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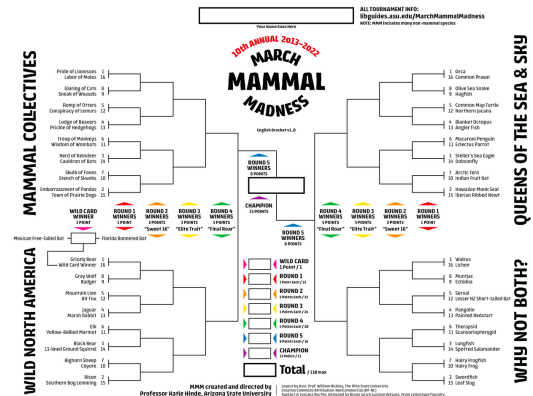
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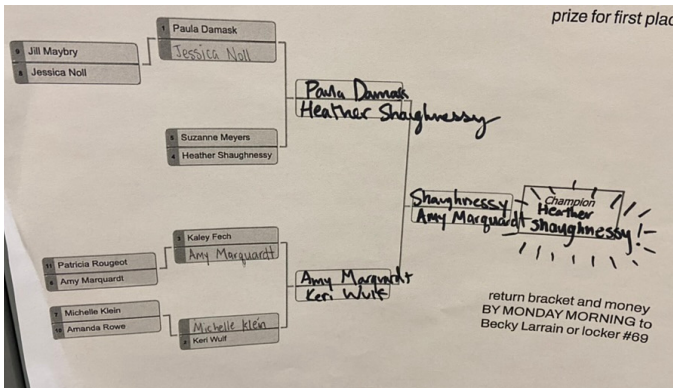
March Madness

As the month of March comes to an end, so do the endless conversations about March Madness brackets, bets, and the many variations that have been found at Newman Catholic High School in recent weeks.

High school science teacher Sonja Gasper included her students in "March Mammal Madness." This is a bracket competition using biology research to decide winners between different breeds of animals.



2022 March Mammal Madness Bracket

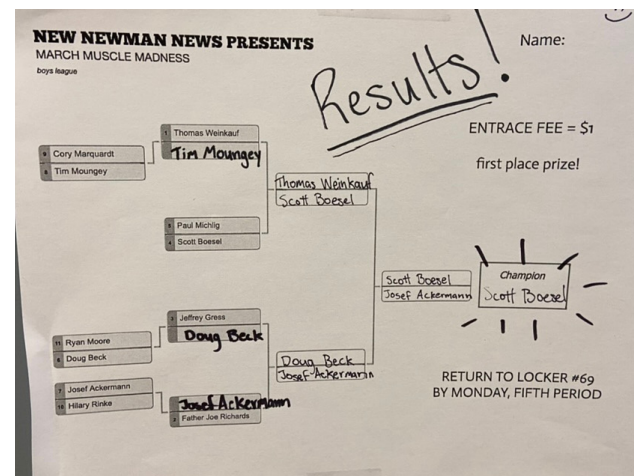


2022 women's March Muscle Madness Bracket posted on Senior Becky Larrain's locker.

To watch the rundown of March Muscle Madness go to the New Newman News YouTube Channel!!!

2022 men's March Muscle Madness Bracket posted on Senior Becky Larrain's locker.

New Newman News has also incorporated the March Madness excitement into their YouTube Channel. With a men's bracket and a women's bracket, faculty from Newman Catholic Middle and High School volunteered to enter in "March Muscle Madness" where they would arm wrestle to see who would advance. During prep periods, activity periods, lunch hours, and before and after school, the New Newman News team recorded each battle until there was a winner. In the women's bracket, middle school science teacher Amy Marquardt and foods teacher Heather Shaughnessy met in the final round. Mrs. Shaughnessy claimed the title of first ever "March Muscle Madness" champion and the following week, students looked towards the men's brackets.



