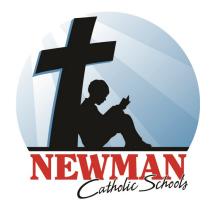
NEWMAN CATHOLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

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Monthly Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Newman Catholic Middle/High School Families,

Welcome to 2023 and the start of the second semester. Newman Catholic is dedicated to the success of all students and we recognize that the cooperation and support of our parents is essential for helping us achieve that. We ask our students to be punctual to every class, wear dress-code appropriate clothing, come prepared to learn with all necessary materials and treat one another with dignity and respect. We need your help in reinforcing these basic tenents of a positive and scholarly school community.

January is a very busy month that concludes with the kick-off of Catholic Schools Week. Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. We are in the second year of the "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service," theme which will be observed Jan. 29 to Feb. 4. Like other Catholic schools, Newman Catholic will celebrate the week with Mass, assemblies and a service activity for students.

Carl Fech Principal Newman Catholic Middle/High School

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From the School Counselor's Desk

Mrs. Wulf

Please remember to visit the <u>Counseling and Student Services Page</u> on Newman's website for up-to-date information!

SENIORS

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Seniors are reminded to continue/finish applying to the college(s) of their choice. All transcripts must be requested by the student via <u>Parchment</u>. Continue to keep grades up, as colleges to which you have sent transcripts may require updated grades at semester and will definitely require a final transcript at the end of the year.

SCHOLARSHIPS are being updated regularly and it is the student's responsibility to check the Newman website and watch for text reminders. Please notify Student Services of all scholarships awarded from colleges or other organizations, so students may be properly recognized at the Senior Awards Ceremony. Applications for scholarships whose winners are selected by the Newman Scholarship & Awards Committee were distributed and explained to senior students in mid-December. Applications must be typed and submitted to Mrs. Wulf by Tuesday, January 31.

JUNIORS

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COUNSELOR JUNIOR/PARENT CONFERENCES

Look for a communication in January about setting up a junior conference with Mrs. Wulf to discuss future academic and career plans.

COLLEGE VISITS

Juniors should begin/continue touring colleges and universities throughout their junior year.. Students have been assigned essays reflecting on each of the three <u>required</u> college visits which must be submitted to their English teacher in May.

CAREER

Juniors had class guidance with Mrs. Wulf in December--the focus of which was lifestyle values and how it should guide career exploration. Students have unlimited access to Xello and are encouraged to use our career exploration resources as often as they can.

ACT

Juniors who registered in December/early January will take the ACT with WRITING at NCHS during the school day on March 7, 2023. Juniors interested in taking the ACT an additional time should register on the ACT National website. See below for dates and deadlines. If registering for one of these dates, it is recommended students take the ACT without Writing.

ACT TEST DATE	Registration Deadline	Location(s)
April 15, 2023	March 10, 2023ACT Test Date	Wausau East HS Wausau West HS
June 10, 2023	May 5, 2023	Wausau West HS

Junior students who may require ACT accommodations, such as testing aids, extended time, or diabetic supplies in the testing room should talk with Mrs. Wulf at least 6 weeks prior to the registration deadline.

Please visit our website for links to the National ACT registration and <u>free ACT Prep resources</u>.

School Counselor's Desk (cont'd)

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMAN

Sophomore and freshman students met with Mrs. Wulf in December for a guidance lesson in career exploration. Students have unlimited access to Xello and are encouraged to use our career exploration resources as often as they can.

Course selection for the 2023-2024 school year will begin in March.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parents of eighth grade students ("future freshmen") are invited to an open house meeting for Newman Catholic High School on January 19 at 6:30 pm. Parents will learn more about the Newman high school experience and have an opportunity to ask questions.

All middle school classes participated in a guidance lesson for second quarter. Eighth grade student had one guidance lesson focused on the high school experience, including Q&A with a panel of 9th and 10th grade students. All grades (6 through 8) had a guidance lesson on the dangers of drugs and alcohol and how to find your natural "high". Middle school is a critical time for parents to have a conversation with their children about drugs and alcohol. Linked here is a must read for the informed parent: The 8 Must-Have Conversations to Have With Kids About Drugs & Alcohol. And while drugs and alcohol might seem more dangerous than tobacco, we can't ignore the very real risks that vaping, which is done by 1 in 20 middle school students (and 1 in 5 high school students) poses to our youth.

STUDENT SERVICES

Parents: The preferred way of notifying Student Services of an absence is email. If you must call in, please clearly state your child's first and last name, your first and last name, and the reason for the absence. The number to call is 715-845-8274, If your child is coming back from a medical appointment, please have the Physician, Orthodontist, Dentist etc print off an excuse slip.

