



Catholic Schools Week

Arguably the most important week of the school year for Newman Catholic High School Students (besides homecoming of course) is Catholic Schools Week. Beginning in 1974 by the National Catholic Education Association, Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of Catholic Faith that unites the entire Nation of Catholic Schools. Starting on the last Sunday in January, more than 1.7 million students attending Catholic Schools joined together for this year's theme of "Faith. Excellence. Service." This year, Newman students from St. Anne's, St. Mark's, St. Mary's, Athens, Edgar, Newman Middle, and Newman High School had the opportunity to participate in an almost-normal Catholic Schools Week for the first time since the beginning of COVID-19.



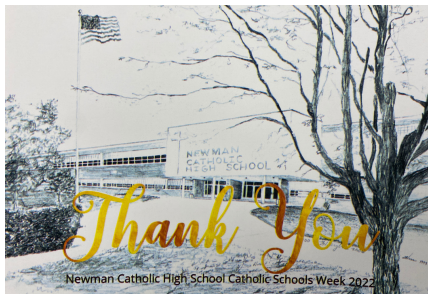
Seniors Lily Zeimet and Faith Fehrman write Thank you cards for Alumni during 3rd period vocations class.

Monday

Monday, January 31st, Newman High Students had a normal class schedule but were able to wear their comfiest pajamas while they wrote cards to Newman, Alumni, Faculty, and Staff in their respective religion classes.



Seniors Grace Martin, Abby Bergoyne, and Lucy Hahn.



Thank you cards printed for Alumni



Sophomores Ava Sukanen, Sam Beaumont, and Aidan Spachalla on Pajama Day.



Sophomores Paige Guld and Ashley Jankowski, along with Freshmen Lucky Ferrario, Lily Shields, Mel Severson, and Olivia Fox stand for picture while sporting Pajama Day outfits.

Tuesday: The Power of Connection

Tuesday, February 1, classes for both Newman Middle and High School students were shortened. Magician/Motivational Speaker James David gave a presentation of the "Power of Connection."

By: Madelyn Seidl '22

Tuesday, February 1, the second day of Catholic Schools Week, James David, magician and motivational speaker, met with Newman Catholic Middle and High School students and staff to perform "The Magic of Connection." Students were skeptical of how a magician could inspire them, but they were willing to do anything to skip classes.

As they met in the gym, Mr. David introduced himself by throwing candy into the audience. His show started with a magic trick. All spectators sat by the stage as Mr. David called up not-so-willing high school students to assist him in his endeavors. After the first part of his show, Mr. David had all middle and high school students and all Newman staff participate in interactive games that introduced and intermingled people from different classes, grades, and friend groups.

"I believe that with the pandemic we have lost connection with each other," Mr. David said.

Many games later, Mr. David asked Bucky Proctor-Rowland, a sixth grade student, to help him, and he became the star of the school in a final magic trick.

Mr. David ended his performance with a story from a friend in Africa. This story emphasized the idea of human connection. It is through the fundamentals of magic that a magic show and human connection intertwine.

"Magic has fundamentals," Mr. David said. "The more you practice, the more it looks like magic."

Mr. David relates fundamentals of magic to fundamentals of connection. Connecting with people and recognizing when they are not doing well is needed in physical, social, and emotional connections. He said he loves to be in front of middle and high school students because he believes that young people are resilient. He said he enjoys the excitement that radiates from the students and is honored to give these students tools and life skills that they will use in the future.

Mr. David said he believes it is important for young people to re-establish the idea of personal connections. He said the reliance that individuals have on their devices breaks the human connection.

"I think that in today's society, with social media and phones, we are heading in the wrong direction," Mr. David said. "I want to get away from cancel culture, and that is what this program is about."



Magician and Motivational Speaker, James David begins his show by introducing the "Power of Connection."

Middle School students reach for candy thrown by James David during Magic Show.



James David stands for picture with sixth grade student Bucky Proctor-Rowland after he wins school-wide rock, paper, scissors competition.

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The Red Hat

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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.

