



Seniors Anna Brown, Kaitlin Kalafice, Lily Zeimet, and Charlie Shields dress up in "Hawaiian" theme on the first day of school.



Fr. Joe Richards excited to begin a new school year.



Seniors Faith Fehrman, Johanna Hougum, Madelyn Seidl, and sophomore Hanna Seidl smile as they walk into school on the first day!



Juniors Eli Gustafson, Conner Krach, and Thomas Bates hosted the first day pep assembly.



English Teacher, Mr. Noll, is introduced during pep assembly.



Senior Nathan Klement riles up school during pep assembly.

First Fun Week

By: Hanna Seidl '24

For the first week of our 2021-2022 school year, our wonderful student council, with the aid of Mrs. Klein and Mrs. Shaughnessy planned a fabulous spirit week. Most students agree that this week made going back to school so much more fun than usual.

For the first day of school, students were told to dress up in a Hawaiian theme. Students came to

school wearing Hawaiian shirts, flip flops, and sunglasses. As students walked into school, Mrs. Mabry was ready to take pictures of the smiling and excited faces of students and staff. Newman Catholic started the day with a Pep Assembly. Students cheered, met new teachers, and played exciting games like Tug-of-War and Hungry Hungry Hippos. The assembly ended with school chaplain, Fr. Joseph Richards saying morning

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Enrollment

Freshmen: 41

Sophomores: 25

Juniors: 36

Seniors: 24

Total: 126

Sports Scores

Soccer:

9/20/21 - Newman 0 Amherst 1

9/21/21 - Newman 3 Antigo 4

Record:

Volleyball:

9/21/21-Newman 0 Marathon 3

Newman 3 Stratford 2

Record: 9-15

Football:

9/10/21 - Newman 49

Wausau East 22

9/17/21 - Newman 55

Port Edwards 0

Record: 4-0



Upcoming Games

Soccer:

9/23/21 - Newman @ Pacelli

9/28/21 - (Homecoming)

McDonell Regis @ Newman

Volleyball:

9/28/21 - Newman @ Edgar

10/2/21 - Tournament @ Edgar

10/5/21 - Newman @ Assumption

Football:

9/24/21-Newman @ Greenwood

10/2/21 - (Homecoming)

Marion/Tigerton @ Newman

The Red Hat

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Growth is the Only
Evidence of Life

~CARDINAL SAINT JOHN
HENRY NEWMAN



Feast Day: (Sept. 9) Saint Peter Claver

Saint Peter Claver was born in June of 1580 in Catalonia, Spain. In 1610, became a missionary in the New World Colonies. He was ordained in Cartagena in 1615.

Cartagena was a hub for slave trade, which was increasingly popular in the Americas at the time. Around 10,000 slaves entered through the Cartagena port each year.

Peter Claver's predecessor, Alfonso de Sandoval, spent 40 years to the service of the slaves. After Sandoval's service, Saint Peter Claver continued his work.

As soon as a slave ships would enter the port, Peter Claver went into the ships and administered to the ill-treated slaves and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were taken out of the ship like sent into holding yards, possible buyers were allowed to look at them and watch them, Claver worked among the slaves giving them medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters, he gave basic instructions and reminded the slaves of God's love for them. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

He preached in the city square, and gave missions to sailors, traders, and country missions. During his travels, he

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History of The Red Hat

The Red Hat was founded by the first class of Newman Catholic High School on February 6, 1951 by Bishop John P. Treacy. Starting off as the name of the yearbook, *The Red Hat* became the name for Newman's newspaper. This newspaper was written every month by *The Red Hat* staff with the help of Newman's Journalism Club members.

The Red Hat was written for the students and the faculty.

It would highlight Newman sports, clubs, dances, and most importantly, the faith-centered education of Newman High. *The Red Hat* ran on-and-off for 55 years but unfortunately released its last edition in 2006 due to lack of interest. From 2010-2012 there was an attempt to restart a

version of *The Red Hat* in an online "blog" form, but became out of date without any current posts with new classes came less interest in maintaining the blog. If you would like to find those editions, the URL is in vol. LVI, ed. VI of *The Red Hat*. In September of 2021, *The Red Hat* was reinstated as a digital newspaper, crossing both the traditional newspaper and modern blog styles from past editions, and released nine editions during 2020-2021.