Attendance is a high priority and having the documentation is important when entering attendance in Skyward. If you have any questions, please call Student Services at 715-845-8274.

Thank you, Jodi Knispel Newman Catholic High School Administrative Assistant National Honor Society is sponsoring a blood drive At Newman Catholic High School Friday, January 20th 2023 From 8:45am –11:00am 12:45-3:15pm in Room 104.A student must be over the age of 16 (or 16 with written permission from a parent- see Mrs.Wulf for the form) to donate blood.Walk-ins and New donors are welcomed. Students who donate blood will be rewarded with a comfy day at Newman HS!

Contact the blood center with questions about eligibility or scheduling at 715-842-0761



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Eligible sophomore and junior students (cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher) will be notified shortly after first semester grades are finalized. Applications for those eligible will be mailed to student homes.



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Ms. Vardon

7th Grade Science

In 7th grade science we have been learning about the elements that make up our world. We are currently looking at what happens when chemicals react with one another and the differences between physical and chemical changes. Next week we will start a lab to use what we have learned to become detectives and solve a classic "whodunit" case. After wrapping up our lab, we will learn about acids and bases to end our unit. Coming up in February we will begin a new unit on Geology and Plate Tectonics.

8th Grade Science

In 8th grade science, students have just begun a new unit that will serve as an introduction to Chemistry. We have looked at the Periodic Table and what elements make up the world around us. We are currently learning about bonds formed between atoms and will start chemical reactions soon. A big focus towards the end of this unit will be learning about different equipment used in chemistry labs, what they are used for, and how they are used.

8th Grade Social Studies

8th grade Civics students are in the process o learning about the branches of the federal government. Currently, we are learning about the roles and responsibilities of a President. They have used their digital design skills to create some hiring ads for the position. We will be learning about other executive agencies and wrap our unit up wit Presidential reports toward the end of the month. Our next unit will cover the Judicial Branch.

Mr. Beck

6th Grade English

In addition to students 'writing, working on spelling, and proper grammar usage, we have also been focused on reading comprehension this month. The students read a story called Scout's Honor fro the class reader. This story relayed information about a popular youth organization, but from the 1940's. It gave the students a chance to see what life was like for some younger people during this timeframe, the responsibilities that were expected of them, and how people survived without things like cell phones. We are currently reading Bridge to Terabithia. This is a Newbery Award winning book that discusses themes such as imagination, understanding and loss.

7th Grade English

Students are working on reading comprehension with the book Where The Red Fern Grows.

This Classic Newbery book has many themes and is intended to teach students hard work, compassion, and loyalty. We will end this unit with a research paper of their choice connected to this reading, while learning how to use MLA formatting to cite their sources.

8th Grade English

The class worked on creating their own personal calendars for 2023. Currently, we are working on debates in class. At this level, students are engaged in organization of ideas, being able to give affirmative points about an issue, and also give counter-arguments using research and evidence. We will finish out the month by reading the Newbery book, The Giver. This book gives many students an introduction to the genre of dystopian fictional literature. Topics addressed will include: memory, human life, rules and control.

Newman Middle School News

Mr. Gress 6th Grade Math

In Math, the students just completed a chapter that involves one variable equations and inequalities. They learned to write and solve equations and inequalities using the four basic operations. We are currently covering factors and multiples practicing prime factorization, finding the greatest common factor, and calculating the least common multiple.

6th Grade Science

In Science we are learning about force and everything associated with it such as speed, velocity, acceleration, and momentum. Next, the students will learn about Newton's three laws of motion including such concepts as friction, air resistance, balanced and unbalanced forces, gravity, and weight and mass.

8th Grade Math

The students have finalized learning about fractions and mixed numbers using the four basic operations as well as some geometric foundations that included circumference of circles and area of triangles and trapezoids. We are now studying how to estimate and find square roots, reviewing the real number system, learning about the Pythagorean Theorem and special right triangles, and further advancing our understanding of distance on the coordinate plane.

Mrs. Bergmann 6th Grade Spanish

The sixth grade has just begun a new unit on interrogatives including "the question word song" and how to write good sentences in Spanish! We will also be reviewing vocabulary for colors, shapes, weather, and seasons.

7th Grade Spanish

In seventh grade, the students are working on a food unit which includes several fun projects such as writing about favorite meals, creating a menu, and a restaurant skit. Our verb conjugation tasks continue with present tense -er and -ir verbs.