V.I.P. of N.H.S

By: Nevaeh Nelson '22



Samantha Nevienski

Ms. Nevienski graduated from the University of Phoenix. She has been at Newman for 6 years. She enjoys seeing her nieces, nephews, and her own kids in the hallways. One of her favorite hobbies is going camping with her family. Not a lot of people know that Mrs. Nevienski plays on a state dart team.



Renita Ulrich

Mrs. Ulrich graduated from Northcentral Technical College. She has been at Newman for 3 years and enjoys the people she works with and each of the families. She grew up on a dairy farm and loves to go camping and travel. Her favorite bible verse is John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Wednesday

Wednesday, February 2nd, classes were shortened again as Middle and High School students Participated in Minute to Win It games during the second half of the day. After lunch, all Newman High School students and staff met in the gym and played games to win points. With much disagreement byt students and staff alike, the Juniors came through with a win and earned themselves pizza during lunch.

Middle School Student Council also got a taste of what it is like to hold office in High School by planning the dress up theme. They decided to pick "Holidays" and assign each class a holiday. Sixth grade received Halloween, seventh grade got Thanksgiving, eighth grade, St. Patrick's Day, freshmen, 4th of July, sophomores, Easter, juniors, Valentine's Day, and finally the seniors received Christmas.



Freshman Olivia Fox, Sophomore Matthew Meyers, and Junior Owen Sullivan participate in Minute to Win It games.

English teacher, Mr. Noll, picks up cotton balls with his nose during High School Games.



Sophomores Paige Guld and Rylan Berry work together to carry an empty can to a table by a straw.



Junior Wyatt Gasper picks up dropped marshmallow by homemade walrus tusks.



Thursday: All Schools Mass Returns During Catholic Schools Week

By: Hanna Seidl '24



The Newman Catholic gym was filled with students from schools all around Wausau to celebrate the first All Schools Mass in two years Thursday, February 3.

This Newman Catholic Schools tradition is a very special part of Catholic Schools Week. Catholic schools from the Wausau area, Marathon, Edgar, and Athens come together to celebrate mass. Paula Damask, student services coordinator for Newman Catholic Middle and High School, and Fr. Joe Richards, chaplain at Newman Catholic Middle and High School, shared their experiences in a Catholic school.

"We are a Catholic school, and we should celebrate our faith all together," Mrs. Damask said about the importance of Catholic Schools Week. "It's always nice to celebrate with other Catholics in our area."

Fr. Joe appreciated getting to see all of the area priests in one building.

"I liked getting all of the priests and the bishop in one place," he said.

The All Schools Mass is a great way to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, and staff and students had to work very hard to make it happen. The Newman Catholic Ambassadors prepared for this Mass for several weeks. The ambassadors led the students from other schools to their seats and made sure everyone was in their respective spots. Fr. Joe and his sacristans had to prepare all the vessels and coordinate the logistics of the volunteers.

Fr. Joe talked to the bishop recently, and reported he had only good things to say.

"I saw him a few days ago, and he was happy with all of your performances, he said. "So good job!"

Both Mrs. Damask and Fr. Joe had very positive things to

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say about Catholic Schools as a whole.

"I'm encouraged to live my faith in all that I say and do, so it increases my faith and also tests it at times," Mrs. Damask said.

Working at a school all year long can be very difficult and time consuming, she said. Having faith gives her the strength to keep leading Newman's students.

Fr. Joe said that one of the biggest challenges people face as they're growing up is figuring out who they're supposed to be.

"We're discovering a lot of our personality and our relationship with Christ, and having a Catholic education becomes more than something we talk about sporadically," he said. "It's something that's just around us."

Newman Catholic Schools will continue to celebrate All Schools Mass in the upcoming years.

"It was just cool to see all the different corners of my world come together, to celebrate Catholic Schools" Fr. Joe said. "Catholic Schools Week is something that Newman values and appreciates."

Bishop Callahan Reflects on All Schools Mass

By: Madelyn Seidl '22

"We adore you Christ"

For the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, students as young as four all the way through high school were able to gather together and celebrate mass. Students and staff from Newman Catholic Elementary Schools St. Anne, and St. Mark, Marathon's St. Mary's School, Athens' St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School, Edgar's St. John the Baptist, and Newman Catholic Middle and High School gathered for the annual Catholic Schools Week All Schools Mass Thursday, February 3, 2022.

The Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, presided over this mass, assisted by Fr. Joe Richards,, chaplain at Newman Catholic Middle and High School, Fr. Tom Lindner, Fr. Mark Pierce, Fr. Bob Thorne, Fr. Joe Diermeier, Fr. Al Sloviak, Fr. Al

Bishop Callahan Reflects on All Schools Mass (cont.)

Wierzbza, Fr. Joseph Albert, Fr. Sam Martin, and about fifty staff and students.

Bishop Callahan has presided over the Diocese of La Crosse for almost 12 years and said he truly enjoys celebrating mass with the Catholic schools each Catholic Schools Week. As Bishop Callahan and Editor, Madelyn Seidl stood in between the tabernacle and a statue of Saint Joseph, Bishop Callahan put on his pectoral cross. This cross is one of the first things that a bishop receives, and they carry this cross next to their heart for the rest of their service.

"The important thing is that we know we are not alone," he said.

Uniting seven schools together from six different locations is an amazing tradition that shows just how many people there are within the community. Bishop Callahan said that this is a big opportunity, especially now, to get everyone together for worship. With the All Schools Mass being canceled the past two years, the impact that it made this month is so much greater.

"It really is so much fun," Bishop Callahan said. "It's a joy to see all the kids together,"

Looking back on the preparation needed to pull off this mass, Bishop Callahan talked about the difficulties that went along with it. After contracting COVID-19, Bishop Callahan and all those preparing the mass were unsure if he would be able to join the schools.

Fr. Joseph Richards, chaplain at Newman Catholic Middle and High School, wondered if everything would be okay during meetings leading up to the mass. Many plans were set in place to account for any change in schedule or plan but it is by God's grace that everything went smoothly.



Bishop Callahan speaks to pre-k student after procession at All Schools Mass.

Editor-in-Chief Madelyn Seidl and Bishop Callahan after All Schools Mass.



Friday

Friday February 4, Newman Catholic Middle and High School students ended Catholic Schools Week with a trip to Dale's Weston Lanes. Students were split into groups of four or five and given lanes to bowl. With all students clad in their best Newman Spirit Wear, they bus over to Weston for the last few hours of the school day.

Pictured to right: Freshmen Eva Espinoza-Almazar and Steven Klement at the bowling alley.



Sophomores Hanna Seidl, Ava Sukanen, Kaylee List, and Molly Lang



Senior Grace Martin bowls during third inning of the game.



Juniors Mason Prey, Eli Gustafson, and Jackson Pfender pose for photographer after bowling.

Strong Newman Boys Basketball Team Heads Into Playoffs

By: Joshua Klement '22



Junior Jackson Pfender (2) during game against Greenwood High School.

The Newman Catholic varsity basketball team has had one of its most successful regular seasons since the early 2000s, and with the postseason kicking off the first week of March, the state game is in Newman's headlights.

Juniors Mason Prey and Isaac Seidel are two of the most dominant players on the team, racking up 40 to 50 points a game between the two of them.

"It tells me that we have guys that are committed to the game of basketball," Head Coach Cory Marquardt said. "Obviously scoring points is one aspect of the game and is put on a pedestal for a lot of people, but in a much more general sense those two guys I know for a fact are putting in the most time in the gym and in the off season."

With help from their teammates, they are paving the way for a run deep into the postseason.

Mason Prey hit a big milestone this season, scoring the 1,000 point of his high school career in a game against Greenwood in early February.

"It was a pretty special moment, especially to do it as a junior," he said. "But at the end of the day, I couldn't have done it without everyone's help."

Isaac Seidel isn't far behind and is on track to score his 1000 points as well.

The team set several goals this season and has been working to make them a reality.

"As a team, obviously, our biggest goal is for us to get to

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Draft Registration: "Don't Call Me, I'll Call You"

Since time itself began, men have fought and died for the pride in their country. Some volunteered, while others were required to serve. Mercenaries were paid for their contributions to the effort, and slaves were forced to fight. In fact, methods employed to recruit soldiers vary with each nation and time. Throughout history, however, the question of whether induction is right or wrong has plagued the thoughts of men. Now, many centuries after man's first conflict against man, a new wave of world crisis has brought the age-old debate to boil again.