It is hoped that the return of *The Red Hat* will revive the spirit of Newman Catholic High School, bringing school pride and tradition back into the student body.

Feast Day: (cont.) (Sept. 9) Saint Peter Claver

avoided slave owners and large farm planters, if possible. He dedicated his life and his time to the slaves that were brought in.

After four years of sickness, Claver was forced to step back from his duties. Saint Peter Claver died in Cartagena on September 8, 1654.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, with Pope Leo XIII declaring him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

Who left?

This year, there has been a large turn over in teachers, so who will we not see in the classroom this year?

Mrs. Laurie Germain: Art

Mr. Mike Nicklaus: Math

Mr. Seth Winters: Spanish

Mrs. Brenna Solum: English

Mr. John Roberts: Physical Education

Mr. Carl Fech: History (now Principal)

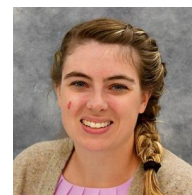
Welcome Central Office!

The students and staff of Newman Catholic Middle and High School would like to officially welcome all the staff from Central Office who have moved from St. Michael's to their new offices in our building

V.I.P.(s) of N.H.S.

By: Molly Lang '24 and Kaylee List '24

Mrs. Suzanne Meyers



Mrs. Suzanne Meyers has joined our Newman faculty this year as a Spanish teacher. Mrs. Meyers was is from Minocqua, Wisconsin and went to college in a small college near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Two years following her graduation, she spent time as a teaching assistant in both Spain and France. Mrs. Meyers chose to work at Newman because her husband, at the time fiancé, lived in Wausau and she thought that it was a good community. She first started speaking Spanish when she was 14 years old and travelled to Guatemala when she was 18. Sometimes, Mrs. Meyers will slip into Spanish when she is speaking to her new puppy, Reina. Mrs. Meyer's favorite movie is Coco.

Mr. Thomas Weinkauff



Mr. Weinkauff has been teaching for two years. He has become our new Gym teacher and his favorite sport is Badminton since he is good at it and most of his students enjoy it as well. Mr. Weinkauff's daughter was born earlier this month and he enjoys spending time with her, his wife, and their Australian Shepherd.

Mr. Tim Moungey



Mr. Moungey received his undergraduate degrees at the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse and Arkansas. He also received his masters degree at Nevada Las Vegas. Mr. Mongey has taught at University of Arkansas, University of Las Vegas, Southern Nevada, Clintonville High School, and now Newman. If Mr. Moungey is the youngest of 7 children and if he could travel anywhere in the world, he would go back to Japan because of the beautiful scenery and colors.

Honored Alumni



By: Madelyn Seidl '22

Miss Brianne Callahan graduated from Newman Catholic High School in 2014. She then attended Creighton University and four years later graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry with a special interest in Pharmaceutical research. In 2018, Brianne was accepted to University of Colorado-Boulder and working toward a PhD in Chemistry. She is studying Organic Chemistry with a focus on carbohydrate synthesis and organic catalyst design.

Brianne says that Mr. Ebert (who taught her AP Biology, Chemistry I, and Chemistry II classes,) was her favorite teacher at Newman. She says, "he pushed me to pursue my interest in chemistry and helped immensely with me Senior Project research." She talked about how her Senior Capstone Project led her to research positions in two labs at Creighton.

Miss Callahan's favorite memories from her time at Newman consist of all the times that she has spent with her best friends from High School- Abby, Erin, Maddie, Chloe, and Shaefer. While they all live in different places now, they still keep in touch and try to get together each year.

V.I.P.(s) of N.H.S. (Cont.)

By: Molly Lang '24 and Kaylee List '24

Mr. Hilary Rinke



Mr. Rinke is Newman Middle and High School's new Art Teacher. He has a 21 month old son. He enjoys beautiful architecture, art, and history. If given the chance, her would love to take his class to Europe to study some of these things. Mr. Rinke has loved getting to know Newman's students as well as the faculty. A fun fact about Mr. Rinke is that he has hiked up Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa.

Mr. Scott Boesel



Mr. Boesel is Newman High's new history teacher. He enjoys spending time with his family, reading, and reenacting the Civil War. He is also an avid Green Bay Packer fan. He has been a season ticket holder for the last 20 years and those tickets have been in his family since 1961. Mr. Boesel has been teaching for 25 years and excited to watch his students grow. A quote that has always stuck with Mr. Boesel is "Don't smile until Christmas."

