Newspaper, the Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) Club, the Ski Club and Pep Club. She was a pioneer, helping start the inaugural softball team for which she played catcher.

After graduating in 1991, Jeny went on to complete her undergraduate degree at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, and her Masters in Science from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point before coming back to Wausau to join the family business, REI Engineering. Today she proudly owns the business that her parents started, as well as owning, Northwest Petroleum Service, Lake Tomahawk Storage, and Bos Creek Storage.

Jeny is highly active in the greater community as a member of numerous committees and civic organizations. She was a Rotarian and held positions on several boards; including, President of the Community Foundation, the Board of Trustees for NTC and UWSP, and Director of the IncredibleBank Board of Directors. In 2012, Jeny was awarded the prestigious Wausau Region Chamber Athena Leadership Award.

Jeny continues to be a strong supporter of Newman Catholic High School, acting as chair of the Development Committee and co-chair of the Alumni Association, Phonathon, and 50th Anniversary Committee. She is also a proud member of the Newman Catholic Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. To this day, she offers support by assisting the school in developing a career mentoring program with the goal of connecting current students with alumni.

With all the success she has found professionally, Jeny's greatest joy is being a wife to Jeff and a mother to Eli, NCHS Class of 2023. Jeny has come full circle, once walking the halls of Newman as a student, she now gets to sit in the stands and cheer on her son.

When asked to reflect on her time at Newman, Jeny shared that, "Newman provided me with a foundation of faith, commitment and family. Newman helped me understand that as John Henry Cardinal Newman states, as alumni, we are all a link in a chain, a bind connected through Newman and that link is forever."

Dr. Tou Shoua Lor



Born in Thailand, Tou Shoua immigrated to America with his family. At a very young age, his parents instilled in him the importance of education and encouraged him to work hard in school. A work ethic that guided him into a career as a physician.

From elementary through high school, Tou Shoua was a part of the Wausau Area Catholic School system and spent those years dedicated to exceling both academically and as a member of the school community. He took an active role in the Campus Ministry team and participated in multiple Mission Trips. He was a member of the band, worked on the yearbook committee and lettered in Tennis and Soccer. In 2002, Tou Shoua graduated with honors and began the next chapter of his life guided by the principles he learned at Newman.

After graduating from Newman High School, Tou Shoua continued to persevere through college and graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He completed medical school through the American University of the Caribbean and graduated from Aspirus/UW Residency in Family Medicine. Every step of his educational journey brought him closer to home, where he could be of service to the community.

Completing his residency within the Aspirus/US Residency program allowed him to come back to Wausau and live out his dream. A dream that focused on being near his family and giving back to the local Hmong community. As he began his residency, he reached out to Hmong community members, making sure everyone would feel comfortable and welcome at his practice.

Tou Shoua is a family physician with Aspirus Kronenwetter Clinic. Dr. Lor continues his practice, mentors medical school students, and works with the residency program in Wausau to help future physicians.

In 2018, Tou Shoua married Alissa, and soon after welcomed a daughter and son. The Lor's are active members of Mary, Mother of Good Help Parish, supporting and donating to the establishment and continued success of the countries first Hmong Catholic Parish.

Tou Shoua has lived a life of integrity, guided by the principles that he first learned at home and while at Newman; to be hard working, determined and persistent in the achievement of one's goals while still being humble, kind, and compassionate. It is by keeping these values in mind that he has found success throughout his life.

• Mission Trip

Written by: Ava Sukanen

At the beginning of July, youth from St. Anne Parish and Holy Name of Jesus Parish, came together in service to during a week-long Mission Trip to Princeton, Illinois.

As members of their parishes, seven Newman Catholic Schools students joined their peers to experience living out their faith at Group Catholic Workcamps. This service opportunity is designed to help students deepen the love they have for their faith as they connect service and justice activities to their relationship with Jesus.