The United States has always had a military, even in its very first days. Until the Civil War, it was strictly a volunteer system. The War Between the States changed that. Both the Union, and the Confederate armies needed more manpower than they had. In order to compensate for this insufficiency, conscription was used. During this time, however, a man ordered to fight could pay someone else to go in his place. Many rich

young men never saw battle while the poor shot in their stead.

It was not until another great struggle, World War I, that the draft was revised. At that time, all men between the age 18 and 45 were to register. They were ultimately called in to service by the lottery system, a seemingly "equal" method. All dates of a year (including Leap Day) were put into a goldfish bowl, and were drawn out, one at a time, and were assigned a number depending upon how early or late it was pulled. All those enlisted were allowed to sit out the duration of their stay after the war.

The first peace-time draft was enacted in 1940. It required all men between 21 and 36 to take examinations for eligibility and if fit, serve for a year to eighteen months. After the outbreak of war, the limits were expanded so that a greater volume of men could participate. Local Selective Service boards had the honor of calling the eligible men to

arms. Some of the recruits, not able to fight because of physical health, religious beliefs, or conscience, were placed in civilian activities where they could help the war effort.

The draft did not end after World War II as it did after World War I. It was used to induct men for the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. Only until a few years ago was the draft discontinued. Other nations have kept a form of mandatory service. In West Germany and Israel, both men and women are required to serve in their country's armed forces for a minimum of two years. Switzerland has kept a long tradition of military preparedness. For a few hundred years now, young men have been automatically conscripted for military training.

Now, President Carter has announced his plan for the **registration**, not draft, of all young men and women between 18 and 20 years of age. If a draft ever did occur, women would not serve in

By: Ed Brzezinski

the front lines of combat, but in noncombat operations. Still, in spite of this, it is doubtful that women will have to comply with Carter's request for their registration. Such a move by Congress seems highly improbable.

As some are against the registering of females, still other people do support the entire idea of registration. They feel no one should register, men or women. Other people are opposed to the expense of registering young men and women, and reestablishing the Selective Service, and estimated 45 million dollars.

The debate continues...

Strong Newman Boys Basketball Team Heads Into Playoffs (cont.)

state, Mason said. "Personal goals would be to improve every day, to be a better leader, and help my teammates get better."

Coach Marquardt's excitement and passion for his team and their accomplishments thus far are obvious. He said he's liked where this team has been headed since the start of the season.

"Our goals were pretty much how we try to operate as a team on a day to day basis and those things were not really basketball dependent," Coach Marquardt said. "It was more principle based, so how we act in practice and how we carry ourselves."

"Then there was a little bit of basketball in there too, like how to make shot opportunities," he said. "A lot of it really had nothing to do with scoring points; rather it was about the process."

Rounding out the varsity roster are Jackson Pfender, Zongcha Lo, Aiden Spychalla, Conner Krach, Jacob Pfiffner, Wyatt Gasper, Matthew Hamilton, Owen Sullivan, Eli Gustafson, and Charlie Shields.

Newman earned the one seed in the WIAA playoffs and will host Tri-County in the first round Tuesday, March 1.



Junior Mason Prey (1) stands by his family and Coach Marquardt as he is awarded a plaque for earning 1000 points scored in his career during Game against Greenwood.

Senior Jacob Pfiffner (15) takes shot from the 3-point line



Mr. Noll Runs Mock Trial to Promote Critical Thinking

By: Madelyn Seidl '22



Sophomore Adam Krasowski demonstrates how Oedipus stabs his father in Greek Drama.

Wednesday, February 23, and Thursday, February 24, Mr. Noll's first and second period sophomore English Classes participated in a Mock Trial on the story of Oedipus Rex. Mr. Boesel's second period AP United States History class stood in as the jury for the trial and made the decision on whether Oedipus was guilty based on the evidence and arguments that the sophomore students were able to create.

"The use of drama allows students to experience and live as the character. It encourages students to reflect on the deeper meaning and impact of the text and use critical thinking to create testimonies," Mr. Noll says.

The students spent several days preparing their cases and their testimonies. They turned the Ancient Greek applications of the drama into modern dates and locations

"The hope is that students use the existing text to create a new world in which the characters, themes, and motivations combine with their own understandings of the world around them."