First Fun Week (cont.)

By: Hanna Seidl '24

prayer. Newman's wonderful lunch staff made French Fries and other foods that start with "F" for lunch. At the end of the day, some staff members handed out freeze pops and temporary Cardinal tattoos at the end of a warm day.

On the first Friday of the school year, we dressed up in all things Newman Spirit. Students went all out with Cardinal Red and Columbia Blue. High

High School students had field games that were moved inside the gym due to poor weather. Students participated in competitive games of Volleyball, Dodgeball, and Handball. During lunch, red and blue colored foods were offered such as blue spaghetti with red sauce. Root beer floats were also provided by the student council as a sweet treat.

On Monday, students wore mis-match clothing. There were lots of stripes, polka dots, and many other mixed

patterns. As students walked into school, they were given muffins to start off their day with a snack. For lunch, students were given meatloaf and cornmeal muffins to fit the muffin theme.

On Wednesday, students were encouraged to wear a wacky hat and fun socks! Bucket hats, baseball caps, cowboy hats, and many more types of hats and ocks were worn this day. For lunch students were offered watermelon and other "W" foods.

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Announcements

Homecoming Week

All High School students have had Monday and Tuesday schedules send to you gmail from Mrs. Klein.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th.

Newman News

New episodes of "New Newman News" will be released every other Friday

Extracurricular Morning Mass

Fr. Joe will hold morning mass each Tuesday morning at 7:00 for all who wish to attend.

Homecoming Week

The 2021-2022 Homecoming Week will start September 27, with a Pep Rally and end October 2nd with the Homecoming Football Game at Balliet Field.

Meme of The Month



Sept. 27

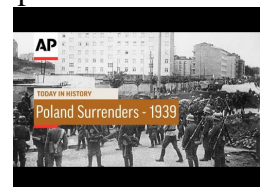
On This Day

By: Molly Lang '24

The Tonight Show with Steve Allen

September 27

- 1290-** An earthquake in China killed 100,000 people
- 1923-** New York Yankee, Lou Gehrig, hits his first of 493 home runs.
- 1928-** The Nationalist Republic of China is recognized by the United States.
- 1937-** The Balinese Tiger, native to the Indonesian Island, Bali, goes extinct.
- 1939-** Poland surrendered to Germany after 26 days and 140,000 Polish troops were taken prisoner.
- 1954-** "The Tonight Show" first premieres on NBC hosted by Steve Allen.
- 1972-** American actress and star of "Iron Man", Gwyneth Paltrow is born.
- 1985-** Hurricane Gloria forced the New York stock market to close its doors for the day.
- 2002-** Star of Disney Channel's "Stuck in the Middle", Jenna Ortega is born.
- 2019-** A week of the largest international climate change protests, led by students, ended.



Gwyneth Paltrow



Trivia

This month's question:

In what year did Mrs. Damask begin working at Newman?

Welcome Back

A message from the staff...

Mrs. Damask - "I'm so happy to see all of your smiling faces!"

Mr. Michlig - "After a long summer it's great to see everyone back!"

Mrs. Rougeot - "I pray that your year is full of success and blessings!"

Mr. Noll - "I am so happy to see everyone back from summer vacation, but (to class) stop talking, or I will say stop again."



THE RED HAT

TIME CAPSULE 1966

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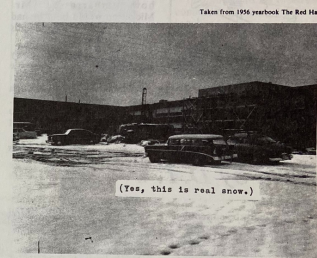
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An inspired dream of steel and stone: Newman as it looked on May 1, 1956.

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We Wonder

By: Hanna Seidl '24

To start the year, The Red Hat asked the Freshmen what the most surprising thing was about becoming High School students. This is what they had to say:

"The School Spirit"

~Annika Svennes, ~Lily Shields, ~Mel Severson

"having understanding teachers"

~Iris Sandoval

"being able to choose my classes"

~Muajtsim Lor

"not having classes with friends"

~Kenna Mcfadden, ~Naomi Stenstrom

"being on the main floor/phonetime"

~Chuexeng Lo

"That I like it so much"

~Fiona MacCarthy

"setting up for class"

~Anthony Moua

"sports"

~Caleb Nikolai

"less homework"

~Kaitlyn Barich

"the classes"

~Tyler Ackerman

"activity period"

~Sarah Cicha

"classes with older kids"

~Lucky Ferrario, Evan Groene

"all the stereotypes are real"

~Gavin Hynes

"carrying backpacks all over"

~Steven Klement

"it's more chill"

~Madison Beck

"there aren't as many cliques"

~Camryn Balk

"more freedom and choices"

~Eva E.P.