Senior Zongcha Lo Wins School-wide Chess Tournament

By: Madelyn Seidl '22



Junior Matthew Hamilton and senior Zongcha Lo shake hands after final round of the chess tournament.

After weeks of activity periods spent in the English room leaning over three nearly identical chess boards lining the back table, senior Zongcha Lo ended up on top beating junior Matthew Hamilton in the final chess match.

"I just wanted to have fun and to see if I could beat anyone there," Zongcha said.

As late February began, high school English teacher Timothy Moungey posted a sign-up sheet for a school-wide chess tournament. Students signed up from both the middle and high school.

"I fell down the rabbit hole of chess as I'm periodically prone to, and the idea of a Newman tournament galloped across my mind," Mr. Moungey said. "I queried my classes. Enough juniors and seniors expressed interest that I posted the sign-up sheet and found, to my happy amazement, that we ended up with a 16-entry field."

Sixteen students participated in the chess tournament. After two rounds of matches, 16 was dwindled down to four. Senior Zongcha Lo played against seventh grade student Victor Sikora and junior Matt Hamilton played against sophomore Drake Dalsanto.

"Matt was definitely my hardest competitor," Zongcha said. "It was the championship, and he knew what he was doing. He thought ahead, and he knew the trades that we would have between different pieces. Playing Victor was also difficult because I got absolutely destroyed in the first ten moves."

This chess tournament offered students the ability to talk to new people outside of their usual classes and test their minds in a fun way.

"Chess hurts the brain, but it was fun, and I would definitely do it again," Zongcha said.

Clubs Give Students a Chance To Get Involved

By: Josh Klement '22

Clubs are a great way for students to participate in activities they enjoy, learn new skills, and meet new people. Newman Catholic High School has multiple clubs that students can join, make friends, and have lots of fun while they get to help out the student body.

One of the clubs that Newman Catholic High School offers is student council. This club's advisor is Michelle Klein, and she helps direct the students within the club to plan large events such as homecoming, pep rallies, and holidays. There are representatives from each grade, and those students go back to their class meetings to communicate information from student council meetings.

"Our goal in student council is to serve the student body," Mrs. Klein said. "If there is something you're [the student body] not happy about then let your student representative know or email me a complaint."

Paula Damask is one of the leaders of Campus Ministry Club, or CMC. The club consists of students from the junior and senior classes who want to help reinforce Christ and peace into Newman.

"Campus ministry is a group of seniors and juniors along with myself and Fr. Joe Richards here at Newman Catholic who minister to the needs of the students and staff," Mrs. Damask said. "Some of the things we do are leading retreats, putting together Advent and Lenten activities, and helping with service projects that come up."

Pictured to right: Publications class
Pictured below: National Honor Society



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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.

Remember To Take Care of Your Mental Health

By: Charlie Shields '22

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Data Summary and Trends Report*, In 2019, approximately one in every six youth reported making a suicide plan in the past year, a 40% increase from 2009.

The number of youth that struggle with mental health has only gotten worse over the past two years, due to the pandemic restricting students from doing things that they enjoy and isolating them from friends and family, making them feel alone.

No matter a person's situation or the environment that they are living in, most teens find themselves struggling with their mental health. Even within the Newman community,, many students are likely to struggle with their happiness. Even though these feelings may feel inescapable, there are resources and people that students can talk to about their struggles. One great resource for students struggling with their mental health is Keri Wulf, school counselor at Newman Catholic Middle and High School.

She gave some great and encouraging tips that any high school student can use when they have a lot on their plates.

"I think that it can be overwhelming for students sometimes, and I think that talking with someone to try to really figure out what is important can be really helpful for that," she said. "If you think that you have to do everything perfectly, that can be tremendously overwhelming, but if you're able to talk to someone and kind of reframe it and ask yourself, 'What are my goals?' and 'Of what I am doing currently, what is most important to me to accomplish?' and then being able to let go of the rest of your worries."