8th Grade Spanish

Eighth grade is working on a unit in which they learn vocabulary for places in the community, types of transportation, and local services. There is a lot of both present and past tense work on verbs in this unit.



Seventh and Eight Grade News

Mrs. Hebert-Immel 7th Grade and 8th Grade

Computers-Independent Lab-Digital Citizenship

We are finishing up the digital citizenship unit. Both grades made a poster on digital citizenship. Some posters focused on cyberbullying while others focused on other topics such as being safe online and what it means to be a good digital citizen. The posters were put up on the wall for everyone to see. The students did an awesome job displaying their creativity and understanding in their efforts in completing this project. Now during the last week before the end of the semester the 7th graders are completing a slideshow on

cyberbullying and the 8th graders are completing a cyberbullying collaboration slideshow. The 8th graders created a survey and gathered information concerning cyberbullying which they are presenting in their slideshow.



BUFFALO WILD WINGS - SENIOR FUNRAISER

January 25th 2023-12:00pm – 11:30pm Please help support the Class of 2023 Eat wings and Raise Funds This applies to Dine-In, and Carry-Out Please NO online orders

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Support Newman Catholic High School Class of 2023 on January 25, 2023



BAND AND CHOIR NEWS

Mrs. Mootz, Ms. Rougeot, and Mr. Greiner would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended the Christmas concert on December 7 th . We had a great time presenting our work to you and we hope you enjoyed the performances.

Our next performances will be at the Marawood Solo Ensemble Festival on Friday, February 17, 2023. It will be held at Assumption Catholic High School. This is another part of the curriculum that prepares students to work individually and/or in conjunction with one or more peers. It can bolster self-confidence, practice time- management skills, and give pride in the outcome of their work. Participation in this event is mandatory for Band students in grades 8-12 and HS Choir students. Any Band student in grade 7 may also attend this festival with the permission of Mrs. Mootz. When you hear the same tune repeated at home, until your ears hurt from listening, then you can delight in the fact that your child will probably be successful at festival. Some of our high school students have been practicing since the beginning of October. They set the bar for others who follow, and act as role models for the younger students. Please watch for detailed information about this trip during the early part of February. Parents and family are welcome to attend their child's performance at this festival.

Important dates:

January 26 – Pep Band performances in NCC gym and 50/50 raffle night for the Pep Band.

January 31& February 9 – Pep Band performances in NCC gym. February 17, 2023 – Solo & Ensemble Music Festival at Assumption Catholic HS in Wisconsin Rapids.



Middle School Student Council News

From the Middle School Student Council

Several members of the Middle School Student Council came together to ring bells for the Salvation Army on December 8. Unfortunately, the December snow days threw our scheduled Christmas trivia contest out the window, however, this month we are beginning to brainstorm and plan activities for Catholic Schools Week, for Middle School Month, and for the Spring Social. Please continue to scan your Box-tops for Education for us! Thank you.

Mrs. Bergmann, Advisor





Knights of Columbus CATHOLIC CITIZEN ESSAY CONTEST 11TH GRADE

Mr. Fech-Principal, Molly Lang-3rd, Hanna Seidl-2nd, Knights of Columbus Jason Seliger FS Council 1069
Missing Adam Krasowski-1st



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC CITIZEN ESSAY CONTEST 10TH GRADE

Mr. Fech-Principal, Noah Kucharski-3rd, Melayna Severson, Annika Svennes-2nd,1st- KC-Jason Seliger



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizen Essay Contest

9th Grade
Mr. Fech-Principal, Lillian Bodenheimer 3rd, Camille Sobolewski 1st, Knights of Columbus Jason Seliger,
Damien Puent 2nd.



Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizen Essay Contest 8th Grade

Principal Mr. Fech, Emma Larrain 3rd, Bennett Christophersen 2nd, Lexi Rice 1st— Knights of Columbus -Jason Seliger FS Council 1069

Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Grade 6

Mr. Karl Marquardt , Anne Martin 3rd, Eleanor Hodek 2nd, Eleanor Matuszewski 1st, Knights of Columbus Jason Seliger FS Council 1069, Mr. Fech Principal.



SCRIP News

January NEWMAN SCRIP NEWS

Happy New Year!!!

Thank you for supporting the Newman Scrip Program this Christmas season! We were happy to supply gift cards for your holiday needs.

Lets make a resolution this New Year to use scrip gift cards for our everyday purchases. Gas, groceries, home improvement, entertainment, dining out, sporting goods and clothing purchases can all be made with scrip. The rebate earned can really add up and help with your tuition payments or help support your parish.