"having gum everyday"

~Evie Bates

First Fun Week (Cont.)

By: Hanna Seidl '24

Thursday was Newman's first mass day of the school year! Fr. Joe held a combined high school and middle school mass. Students dressed their best for mass as singing and sitting next to classmates were brought back after COVID-19. During lunch the lunch staff made foods that started with a "T".

The last day of the Fun First Week of school was Finger Food Friday. It was, again, Newman Spirit day with jerseys and anything Newman spirit. During lunch, students ate corn on the cob and other finger foods. Newman students ended their day and the Fun First Week with an assembly and performances from the Newman Pep Band under the direction of Mrs. Mootz.

Newman Catholic students and staff would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Shaughnessy, student council, lunch staff, and all the other people who helped make the first week of school so fun for everybody! It was definitely appreciated.

Talk of the Town

On the first full week of school, right before our lunch prayer, the student body was notified that we will no longer be saying the second half of our lunch prayer due to the fact that "no one knows it." It is assumed, throughout the student body, that by omitting the second prayer, students will pray together as a community instead of only the people who know it. This prayer was a traditional mealtime prayer followed by a prayer for the souls of the departed. Adding the second prayer is not common and it has become a bit of a tradition on the first day of school to watch as the freshmen learn about this second prayer and mistakenly make the sign of the cross at the wrong time. While the initial reasons for reciting the second prayer may not have started with best of intentions, the freshmen do eventually learn it and it becomes a new tradition all together. It is something that Newman does that no other school is known for doing. Many upperclassman continue to say the second half of the lunchtime prayer to continue the tradition but, has eliminating the expectation of the "Newman lunch prayer" further divided the classes?

A Letter From Our President

By: Mr. Jeff Gulan

Welcome back Newman students and staff to the 2021-22 school year!!! This has the potential to be an exceptional year. If the opening day pep assembly was any indication, we are set for an exceptional school year.

There are many reasons why I am very excited for this year. Mr. Fech is our new Principal and will set the foundation for the success of this senior class and other classes in the future. He is a proven leader who is dedicated to you, the students. He will help you bring the "juice" every day.

The focus of this year is getting Newman Catholic Schools back to normal. The pandemic has forced our schools to educate differently since March of 2020. Our focus is to bring you back to what a normal school year should look like.

Newman is such a great place to be. The benefits of Newman being a smaller school are many. I want you to remember all the great things you are able to be a part of because you are in a smaller school. Going to mass, knowing all the students in your class, and being able to know your teachers, are just a few of the many benefits you will have at Newman.

Our teaching staff is dedicated to making each and every day special for you. They are committed to bring you the best Catholic education possible. They will challenge you. I ask you to respond to those challenges.

Most of all enjoy every minute of every day at Newman, because it is truly a special place.



May God be with you.
-Mr. Gulan



A Letter From Our Principal

By: Mr. Carl Fech

"Devote yourself to your community around you & devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

~Mitch Albom

Principal's Message to Students:

The 2021-22 school year is well underway and I am excited by what I have seen so far. I welcome and value the positive energy that has been on display from the students in the first quarter. I feel that this is a good start to what I hope will be a productive school year and one filled with regular student activities.

While academics will always remain a priority at Newman Catholic Middle/High School, I want our school community to work together in creating positivity and fostering relationships. I want students to take pride in their school and in all that they do. I want them to take ownership of creating a better school climate. I am challenging students to bring me ideas that will help create a better school atmosphere. I want students to step up and do some of the lifting to get us to where we need to go and to make Newman Catholic the best school it can be.

Throughout my three decades in education I have always been an advocate of students first. I am privileged and honored to serve as your new Principal and plan to continue working on your behalf, but you have a role to play in helping achieve great things.

-Mr. Fech



Look in the mirror each morning and remind yourself to "BRING THE JUICE."