As students used the classroom as a courtroom, they made testimonies, questioned witnesses, and defended their arguments. These sophomore students all agree that doing a mock trial in person with hands-on activities helped them understand not only the story of Oedipus but also how to run a trial.

Sophomore Daniel Beck says, "I learned how to do a trial properly"

"You need to know how a trial runs otherwise it will be really confusing. By doing the mock trial, you learn the different groups and what they do and what you need to back up claims," sophomore Hanna Seidl says.

"Research is very important for a trial because you need to know your information or you get screwed. Without research, you cannot certify your information," Ben Moua says as he reflects on what he learned from the mock trial.

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Mr. Noll Runs Mock Trial to Promote Critical Thinking (cont.)



Sophomors Ben Moua and Daniel Beck after a witness sits back down after questioning.

Ava: I learned that you need to do a lot of research so you know how a trial runs.”

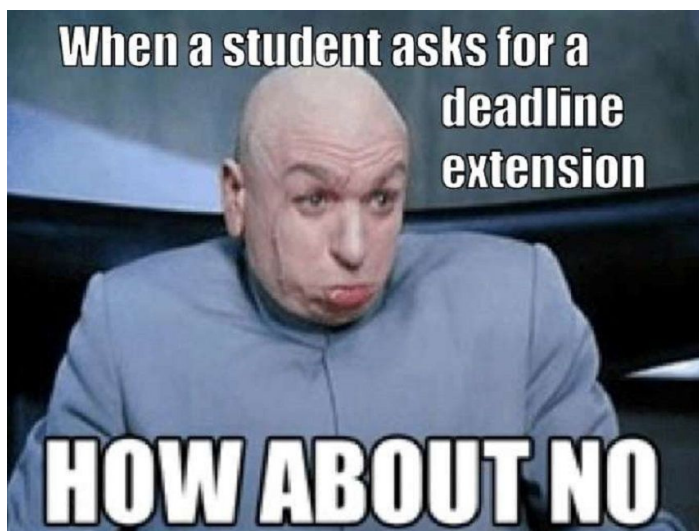
Adam Krasowski stressed the importance of having evidence to support a claim. During his testimony, he was able to experience the benefit of thoroughly researching and

Daniel, Ben, Adam, Ava, Hanna, and the rest of the sophomore class all agree that the mock trial was a fun and effective way to better understand the concepts presented in lecture and in the drama of Oedipus.



(L to R): Ben Moua, Daniel Beck, Adam Krasowski, Ava Sukanen, Hanna Seidl

Mr. Noll's Meme of the Month



Senior Football Players Qualify for All-State Game

By: Madelyn Seidl '22



(L to R): Jacob Pfiffner (1), Nathan Klement (23), Josh Klement (18)

As winter sports end and the spring season quickly approaches, three of our fall sport athletes recently received some big news. Seniors Josh Klement, Nathan Klement, and Jacob Pfiffner qualified to play in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Game.

“It is a great accomplishment. We are lucky enough to have three seniors there and it is so special to see them rewarded for their hard work,” coach Michlig says.

40 to 50 seniors from schools state-wide are nominated for the 8-man All-Star game. Out of those 40 or 50, only 20 are able to play in the summer. For Josh and Nathan, getting to the All-Star game was their goal all season.

“I went to last year’s All-Star game and my coaches told me that it was my ultimate goal by the end of the season to get to the All-Star game. It’s a great honor to play with guys like that and just to play football one more time so I am glad,” Nathan says.

These three seniors have spent a lot of time reflecting on their last season and how much hard work they had to put in to get them to the All-Star game.

“My coaches pushed me to work at practice and put the best effort forward that I can,” Jacob said.

Josh said that, “working really hard in the off season is definitely what got me here, whether it was working in the weight room or practicing with the team. I think it is a great honor. Especially after working so hard. We were told last year that it was their chance to get there but they had to work really hard to get there and being able to achieve that is really cool.”

Throughout their time together on and off the field,

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Senior Football Players Qualify for All-State Game (cont.)

Nathan, Jacob, and Josh supported each other and pushed each other to spend time not on the field still striving for their goal.