Check out the mobile app for Scrip on your smartphone: RaiseRight.com website.



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New to Scrip? You can set up your account at RaiseRight.com, contact the scrip office for the enrollment code. Check out the instructional video at newmancatholicschools.com, click on Scrip.

Volunteer Opportunities:

The Newman Scrip Program is a non-profit fundraiser for families and the Newman system, it is primarily run by volunteers. Call the Scrip Office at 715-849-7713 or email us at

scrip@newmancatholicschools.com.

Kwik Trip Grocery Only

Gift cards now a available, in stock @ \$20 with a 15% rebate!!! Other denominations available for special order.

The following businesses can be special ordered on local scrip order weeks. Please plan accordingly: *Bennett Massage Therapy * Brickner's of Wausau *

Evolustions in Design * Northstar Restoration Services

January 2023 SCRIP HOURS

Monday Jan. 2 - 8:00-4:00 Tuesday Jan. 3 - Closed Wednesday Jan. 4 - Closed Thursday Jan. 5 - 8:00-5:00 Friday Jan. 6 - Closed

Monday Jan. 9 - 8:00-4:00
Local Scrip Order Week
Tuesday Jan. 10 - Closed
Wednesday Jan. 11 - Closed
Thursday Jan. 12 - 8:00-5:00
Friday Jan. 13 - Closed

Monday Jan. 16 – NO SCHOOL CLOSED Tuesday Jan. 17 - 8:00-4:00 Wednesday Jan. 18 - Closed Thursday Jan. 19 - 8:00-5:00 Friday Jan. 20 - Closed

Monday Jan. 23 - 8:00-4:00
Local Scrip Order Week
Tuesday Jan. 24 - Closed
Wednesday Jan. 25 - Closed
Thursday Jan. 26 - 8:00-5:00
Friday Jan. 27 - Closed

Monday Jan. 30 - 8:00-4:00 Tuesday Jan. 31- Closed

Scrip Office phone number: **715-849-7713**Scrip Office is located at **615 Stark St. Wausau**, **WI 54403**

scrip@newmancatholicschools.com

Weather Related School Closing Procedures



Newman Catholic Schools

Weather Related School Closing Procedures

When considering schedule changes due to inclement weather, Newman Catholic Schools (NCS) continues to take its lead from the Wausau School District (WSD) and D.C. Everest School District (DCE). Each district varies in its standards and definitions of closure. These differences can cause confusion as NCS crosses both districts. To assist in alleviating this potential confusion, a school-by-school breakdown of procedures is laid out below. Any changes to these procedures will be communicated through Constant Contact, school newsletters, etc. Be sure to read <u>ALL</u> announcements and updates to avoid missing information.

The following tools will be the standard of communication used to announce schedule changes due to inclement weather:

- Constant Contact: Will be sent to the parents directly affected by the schedule changes.
- Facebook: Visit the Newman Catholic Schools page.
- NCS Website: A pop-up notification will appear upon entering www.newmancatholicschools.com.
- TV Stations: Channel 9 (www.waow.com) and Channel 7 (www.wsaw.com)
- Midwest Communications Radio: 95.5 WIFC, 101.9 WDEZ, Rock 94.7, 550AM WSAU, 1390AM Fox Sports
- Skylert Messaging: Digital messaging sent via email, phone, and text. You can manage your Skylert Messaging through your Skyward Family Access account. *Skylert may not be the fastest method for last minute changes. Please refer to the other communication tools first.

Delays: The definition of delay varies by district.

- Wausau School District—Bus Delays This only affects students who are picked up by First Student. Students bused by First Student will be picked up based on the delayed time. Classes at NCES: St. Anne and Newman Catholic Middle/High School will continue to run on their normal schedule. Students that are dropped off, walk, or ride the city bus are expected to be at school at the regularly scheduled time. Three-year-old Preschool and 4K AM/PM classes at NCEC: St. Michael will be cancelled when busing is delayed. Unless specified differently, child care programs at NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael will run as regularly scheduled.
- **D.C. Everest School District—School Delays** This affects all students at NCES: St. Mark and NCECC: St. Therese. Classes at NCES: St. Mark will be delayed by two hours, following DCE. Three-year-old Preschool will be cancelled at NCES: St. Mark, and 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at both NCES: St. Mark and NCECC: St. Therese. Unless specified differently, child care programs at NCES: St. Mark and NCECC: St. Therese will run as regularly scheduled.