In the words of NCS student, Ava Sukanen, Class of 2024:

“The mission trip to Princeton, Illinois this summer was an amazing experience. We were able to serve the community in such a special way by fixing up our residents’ homes. I was so blessed to have had the crew that I did. We quickly became close friends and were able to have so much fun together building a ramp for our resident. It was a lot of hard work, but we enjoyed getting to know each other while we worked. I especially enjoyed our daily crew devotions that allowed for us to have such great conversations about our faith. Our youth group was also able to grow a lot closer during the trip. We had such fun and meaningful conversations during our nightly youth group devotions, and our half day hiking adventure.

We also enjoyed hanging out with each other each day after we got back to camp. We would play nine-square, cards, and other games together with all the other kids at camp. I had so much fun meeting other people during our free time, and it allowed me to make a lot of new friends. Another great part of the work camp is the morning and evening programs. They are a time when everyone is all together in the gym to play games, worship, and have fun growing in their faith. I think the coolest part is the worship, because it is such a unique and inspiring experience to be surrounded by so many other faith-filled youth singing in praise.

The trip is such an amazing experience not only because of the service, but because of the people you meet and inspiring stories of faith you encounter. This week impacted my life in so many beautiful ways, and I feel so blessed to have had such a fun time serving God and growing in my faith.”



• Franciscan CORE Experience

Written by: Karianna, Class of 2023, and Melayna Severson, Class of 2025

Franciscan CORE was a very eye opening, fun, and engaging experience. It was a week filled with learning about our faith, working to help others and bettering our communities. We entered without knowing much about it, but soon enough it became a very welcoming environment. We made so many wonderful friends along the way.

The four main topics we learned about throughout the week included: Human Dignity, Option for the Poor, Solidarity, and Care for Creation. We learned about Human Dignity and Option for the Poor with Dr. Sean Martin, Sr. Laura Nettles, Dr. Wahhab Khandker, and Chuck Berendes. They taught us about suspending judgment, treating people as people, not as conditions or marginalized groups, and seeing things from a different perspective. This was one of our favorite topics because it coincided with what we already knew about St. Francis.

It was also very intriguing to learn from Dr. Wahhab because he showed us the many similarities between other religions and Christianity. Solidarity taught us to see the world from other’s viewpoints. By doing this we can understand where people are coming from and be able to help them in whatever way they need. This has helped us not to jump to conclusions so quickly and to give people a chance.

Care for Creation was centered around Saint Francis’ teaching “Laudato Si”, this teaching focuses on respecting and taking care of the land God has given us. We were able to volunteer at the Villa Saint Joseph garden, a retirement home for the Franciscan Sisters. Here we were able to learn about ways to care for our world through sustainable farming and organic practices. Throughout our experience at CORE we learned the importance of serving with a purpose, and caring for everything around us.

Ava Sobolewski, Class of 2023, Quote:

“Franciscan Core is not just a service camp; it provides you with a greater perspective on how we should live out our lives with awareness of others in less fortunate situations. Franciscan Core was one of the greatest and most fulfilling experiences I’ve had, and I’m truly grateful for the opportunity of a lifetime.”

Camille Sobolewski, Class of 2026, Quote:

“I had a fun experience listening to speakers, doing service, and making good friends. The mentors there were super friendly, welcoming, and creative. They made it such a fun week. In only one week, I changed my whole mindset about service. It is not always about helping the person, but rather listening to their story.”



• History of Newman Catholic Schools



1849 - The first Wausau Catholic Mass took place in the home of Walter McIndoe.

1861 - St. Mary Parish was established as the first Catholic Church in Wausau.

1883 - St. Mary Parish opened a Catholic school at the cost of \$6,000. Five Notre Dame Sisters from Milwaukee came to teach in the new two-story, four classroom structure.



1883-1970

As new parishes started in our community, Catholic schools continued to grow. Schools were managed and funded by the parishes they were affiliated.

1951 - Bishop John P. Treacy established Newman High School on February 6, 1951. A decision made in response to the need for a Catholic secondary school.

September 1951, the first freshman class was held at St. Mary School. 78 "Pioneers" attended classes within two rooms of the building. As the population grew with each new class, the school expanded into two rooms at St. James School.



