



An Enchanted Evening at Prom

Students Dance the Night Away at Prom

By: Hanna Seidl '24

The Great Dane was filled Saturday, April 20, with students dressed up in semi-formal attire for Newman Catholic High School's 2022 annual prom dance. Heather Shaughnessy, family and consumer science teacher, has helped out with the winter formal, Peppermint, for six years, but is new to planning prom.

"This is my first year coordinating the semi-formal prom dance," Mrs. Shaughnessy said.

Every year, a group of juniors form a committee to plan out details such as location, timing, tickets, decorations, and expenses.

"I have been assisted by a great group of junior ladies," Mrs. Shaughnessy said. This group includes Natalie Brenner, Kari Severson, Grace Carlson, Maria Christophersen, Sidney Galang, Danisa Zenk, and Paige Reeves.

Each year, the prom committee plans a new theme for the dance. This year's theme was "Enchanted."

Students who attended the prom dance paid \$40 per ticket. These tickets were sold by the prom committee during lunch from March 28 to March 31.

The evening kicked off at the high



Junior Prom Court (L to R): Eli Gustafson, Sidney Galang, King Wyatt Gasper, Queen Kari Severson, Owen Sullivan, and Grace Carlson.

school gymnasium with the Grand March Ceremony.

"I was really excited to dress up and it was nice to see people in my class that also went to the dance," junior Kari Severson said.

It is tradition to crown a prom king and queen at Grand March before the dance. This year's prom court included Wyatt Gasper, Eli Gustafson, Owen Sullivan, Grace Carlson, Sidney Galang, and Kari Severson.

Newman students voted for one king and one queen, and the prom committee



Senior girls at Grand March.

counted the votes. The 2022 prom king and queen were Wyatt Gasper and Kari Severson.

"I was surprised and happy," Kari said. "It was nice to represent my class."

An Italian buffet with choices of food for the students was available before the dance. At 7 p.m. the music began playing and students danced with their friends and classmates. Music was played by athletic director Cory Marquardt.

"My hope for prom this year is that all attending have a great time and make long lasting memories," Mrs. Shaughnessy said.

The event ended at 10 p.m., and students returned home from their "Enchanted" night.

*Ascension of
Jesus Christ*



Seniors Finalize College Decisions

By: Charlie Shields '22

As the school year comes to an end, the class of 2022 is finishing up their college decisions. For some, it was an easy, quick decision, and for others, it took much more time and consideration.

When it comes to choosing the perfect college, everyone has different criteria and expectations. Colleges focus on a student's grade point average, extracurricular activities, and a personal essay that is submitted to each college to which a student applies.

Senior Kaitlin Kalafice will be attending the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

"La Crosse has a great psychology program, the layout of the campus is perfect, the size is great, and the social life is also great," she said.

Senior Lucy Hahn will be attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

"I was looking for a school with a great atmosphere and that was very welcoming while choosing my school," she said. Whether college takes someone far away or keeps them close to home, the perfect place for everyone is waiting out there. After speaking to a few members of the class of 2022, there is no doubt that this class did just that.



Where are they off to?

Samuel Beck - St. Norbert College

Anna Brown - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Abigail Burgoyne - Northcentral Technical College

Gerard Cicha- Work Force

Elizabeth Clancy - Marquette University

Faith Fehrman - St. Norbert College

Lucille Hahn - University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Peyton Heinz - University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Jack Hoelter - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Johanna Hougum - University of Wisconsin-Madison

Kaitlin Kalafice - University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Joshua Klement - University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Nathan Klement - University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Rebecca Larrain - Universidad De Navarra

Ashley Lo - Columbia College (Chicago)

Zongcha Lo - University of Wisconsin-Madison

Andy Lor - Undecided

Grace Martin - University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Nevaeh Nelson - Northcentral Technical College (Transfer Program)

Jacob Pfiffner - St. Thomas University

Madelyn Seidl - University of Wisconsin-Madison

Charlie Shields - University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Lillian Zeimetz - Creighton University

Samuel Zeimetz - St. Johns University

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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.