Jacob says, "Its awesome, it is a great experience to go out there one more time with two other seniors from our school and play football together one last time"

The WiFCA will be held on July 15th and 6:00 PM at Titan Stadium in Oshkosh. The game is open to everyone and all Newman students are encouraged to attend and watch ~~these three boys play their final game.~~

Newman Teachers Share Experiences From First Job

By: Kaylee List '24

At 14, Joe Ackermann, middle school social studies and mathematics teacher at Newman Catholic Middle School, was hired to work with his neighbor over the summer, cleaning and



Mr. Ackerman

fixing drive-through windows at banks. During her high school years, language arts and religion teacher Roxanne Betchwars cleaned hotel rooms at Midway Motor Lodge with her close friends.

Many teenagers hold jobs while attending high school, and teachers at Newman Catholic Middle and High School were no exception.

Sonja Gasper, a high school



Mrs. Betchwars

science teacher, worked on the family farm. Mathematics teacher Amanda Row grew up babysitting for the neighbors. High School English teacher Tony Noll began delivering The Milwaukee Journal when he was just 12 years old. Sunday morning,



Mrs. Gasper



Mrs. Rowe

Some teachers would recommend their first job while others would not, but all of the teachers said they learned something valuable from their first work experiences. Mr. Ackermann and Mrs. Betchwars learned the importance of being kind

to service workers. Babysitting taught Mrs. Rowe how to be responsible for young children and the stress that can come with caring for others. After long, hard days working outside, Mrs. Gasper learned a strong work ethic.

"Nothing is handed to you," Mrs. Gasper said. "You have to work for it, and the harder you work, the better it is."

Every teacher had a different path, but each one ultimately led them to Newman Catholic Schools. Several teachers had families and other careers before they decided to become teachers.

Mr. Ackermann managed restaurants before his sons were born, and then he decided to be a stay-at-home dad. When they got older, he started volunteering at Newman Catholic Elementary School - St. Anne. He learned he loved working with students, and when a job within the system opened up, he applied.

After she graduated high school, Mrs. Betchwars said she had no idea what she wanted to do with her future. It was only after she met her husband, got married, and had three children that she realized she wanted to go to college to become a teacher. Her first teaching job was at Merrill Public Schools, but she said her favorite job has been working at Newman Catholic Schools.

She isn't the only one who enjoys working for the system. Mr. Noll said this is his favorite job, and each day he comes in happier than he was the day before.

For Mrs. Rowe, she loves to see the progression students make from their first day at Newman to the day they walk out the door on graduation.

"I get to see you guys learn and grow and move on from here and go to bigger things," she said.

he would wake up, load his wagon, and deliver papers.

For Mrs. Betchwars, the job cleaning motel rooms paid good wages for high school students.

"We were pretty wealthy for teenagers," she said.



Mr. Noll

Announcements!

National Honor Society Blood Drive

The spring NHS blood drive with be help at Newman in Mrs. Gasper's room on **March 17**. Students and staff 17 and older gave donate as well as students who are 16 with parent permission. Forms can be picked up in Mrs. Wulf's office

Marawood Leadership Conference

The Marawood Leadership Conference is **March 30**. If you are one of the representatives attending and have questions, see Mrs. Wulf and she can direct you.

3rd Quarter

3rd quarter ends on **March 18**.

ACT

Juniors, you will be taking the ACT on **March 8**. Good luck to all of you!

National Honor Society Blood Drive

Lent begins **March 2**. We will hold a combined Ash Wednesday Mass in the gym. A special schedule will be posted prior to date.

March Madness

March Madness competitions will be held throughout the month. Be aware of possible upcoming emails.

Senior Capstone Deadlines

Juniors, you have two Capstone deadlines coming up. **March 5-** you must have a meeting with your advisor. **March 8-** you must have your advisor form submitted by 3:00 PM.

No School

There will be no school for Newman High of the following dates:

March: 11
March 21- 25 (spring Break)

Tentative Activity Period Schedule

(This is subject to change)

March 1- Campus Ministry
March 4- Student Council
March 9- National Honor Society
March 15- Campus Ministry
March 18- Ambassadors
March 28- Prom Committee
March 30- National Honor Society