This also affects NCMS/HS students who reside in DCE and are picked up by Lamers. Busing will be delayed by two hours. Classes at NCMS/HS will continue to run on their normal schedule. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.

School-by-School Procedures:

Newman Catholic Middle and High School (NCMS/HS)

- Delayed Starts Delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will continue to run on the normal schedule for all other students. Delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.
- Early Release When closing early, NCMS/HS follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to the WSD early release schedule included in this document. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays. At times, the two public school districts do not align in their decisions to close early or at the same time; for example:
 - o DCE closes early but WSD does not; this will affect DCE bused students only. In this case, parents of DCE bused students will be contacted letting them know when busses will arrive for pick-up. If parents wish for students to remain the entire day, they must arrange for transportation at the end of the day and notify the school.
 - WSD closes early but DCE does not; all students must be picked up by the stated release time. If a student who is bused from DCE does not have alternative transportation other than the bus home, parents should contact the office to discuss arrangements.
- Closing NCMS/HS follows the WSD "Public and Private" closing announcements.

Weather Related School Closing Procedures

NCES: St. Anne

- **Delayed Starts** Delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will continue to run on the normal schedule for all other students. Delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.
- Early Release When closing early, NCES: St. Anne follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to the WSD early release schedule included in this document. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.
- Closing NCES: St. Anne follows the WSD "Public and Private" closing announcements.
- Before and After Care In the event that there is a delayed start, before care will still be available. In the event that there is an
 early release, after care will not be available. Additionally, if there is a closing, before and after care will not be available. At
 times, when inclement weather is anticipated in the evening, after school activities are canceled, and we ask that you please pick
 up your child from after care as soon as possible, prior to the 5:30pm closing time.

WSD Dismissal & Bus Pick-up Times - Early Release

(NCES: St. Anne and NCMS/HS)

Dismissal Time (parents pick up if not riding the bus)	11:30 am	12:00 pm	12:30 pm	1:00 pm	1:30 pm
Bus Pick-up Time (First Student)	11:20 am	11:50 am	12:20 pm	12:50 pm	1:20 pm

NCES: St. Mark

- Delayed Starts Classes at NCES: St. Mark will be delayed by two hours, following DCE. Three-year-old Preschool and 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at NCES: St. Mark.
- Early Release When closing early, NCES: St. Mark follows DCE. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to DCE's announcement, which will be determined on the day of the early release. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.
- Closing NCES: St. Mark follows the DCE "Public and Private" closing announcements. In the event that the WSD closes and DCE does not close, NCES: St. Mark's Three-year-old Preschool and Kindergarten-5th grade classes will be canceled for the day.
- Wrap-Around and Before & After Care In the event that there is a delayed start, before care will still be available. In the event that there is an early release, after care will not be available. Additionally, if there is a closing, wrap-around and before & after care will not be available. At times, when inclement weather is anticipated in the evening, after school activities are canceled, and we ask that you please pick up your child from after care as soon as possible, prior to the 5:30pm closing time.

NCECC: St. Michael

- Delayed Starts Three-year-old Preschool and 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at NCECC: St. Michael.
- Early Release When closing early, NCECC: St. Michael follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.
- Closing NCECC: St. Michael follows the WSD "Public and Private" closing announcements.
- Licensed Child Care Delayed starts, early releases or closures may occur to ensure the safety of students, families and employees. In these rare instances, site directors will make the best decision for the safety of all, and families will be notified directly or using the standard of communication tools.

NCECC: St. Therese

- Delayed Starts 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at NCECC: St. Therese.
- Early Release When closing early, NCECC: St. Therese's 4K AM/PM classes follows DCE. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to DCE's announcement, which will be determined on the day of the early release. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.
- Closing NCECC: St. Therese's 4K AM/PM classes follows the DCE "Public and Private" closing announcements.
- Licensed Child Care Delayed starts, early releases or closures may occur to ensure the safety of students, families and employees. In these rare instances, site directors will make the best decision for the safety of all, and families will be notified directly or using the standard of communication tools.

NCMS Dates to Remember:

- 3rd Quarter Begins
- Boys Youth Night
- 6th Grade Informational Meeting
- Girls Youth Night
- Catholic Schools Week

January 17th 2023 January 19th 2023 January 25th 2023 January 26th 2023 January 28th-Feb 4th 2023



NCHS Dates to Remember:

- Parent Night- Girls Varsity
- Parent Night Boys Varsity
- Catholic Schools Week

January 23rd 2023 January 31st 2023 January 28th-Feb 4th 2023