Being able to prioritize what is most important is a great way to eliminate unnecessary burdens out of life and can help people focus on how to improve their overall wellbeing.

As far as tips go for anyone struggling with mental health, here is something else that Mrs. Wulf wanted to share:

"The first thing to know is that you're not alone," she said. "It is very common, and most people will struggle at some point in their lives with a mental health issue.

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“The second thing would be to find someone that you can talk to and trust,” Mrs. Wulf said. “It can be a friend, parent, or counselor, and make sure that you have some good coping mechanisms in your life so that when you do start to feel yourself getting down you have a healthy way to spend your time and take your time away from it.”

Examples include playing an instrument or going outside, or whatever it is that makes someone feel alive.

For anybody who is currently struggling with their mental health, they should find an outlet to talk to, know that they are not alone and that there is always someone who wants to help them with their struggles.



Cabin Fever Fundraiser Set To Return in Two Weeks

By: Hanna Seidl '24

The Newman Catholic High School gymnasium will be filled with families of Newman students Saturday, April 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Booster Club's annual Cabin Fever fundraiser. Tickets cost \$30 per person. The Cabin Fever fundraiser supports and benefits the Athletic Booster Club by using all of the proceeds for uniforms, equipment, and other needed items for sports.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to the 2021-22

National Honor Society Inductees!

The induction ceremony will be held Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newman Catholic High School Gymnasium.

Maria Cicha

Wyatt Gasper

Raige Guld

Elijah Gustafson

Adam Krasowski

Destiny Lo

Benjamin Mouna

Jackson Bender

Raige Reeves

Alexis Reprinski

Hanna Seidl

Civa Sukanen

Hailey Thursty

The event is run by parents and the Booster Club board of directors. The board of directors is a group of volunteer parents and supporters of Newman Catholic Schools. Newman parent Krista Zubke serves as the treasurer of the Booster Club. She has children who participate in Newman athletics, and she knows how important it is to the athletes.

“I wanted to do what I could to help raise the funds for our athletic programming needs” she said.

Booster Club members meet frequently and discuss the details of the fundraising event. The board of directors includes President Ross Bodenheimer, Vice President Jeff Kroening, Mrs. Zubke, and Secretary Jerry Bates. *(Continue on Page 5)*

Cabin Fever Fundraiser Set to Return in Two Weeks

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The Newman Gym
will be set up and
ready for the 2022
Cabin Fever.

"This event would not have the success it does without the help of our numerous volunteers," Mrs. Zubke said, acknowledging her fellow board members.

Newman Catholic's Cabin Fever fundraiser has happened in the spring since 2007. Due to the pandemic, the Booster Club has not been able to hold the event since 2019. The committee is excited to get back in the gym this year.

Cabin Fever has raised money for many different sports. Over the years, the fundraiser has provided equipment such as soccer goals, volleyball nets, a high jump pit, and more.

The event offers many activities along with the fundraising games and things to do. During the event, attendees can expect music from live bands, food and beverages, and games.

"The event includes several raffles and a silent auction for individuals to support our fundraising efforts," Mrs. Zubke said. "Basically it is a lot of fun!"

This year, the band "Urban Road" will be performing the music for the event. All of the prizes and food provided for the guests are donations from Newman families. The board is open to any donations or sponsorships from families in the community.

People can make donations by contacting newmancabinfever@gmail.com and dropping off donations at Newman Catholic High School by Friday, March 25.

"We have a committee that organizes the event, but we rely on the students and volunteers to help set up and at the event as well," Mrs. Zubke said.

Students can help by signing up to volunteer for the event. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, or the event itself. An announcement will be made soon about ways to sign up.

"This event would not have the success it does without the help of our numerous volunteers," Mrs. Zubke said.

Smoke Trips Fire Alarm, Students Follow Procedure

By: Kaylee List '24



Mr. Olm and Mr. Wermen
stand outside of Boiler Room
after false alarm fire.