Cabin Fever Raises Record Amount

By: Madelyn Seidl '22



Juniors Kari Severson and Danisa Zenk run giving tree at Cabin Fever.

Newman Catholic High School students volunteered their time during the last two periods of the school day Friday, April 8, to set up Christmas trees, twinkling lights, and silent raffles. They willingly gave up two hours of class time to prepare for the return of Cabin Fever, after two years off due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's hard to remember exactly how we did things," said Megan Nowinski, who helped organize the event. "With the break in Cabin Fever, we now have a wave of new volunteers and parents."

Mrs. Nowinski and her husband, Mike, took over in 2015 and have planned Cabin Fever since then.

Cabin Fever is a fundraiser focused on raising money for the Newman Catholic High School athletic department. The money goes to the Booster Club, which divides up the money raised and puts it towards items like new uniforms and equipment for athletes.

"It brings people in to see what our kids do here," Mrs. Nowinski said.

Since January, Mr. and Mrs. Nowinski and the rest of Booster Club have met every two weeks to discuss and plan this annual event.

Along with starting this tradition again after a two year break, there has been a lot of turnover in volunteers. Ross Bodenheimer took over this year as president of the Booster Club. This year, Mr. Bodenheimer and Mrs. Nowinski worked together to raise donations and set up for this event. All raffles, alcohol, and food were covered completely by donations. Companies in the greater Wausau area gave monetary as well as physical donations in the form of raffle baskets. Other silent raffle items were donated by Newman families.

Leading up to the event, there was a concern about the outcome of this year's Cabin Fever. With the pause since the

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the last Cabin Fever, as students graduated, new students began, volunteers changed, there was a disconnect in word of mouth. However, it turned out there was no need to worry. The event brought in more revenue than ever before. One-hundred and fifty-one people attended Cabin Fever Saturday, April 9, and \$28,253 was raised to support Newman's athletes.

"A lot more people attended than I was expecting," volunteer and track athlete Kari Severson said. "It was a lot of fun."

Middle, High Schools Compete in Marawood Conference Large-Group Choir Festival

By: Kaylee List '24

Thursday, April 7, the schools in the Marawood Conference gathered to compete against one another's choirs at Columbus Catholic High School in Marshfield. The judges critiqued the choir groups based on certain criteria. Newman Catholic's middle and high schools both placed first overall. The festival consisted of five schools, including Newman. The middle and high school prepared and competed separately, with two pieces per choir group. Choir teacher Patricia Rougeot worked with the groups for three months in preparation for the festival. The high school performed two songs, "Dreams of Thee," and "You Say." The high school choir scored mostly ones and twos, which are the highest point numbers that can be earned.

Senior Gerard Cicha and freshman Evie Bates suggested that students should join the choir.

"It's good to support our school in an activity like this," Evie said. "We're also a very small choir."

Sophomore Jed Blum said he enjoys choir class.

"It's a fun class to be in," he said. "Mrs. Rougeot is always happy with our class."

Sophomore Matthew Sells shares why he decided to join choir.

"I was singing in the shower, and my mom overheard my melodious voice and told me to join choir," he said.

Mrs. Rougeot said she thinks highly of each of her students.

"We are always improving and always getting better," she said. "We're always doing the best we can."

Mrs. Rougeot gets nervous with the performances but assures herself of success.

"I need to be calm, and I need to be focused," she said. "I need to let God do his work."



The high school choir was accompanied by Mrs. Rougeot and senior flutist Madelyn Seidl.

High School choir at the Marawood Large-Group Choir Festival Thursday, April 7.



High School students practice before the large-group performance.

Lively Spring Concert Showcases High School Bands, Choir

By: Josh Klement '22



Seniors Zongcha Lo, Andy Lor, Madelyn Seidl, Sam Beck, and Sam Zeimetz after the final concert of their high school career.