1954 - September - October: Local parishes held a fund drive, lead by Fr. Lloyd Geissler, aimed at raising the necessary capital to build a standalone high school.

December: Groundbreaking ceremony at 1130 W. Bridge Street in Wausau.

1955 - May: The first graduating class walked the stage.

Commencement was held at St. Therese School Auditorium since the high school was not complete.

October: Cornerstone on the new building was laid by Bishop Treacy.



1956 - May: Though they never attended class in the building, commencement for the Class of 1956 was held in the Newman High School gymnasium (the roof was not yet complete on the gym).

September: First 400 students walked through the doors of the newly finished building.

1958 - Originally known as the Pioneers, the mascot name was changed to the Cardinals in honor of the school's namesake, Cardinal John Henry Newman.

1975 - First Unification Occurs: St. Mary and St. James unified to share their resources and offer a high quality Catholic education. St. James School became St. Francis Cabrini Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 4)



Mid-1980's - Catholic Parishes, under the leadership of their pastors, began community discussions about expanding the unified system approach initially started between St. James & St. Mary Parishes. 1987: Wausau Area Catholic Schools (WACS) unified system was established and supported by eight parishes; St. James, St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Anne, St. Matthew, Holy Name of Jesus, St. Therese, and St. Mark. Fall 1987: Unified WACS Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 12 Catholic school system classes began with an enrollment of 1,359. All parishes shared their resources to continue the important parish ministry of Catholic school education.



1992 - Wausau Area Catholic Schools added a Child Development Center to its educational programs, offering its first state licensed child care center at St. Therese.

2004 - July: Wausau Area Catholic Schools was renamed Newman Catholic Schools (NCS), connecting the schools more closely by sharing the name of Newman throughout the system. The shift in thinking of WACS as a consolidated school system to Newman as a unified school system was realized. Elementary School at Holy Name was closed.



2006 - A second Child Development Center was established at Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

2010 - Multiple closures/moves occurred: St. Michael Elementary School closed. Holy Name Child Development Center moved to St. Michael Parish, and became known as an Early Childhood Center. St. Matthew Middle School closes with the middle school moved to share the high school building on Bridge Street.



• Winter Wonderland Auction

\$230,000 RAISED ~ 115% OF THE GOAL!

To be back together in person for the 34th annual Winter Wonderland benefit auction was truly a blessing!

On Saturday, November 6, 2021, the Newman community came together again to show just how much they believe in the students and staff of Newman Catholic Schools. Each year, NCS students are taught what it means to live their faith and be disciples for Christ. A path that helps them grow to be successful leaders within their community. Sometimes this can be a hard lesson to learn, especially during difficult times, but what a blessing it is for students to witness their parents living their own faith through their support of Winter Wonderland. When our parents and supporters come together to help make the Winter Wonderland auction a success, they are showing their children, our students, how to live their faith through a generous spirit.

Profits from Winter Wonderland support the system's operating budget and help bridge the gap between tuition costs and the true costs of educating each student, a delta of over \$5,000. Funds raised during the 2021 auction, helped fund phase one of the HVAC project, curriculum and technology updates, and strengthening of tuition assistance programs. Of the \$230,000 raised, just over \$50,000 will be used to purchase instructional materials as part of the ongoing initiative to strengthening curriculum offerings throughout NCS; including Elementary English Language Arts and Social Studies, Religion, Algebra and Advanced Placement: US History and English.

Newman Catholic Schools is grateful to the event sponsors, volunteers and donors who helped ensure Winter Wonderland was a success. To know that so many believe in the power of a Christ-centered education is truly a gift and proof that Newman Catholic Schools is embraced by a community devoted to the education of our youth. **With our deepest gratitude...thank you!**

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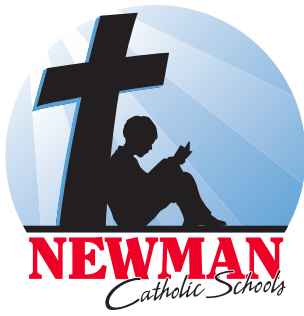
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