Wednesday, February 16, Newman Catholic High School and Middle School's fire alarm tripped. Students exited the building as they normally would, following the procedure for a typical fire drill.

"That was the best fire drill the students could've done," said Paul Michlig, dean of students.

The students did everything they were supposed to do and were very patient. Nick Olm, lead custodian, was sitting in his office when this occurred.

"I was very alarmed," he said.

The kitchen staff was making muffins for lunch. Smoke from the oven had gone through the vents, tripping the fire alarm in the boiler room. The sensor in the boiler room had stayed on causing the alarm to continue going off.

The fire department was informed of this and arrived at the school shortly after the incident. The fire department did a routine check. The Wausau Fire Department checked to make sure that there was no fire or any danger to students or staff.

Upcoming Senior Capstone Deadlines

April 8- Create a draft proposal (*Work with your adviser to do this and get it approved.*)

April 29- Complete a fine tuned draft of final proposal (*Work out final proposal to submit to Mr. Noll for final approval.*)

High School Softball Gears Up for 2022 Season

By: Charlie Shields '22



Senior softball players (L to R) Anna Brown, Lily Zeimet, and Kaitlin Kalafice

As spring is right around the corner, the Newman Catholic High School girls softball team has begun to prepare for the upcoming season. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the past few years, this group of girls has not yet had the opportunity to have a normal softball season together. However, the senior squad that will be taking the field for their final season has great experience, as they were part of the 2019 Regional Championship team.

Seniors Anna Brown, Lily Zeimet, and Kaitlin Kalafice and coaches Steve Jankowski and Kaley Fech are all looking to keep the team dynamic strong and have fun while doing it.

Coach Jankowski had only positive and encouraging words to say about the team.

“The conference title and the regional title are a goal every year,” he said. “This team of friends has a strong bond, supports each other, and best of all, they have fun playing the game.”

The excitement between the coaching staff and athletes is running high, and the team as a whole is looking forward to working hard to get right back to claiming another regional title. One thing that coach Jankowski is planning on focusing on more with the team this year is pitch selection while at the plate, which is understanding the picture's strengths and weaknesses while you're at bat.

The rest Newman Catholic High School softball roster includes junior Maria Christophersen; sophomores Ashley Jankowski, Paige Guld, Ava Sukanen, and freshmen Lily Shields, Luciana Ferrario, and Annika Svennes.

Home games are played at Sunnyvale Park in Wausau.

Baseball Season Is Now in Full Swing

By: Hanna Seidl '22



Junior Eli Gustafson in the 2021 spring season.

As the 2022 baseball season gets underway, the Newman Catholic High School baseball team will meet either in the gym or at Brockmeyer Park to prepare for what they hope is a successful season.

The team is coached by middle school teacher Joe Ackermann, who is assisted by Coach Carter Prey and Coach Tony Noll. Ackermann is now the head coach of the team after being the assistant baseball coach for the last four years,

“My goals for the season are to play hard in every game and be able to play our best baseball towards the end of the year,” Coach Ackermann said.

Practice began Tuesday, March 15. During the first few weeks of practice, the team will be working on fundamentals, arm strength, and cardio.

The team has some new freshmen players taking the field this spring, but Coach Ackermann is also excited about the senior players finishing off their last year with Newman baseball.

This season's boys baseball team includes seniors Jacob Pfiffner, Josh Klement, Nathan Klement, juniors Jackson Varline, Mason Prey, Eli Gustafson, Jackson Pfender, James Bates, sophomore Rylan Barry, and freshmen Tyler Ackerman, Carson Rice, Steven Klement, and Noah Martin.

“I am excited to have Josh and Nate Klement finish out their baseball careers at Newman strong,” Coach Ackermann said.

Josh and Nathan Klement have been on the baseball team throughout their high school experiences.