Band director Ginnie Mootz announces band.



The Newman Catholic High School spring concert is an event that marks the closing of the school year, and it shows the progression of what the bands and choir have learned. This event was hosted in the gym at 7 p.m. Monday, April 25, for all students, family, and teachers to attend. The students in the band and choir put on a show for all to see.

Patricia Rougeot is the choir director of both the middle and high school choirs. Before the concert, she said she expected it to go wonderfully, and she said the thing she was looking forward to most was to have the ability to say that everyone did well. After it ended, she said that the concert was excellent and executed beautifully. She added that just before the concert, the students were so excited for the concert to begin and start singing.

Like Mrs. Rougeot, Ginnie Mootz is the director of both middle and high school students - the difference is that Mrs. Mootz directs the band. Mrs. Mootz said that she expected the concert to go well. She said that Newman has very talented musicians and that she is very confident in their abilities to play. One of Mrs. Mootz's biggest concerns wasn't any absences or the sound system going on the fritz but the loss of playing time during the Covid-19 pandemic. At the end of the concert, Mrs. Mootz said that she was very proud of all the musicians that night.

High School Holds Virtue Walk

Elementary school students from St. Anne's and St. Michael's visited the Newman Catholic High School track for the returned virtue walk Thursday, April 28. High School students created stations of each of the Catholic virtues: respect, faith, justice, friendship, modesty, purity, and hope.



Senior Nevaeh Nelson stamps card of first grade student.

Freshman Tyler Ackermann teaches elementary students about the virtue of hope.



Students excitedly run to their next station.



Seniors Sam and Lily Zeimetz and Nevaeh Nelson take a picture with Mrs. DeByle's fourth grade class from St. Anne's

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Football Field Named

Photo By Paul Chilsen

The Newman Football Field was recently named to honor Doctor M. Charles Balliet, M.D., who has tirelessly supported the academic and athletic programs of Newman High School. He contributes generously of his time as a physician to the various sports' teams during their seasonal games.

Newman Chapel's Name Recalled

By Chris Kaffine

Mass is celebrated daily at Newman High School in a chapel rarely recognized by the name it was originally given: Saint Bernadette Chapel. Although the chapel of Saint Bernadette (known to most Newman students as the "Little" Chapel) is presently at its intended location in the building, there was a brief time when the chapel was moved to the room adjacent to Mr. Gerard's office (across from the Home-Ec room), to provide room for a theology-learning department.

In 1976, principal Father Thomas Langer, returned the chapel to its original location.

Before it was returned, the chapel was remodeled. The room was divided with a partition to create an office for Fr. Abraham. Also, kneelers (once part for a communion rail at St. Anne's) and new chairs were added.

Although no new remodeling is planned for the Newman Chapel in the near future, the chapel is seasonally decorated by the Student Council Liturgy Committee. Under the direction of committee chairman Ed Brzezinski, the liturgy committee is working with Sister Cecilia Lonsdorf and Fr. Abraham to enhance the atmosphere of the Newman Chapel.

NEWMAN CONVENT ADAPTS TO TIMES

In 1956, the cornerstone was laid for a convent built to house a group of Dominican nuns, who taught at Newman High School. The Dominicans named their home, "The Convent of the Immaculate Heart of Mary." In its heyday, this convent had approximately 20 of its 26 rooms in use. As time went on, though, the number of Dominicans living at the convent diminished.

In 1972, the convent became what is known as an inter-community convent. This means that it became the home for sisters of a variety of religious orders. Even as an inter-community convent, though, the numbers of sisters in residence continued to diminish. In recent years, the Newman Convent had housed as few as three nuns, in a building designed for 26.



Photo By Paul Chilsen

The second floor of the Newman Convent is now used by NCTI as a dorm for its visually and hearing impaired students.