“I am also excited for our freshman class as a whole, as there are some really talented players in that class,” Ackermann said.

As the team will start practicing in the upcoming weeks, Coach Ackermann hopes that the players get better every day and have some fun doing it.

“The best part about coaching baseball at Newman is being part of the excellent team bond established by these

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Plans for Pool Unveiled

Father Langer announced this last week that construction on a pool for Newman shall begin this summer and is scheduled for completion around Christmas of 1977. This news was quite a surprise to both faculty and students. However, Father pointed out that the idea is not new.

"The original blueprints of the school have the layout for the construction of a pool, as well as an auditorium. However, due to lack of funds both facilities were never started."

Apparently, when Newman first opened, a separate savings account was set aside for the construction of these two additions sometime in the future. Over the years a certain amount of the school's savings has been put toward this and now a dream of years ago has become the reality of today.

The Bridgemond Construction Co., which specializes in the building of a number of sports facilities, will be

doing the work. The company, based in Chicago, is no stranger to the Central Wisconsin area. Such facilities as the Marshfield fieldhouse and the UWMC fieldhouse and swimming pool have been done by them.

Speaking with Father about the project, we were told that the savings set aside for the pool had been kept secret, only the principal and finance secretary had any knowledge of it. When asked why, Father had this to say:

"Past principals of the school were afraid that if these funds were known to have been started, then they may have been taken out of savings to use in the everyday running of the school and would have never served the purpose for which they were intended. That is, for the construction of a pool and or auditorium sometime in the future."

The layout shows that the pool will be built between the gym and the northwest wing of the school. It will be

olympic size with both a high and low diving board, along with two underwater viewing windows. Also a balcony for spectators will be included. There will be separate entrances leading directly from the girls and boys locker rooms, with the main entrance off of the gym.

So after twenty-five years, Newman is finally getting a long planned swimming pool. Opening a new area of sports competition here at school.

Oh, by the way — April Fool's!

Art Students Win Awards

The Wisconsin Valley Art Association had a student art show for five high schools including, Wausau West, Wausau East, Wausau Newman, D.C. Everest and Edgar High Schools. There were 12 all around outstanding pieces chosen awarding \$10.00 each. Also there were 6 honorable mentions with an award of \$3.00 each.

Individual 1st place winners were:

Janet Merkel - Weaving

Margie Krueger - Weaving

Dean Meyers - Ceramics

Melanie Lang - Batik, and honorable mention on an oil painting.

James Sargent - Honorable mention on ceramic wall plaque.

Fred Bergs and *Mark Gajewski* also got a purchase award for a fabricated weather vane. The art piece was purchased by the Performing Arts Foundation and will be on display in their office.

Newman had one of the higher percentages of winners, 6 out of the 18 awards were won by Newman High School art students.

Prom Plans Announced

For this year's spring formal, the junior class borrowed the name "Fantasia" from Walt Disney's movie "Fantasia." The Juniors chose this name because it implies a fantasy world that is created at every prom, and hopefully this name will be retained for every prom in the future.

Fantasia will be held Saturday, April 23, and upon entering the Newman gymnasium, the couples will enter the fantasy world of the Orient, with its gardens, bridges, pagodas, and fountains.

Fantasia this year is going to be different from the proms of previous years for three reasons:

1. Newman is no longer having their prom together with East and West in order to create more Newman student involvement.

2. There are no restrictions what so ever about who can go, Freshmen Sophmores as well as Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend.

3. The girls are allowed to ask the guys as well as the traditional asking by the guys.

Post-Fantasia will also be held at Newman in the commons. The theme will be "Casino Night." You will want to come and try your luck on the roulette wheel, along with many other games such as fuss-ball and pinball.

The Juniors hope that the students are pleased with this years arrangements for Fantasia. This is the first year that Newman has been on its own for their spring formal, and the Juniors want to make it something special. Fantasia will be an event that no one should miss!

Baseball Season Is Now in Full Swing

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student athletes here at Newman,” said Coach Ackermann.

The Newman Catholic Varsity Baseball schedule is listed below. All games begin at 4:45 p.m. unless noted. Home games are at Brockmeyer Park. Home games are in bold:

- Tuesday, April 5 @ Athens High School
- Friday, April 8 @ Abbotsford High School
- Monday, April, 11, 4:30 p.m. @ Northland Lutheran High School
- Tuesday, April 12 @ Marathon High School
- **Thursday, April 14 vs. Marathon**
- Monday, April 18 @ Stratford High School
- **Tuesday, April 19 vs. Stratford**
- **Friday, April 22 vs. Phillips**
- **Tuesday, April 26 vs. Auburndale**
- Thursday, April 28 @ Auburndale High School
- Friday, April 29 @ Chequamegon High School
- Tuesday, May 3 @ Edgar High School
- **Thursday, May 5 vs. Edgar**
- **Friday, May 6 vs. Rib Lake**
- Monday, May 9 @ Assumption High School
- **Thursday, May 12 vs. Assumption (Athletic Field)**
- Friday, May 13 @ Prentice High School
- **Tuesday, May 17 vs. Spencer**

Coach Marquardt Gives Sneek Peek to the Upcoming Golf Season

By: Josh Klement '22

The Newman Catholic High School varsity golf team was very successful last year, making it to state and earning a fifth place title. This season, the team is aiming to make it back to state and bring home a trophy.

“I think our team is going to be pretty good this year, we have a lot of returning varsity players,” said Coach Cory Marquardt. “Four out of the five that were on our state



Conner Krach,
2021 Season



Isaac Seidel,
2021 Season



Nevaeh Nelson,
2021 Season

competing team a year ago will be back this year, so I feel good that way. I'm excited to bring everybody back for the most part and see who is going to step into the fifth spot.”

Golf is both an individual and a team sport. Each team has five golfers. Each player will golf and score individually, but at the end of the tournament, the total number of hits from each player will be added up to become the team score. The teams will be ranked by the lowest score, so the team with the lowest score will be in first place.

The Newman golf team is co-ed, meaning there are both boys and girls on the team. This year, the four returning varsity members are Conner Krach, Isaac Seidel, Jack Hoelter, and Neveah Nelson.

The 2022 golf schedule can be found below:

- Monday, April 18 11:00 a.m. @ Ridges Golf Course
- Tuesday, April 19 4:30 p.m. @ Inshalla Country Club
- Thursday, April 21 2:00 p.m. @ Pine Valley Golf Course
- Tuesday, April 26 2:00 p.m. @ Wausau Country Club
- Monday, May 2 10:00 a.m. @ Pine Valley Golf Course
- Friday, May 6 @ 11:00 a.m. @ Inshalla Country Club
- Saturday, May 7 9:00 a.m. @ Merrill Public Golf Club
- Thursday, May 12 2:00 p.m. @ Prentice Pines Golf Course
- Tuesday, May 17 2:00 p.m. @ Wausau Country Club
- Tuesday, May 24 9:00 a.m. WIAA Tournament @ Pine Valley Golf Course

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Prom

Have an Enchanted Evening at Prom April 23 at the Great Dane. Check Page 11 for more details.

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High School Track Athletes are Up and Running

By: Kaylee List '24

With Newman Catholic High School's track season starting Monday, March 7th, Coach Paul Michlig is excited to get back into another great season.

"Track is always a good time," he said.

There are around 35 athletes on Newman's track team. The boys and girls practice together, but during track meets they are separated.

Throughout the track season, the athletes can see their improvement more clearly than in other sports. Coach Michlig loves to see improvement in his team.

"Track is not you against another person, it's you against yourself," he said.

Coach Michlig tries to make track as fun and as challenging as possible. The team has frequent ice cream days after difficult practices as a reward for the hard work put in. Meets are made up of many events, including running events such as relays, hurdles, sprints, and long distance runs, and field events such as shot put, discus, pole vault, triple jump, long jump, and high jump.