As the number of residents diminished, the cost of maintaining a building built for 26 people did not diminish. In fact, inflation, and the rising costs of energy, caused the expense of running the convent to sky-rocket. The Newman

School Board was forced to address the problem of the Newman Convent. Essentially the Board had only two realistic options. The building could either be rented or it could be sold. In both cases, it

seemed likely that the nuns would be forced to go.

In the end the School Board resolved their problem without forcing the nuns to leave. The second story of the building is now being rented, while the first floor continues to function as a convent. The second floor is now a dorm for hearing and visually impaired students of the North Central Technical Institute (NCTI).

With only a minimum of remodeling the second story is now designed to accommodate the needs of its special residents. Originally, seven of the twelve second floor rooms were never completed. These rooms are now finished; a few of the rooms contain a special flashing signal device to alert deaf residents to the doorbell, or phone. The convent, and the second story dorm, each

have their own dining and living areas. Residents of the NCTI Dorm do not have a cooking facility, so they have two meals catered daily. The cost for these meals is a part of the cost of their room and board.

The NCTI Dorm provides its residents with a very convenient location. The old Convent of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is only one mile from NCTI, and just a block away from a city bus stop.

During the next year, the Newman Convent/Dormitory might very well see half of its 26 rooms occupied. As the Convent of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has gradually become the Newman Convent/Dormitory; operating the building has become a much more cost-effective venture for Newman High School.

Announcements

No School

There will be no school on the following days:

Friday, May 6
Monday, May 30

Blood Drive Comfy Day

The comfy day for those who donated blood at the Newman Blood Drive last month will be Wednesday, May 4.

Flower Sale Pick Up

The flower sale pick up will be Thursday, May 5.

Spring Cook out

The Newman Catholic High School Booster Club will be having a spring cookout for all athletes and their families Wednesday, May 4 at 5:15 p.m.

Founder's Day

Newman's Founder's Day is Sunday, May 15.

AP Exam Dates

Wednesday, May 4 - AP LIT
Thursday, May 5 - AP STATS
Friday, May 6 - APUSH
Monday, May 9 - AP CALC
Tuesday, May 10 - AP LANG
Wednesday, May 11 - AP BIO

Senior Capstone Deadlines

Thursday, May 5 - final proposals due
Friday, May 13 - consultant info sheets to Mr. Noll
Tuesday, May 31 - final advisor meeting

Seniors - Important Graduation Announcements

Notice: these dates and times are subject to change

Senior Award Ceremony

Wednesday, May 18 - The senior award ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Newman High Gymnasium. Graduation caps, gowns, stoles, and cords will be worn

Baccalaureate Mass

Wednesday, May 25 - The senior Baccalaureate Mass will be held at St. Mark. Baccalaureate practice will be at 11:45 a.m. Mass will be held at 6:30 p.m. Students will need to be present by 6 p.m. Graduation caps and gowns will be worn.

Senior Trip

The senior trip will be Friday, May 20. Specific times and details will be announced. Pay attention to emails for details.

Graduation Pictures, Luncheon, and Practice

Thursday, May 26 - Seniors need to be at Newman from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for official graduation pictures, senior luncheon, and ceremony practice. Caps and gowns must be worn. It is essential that seniors are on time to fit everything in.

Senior Final Exams

Final Exams for the senior class will be Tuesday, May 24 and Wednesday, May 25.

Graduation Ceremony

Friday, May 27 - seniors must be at school by 6 p.m. to begin lineup. The graduation ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m. Caps, gowns, stoles, and cords will be worn.

Tentative Activity Period Schedule

Notice: all meetings are subject to change

- May 3- Campus Ministry
- May 9- Ambassadors
- May 11- National Honor Society
- May 13- Student Council
- May 16- Class
- May 17- Campus Ministry
- May 26- National Honor Society

The Red Hat Staff Congratulates This Year's Graduating Class!

"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." Phillipians 1:6 (NABRE)