The 2022 track and field schedule can be found below:

- Friday, April 1 4:00 p.m. @ UWSP Multi-Activity Center
- Monday, April 11 4:30 p.m. @ Edgar High School
- Tuesday, April 19 4:00 p.m. @ Lakeland High School
- Thursday, April 21 4:00 p.m. @ Antigo High School
- Tuesday, April 26 4:00 p.m. @ Wausau East High School
- Saturday, April 30 9:00 a.m. @ University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- Monday, May 2 4:30 p.m. @ Abbotsford High School
- Thursday, May 5 3:30 p.m. @ Amherst High School
- Monday, May 9 4:00 p.m. @ Wittenberg-Birnbaumwood High School
- Tuesday, May 10 4:00 p.m. @ D.C. Everest Junior High School
- Monday, May 16 4:30 p.m. Conference Meet @ Stratford High School
- Monday, May 23 3:30 p.m. WIAA Tournament @ Marathon High School

National Honor Society Hold In-school Blood Drive

By: Madelyn Seidl '22

For the first time in two years, the National Honor Society held a blood drive at Newman Catholic High School. Safety concerns surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic had caused Newman to end in-school donations, but recent low numbers and established protocols allowed for nurses and phlebotomists to enter Newman March 17, 2022.

"We find that more people donate blood when we come into schools," Phlebotomist Natasha said. "Some teachers give extra credit if they donate or count it as volunteer hours so that is huge."

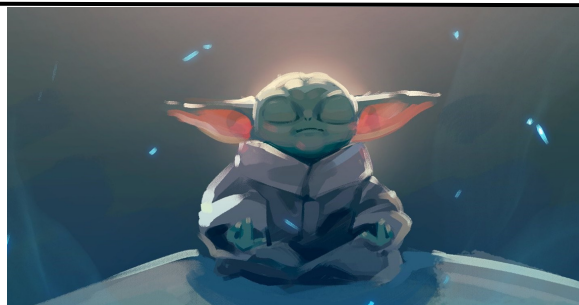
Sonja Gasper's science room turned from classroom to donation room with a table for check in, two tables for vital checking stations, and three chairs for donating blood. All day, students and staff alike volunteered their study halls and prep periods to give blood.

"It takes about 30 minutes for the whole process and only about five to seven minutes for the actual blood draw," Natasha said.

Each donor was required to fill out a questionnaire. They must also pass all vitals. It is important for all donors to have a high enough hemoglobin level so that it is safe enough to lose a pint of blood. Then, donors are seated in reclining chairs while their blood is being drawn. After donation, the students and staff sit at tables filled with snacks and drinks.

"It's one of the easier things you can do because it is just your time and your blood," Natasha said. "It doesn't cost any money to help people."

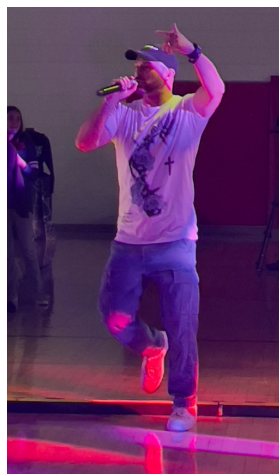
Eighteen students and four staff donated their time and blood, saving 66 lives.



Mr. Noll deep in prayer, asking for the strength to survive his Freshman and Sophomore Classes each day.

Newman Catholic Brings Christian Rapper to School

By: Madelyn Seidl '22



Christian speaker and performer Joe Melendrez perform in Newman High Gymnasium.

Tuesday, March 29, high school students sat in second period classes all around the school overhearing the bass of a concert held in the gym for middle school students and waiting for their turn to enter the gym. Joe Melendrez, a Christian speaker and performer from Los Angeles, California set up his concert in the gym and held a concert for both middle and high school students.

"The Chosen session is relatable for the middle school kids because Mary was thirteen or fourteen when she said 'yes' to God. For them to start thinking about committing to God at that age is really powerful," Mr. Melendrez said. "For high schoolers, they are in a new space with many new challenges so the 'overcome' session fits them best."

After a few songs, Mr. Melendrez talked about his encounter with Jesus.

"I was fifteen years old when I had an encounter with Jesus," he said.

Mr. Melendrez first heard about God through the song "Best Friend" by Puff Daddy, an American rapper and songwriter. He then went on a mission trip retreat where he had his encounter with Christ. He cried and wept and describe the experience as:

"All the love I have had in my life in one moment," he said. "It was the best feeling in the world and I knew God was real."

After teaching in a Catholic school for eleven years, Mr. Melendrez began writing music, traveling, and telling people about his story.

"Music has a way of connecting to people," he said. "For real though, music in this setting is a hook to get people to be open and receive."

His goal is to make sure everyone knows that they are a gift and that they are sacred.

"You have an undeniable worth that cannot be taken away," Mr. Melendrez said.

He has a new album being released on Good Friday, April 15 named "Praise Ship." "Praise Ship" can be pre-saved on all music streaming platforms.

Announcements (cont.)

Band Large Group Festival

High School band students, large group festival is Thursday, April 21. The bus will be departing at 3:00 p.m..

Choir Large Group Festival

High School choir students, large group festival is Thursday, April 7. The bus will be departing at 2:15 p.m..

Class Lenten Reconciliation

The opportunity for Lenten Reconciliation for individual classes will be held April 1, 6, and 8.

No School

There will be no school on the following dates:
Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18

Junior Isaac Seidel Is Second Basketball Player to Reach 1,000 Points This Year

By: Charlie Shields '22

The 2021-2022 Newman Catholic boys basketball season was historic, as the team broke the school's record in conference wins and won a regional championship. Not only did the team accomplish these things together, but a few players reached a very impressive mark in their basketball careers. One of these players is junior Isaac Seidel.

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Founders Day Honorees



Honorees



Cornerstone:

Dr. Janet Klosinski

Distinguished Alumni

Jenifer Hardel '91
Dr. Tou Shoua Lor '02

Coaches Hall of Fame

Jim DeBroux '63 (Posthumous)
Dan Witter '78

Athletic Hall of Fame

Lucy Conard '77
Jack Koltes '60
Michael Hughes '64 (Posthumous)
Jerry Siewert '68
Robert Barnett '94

Honored Volunteers

William & Krista Zubke
Michael & Brittany Disher
Kelly Rueger

Junior Isaac Seidel Is Second Basketball Player to Reach 1,000 Points This Year



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Junior Isaac Seidel (23) scores
his 1000th point on March 1st

Tuesday, March 1, Newman Catholic hosted Tri-County for the first round of playoffs. During this matchup, Isaac scored his 1,000 career point, making him the second player to do so this year.

Isaac described the moment as surreal.

“It felt good to do it on our home court surrounded by friends and family,” he said

Looking into what to come for Isaac and the rest of the team, he said they hope to bring home a state championship for Newman Catholic next season.

Tentative Class Meeting Schedule

(This schedule is subject to change. Listen to daily morning announcements for possible updates or changes.)

- 1- Student Council
- 4- Class Meetings
- 5- Campus Ministry
- 8- Ambassadors
- 12- National Honor Society
- 14- Prom Committee
- 19- Campus Ministry
- 26- National Honor Society

THE CLASS OF 2023 INVITES YOU TO AN

Enchanted Evening

AT PROM

April 23rd 2022
Great Dane
Pub & Brewing Co.

Grand March: 5 PM
@ NCHS Gym
Dinner: 6 PM
Dance: 7- 10 PM

Tickets on Sale
March 28th - 31st
\$40