



2022 Commencement Ceremony

By: Hanna Seidl '24

The Newman Catholic High School gymnasium was filled with excited students, parents, and teachers awaiting the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2022 Friday evening, May 27.

Many students in the Class of 2022 have been in the Newman system since kindergarten. With only 24 students, the senior class is the smallest class in the high school.

"As such a small class, we were already pretty close, but this year, we have grown even closer," Lillian Zeimetz said. "It will be sad to leave each other."

This year, Lillian Zeimetz was named class valedictorian, earned by achieving the highest grade point average in the class.

"Being valedictorian is an amazing honor, and I am so glad to have achieved it," she said.

The Class of 2022 has had an atypical high school experience. Their sophomore year was cut short due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Their junior year was unusual, as most activities and sports were limited due to restrictions.

"Their experience has made them more flexible and more resilient," said Keri Wulf, guidance counselor at Newman Catholic High School. "My hope for them is that they can have a more normal experience in college. I think that the skills that they've learned in terms of having to adjust and to take what comes at them in life will be helpful."

The seniors have learned a lot academically from their experience at Newman, but Mrs. Wulf said that they have

learned beneficial life lessons too.

"I hope the seniors have learned the benefits of being part of a community that shares their faith and values," Mrs. Wulf said.

"I also hope that they have made friendships that will last over a long period of time."

Teachers and staff at Newman stress the importance of a Catholic education and using faith in everyday life.

"I have learned how to be strong in my faith as well as the importance of hard work and discipline," Lillian said.

Newman teachers have helped the students make it to where they are today.

"It's like starting a new chapter in your life," Mrs. Wulf said.

"For some students, it's the first time that they've really been able to make their own decisions about what they want to do next. It's full of possibilities. It's unknown, so it's scary, but it's also exciting at the same time."

Students in the Newman Catholic High School Class of 2022 are:

Samuel Beck, Anna Brown, Abigail Burgoyne, Gerard Cicha, Elizabeth Clancy, Faith Fehrman, Lucille Hahn, Peyton Heinz, Jack Hoelter, Johanna Hougum, Kaitlin Kalafice, Joshua Klement, Nathan Klement, Rebecca Larrain, Ashley Lo, Zongcha Lo, Laj Ntxiag Lor, Grace Martin, Nevaeh Nelson, Jacob Pfiffner, Madelyn Seidl, Charlie Shields, Lillian Zeimetz, and Samuel Zeimetz.



Newman Catholic High School Class of 2022 Award Ceremony

Photographs taken by Jill Mabry



Madelyn Seidl received the Bishop's Award for Excellence in Religion.



Ashley Lo received the Mark Foundation Scholarship



Mr. Fech awarded Tryba Memorial Scholarships to Peyton Heinz and Nathan Klement.



Rebecca Larrain, Samuel Zeimet, Laj Ntxiang Lor, Gerard Cicha, Samuel Beck, Zongcha Lo, and Madelyn Seidl received various medals for district and state solo and ensemble.



Jacob Pfiffner, Jack Hoelter, Johanna Hougum, Lillian Zeimet, Madelyn Seidl, and Faith Fehrman received the Servant Leadership Scholarship.



Rebecca Larrain, Elizabeth Clancy, and Nevaeh Nelson received the non-marawood conference award.



Grace Martin received the Herb Kohl Initiative Scholarship.



Lillian Zeimet received Valedictorian award medal.



Jacob Pfiffner and Lillian Zeimet received the Newman "N" Award.



Josh Klement received Mark H. Dreyer Memorial Scholarship.



Lucy Hahn received the Rocket Industrial Scholarship.



Faith Fehrman received the Excellence in Mathematics Award.

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Awards Program

Award	Recipient	Award	Recipient
Bishop's Award for Excellence in Religion	Madelyn Seidl	Kenneth Tryba and Vicki Ladwig Memorial Scholarship	Nathan Klement
Valedictorian	Lillian Zeimet	Patty Grimm (Cosentino) Class of 1985, Pearls for Peace Memorial Scholarship	Lucille Hahn
Honors	Samuel Beck Laj Ntxiag Lor	St. Vincent de Paul Cabrini Conference Scholarship	Grace Martin
High Honors	Kaitlin Kalafice Charlie Shields Samuel Zeimet	Servant Leadership Scholarship	Faith Fehrman Jack Hoelter Johanna Hougum Jacob Pfiffner Madelyn Seidl Lillian Zeimet
Highest Honors	Anna Brown Elizabeth Clancy Faith Fehrman Lucille Hahn Johanna Hougum Rebecca Larrain Ashley Lo Zongcha Lo Grace Martin Nevaeh Nelson Jacob Pfiffner Madelyn Seidl Lillian Zeimet	Macdonald Foundation Work Ethic Scholarship	Jack Hoelter Madelyn Seidl
President's Award for Academic Excellence	Johanna Hougum Rebecca Larrain Lillian Zeimet	Katherine H. Anderson Scholarship	Elizabeth Clancy
HEAB Academic Excellence Scholarship	Zongcha Lo	Elda Bonvincin Memorial Scholarship	Rebecca Larrain
Marathon County Honoring Excellence Award	Zongcha Lo Lillian Zeimet	Mark H. Dreyer Memorial Scholarship	Joshua Klement
Herb Kohl Initiative Scholarship	Grace Martin	Lucille and George Ferguson Memorial Scholarship	Anna Brown Lucille Hahn
VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship	Grace Martin	Robert J. Neugebauer Scholarship	Peyton Heinz Ashley Lo
Walter Alexander Foundation Scholarship	Lillian Zeimet	Hmong Community Higher Education Scholarship	Ashley Lo
		Mark Foundation TLC Scholars Scholarship	Ashley Lo
		Rocket Industrial Scholarship	Lucille Hahn
		Joseph C. Kucirek Memorial Law Scholarship	Johanna Hougum
		Intercity State Bank Scholarship	Zongcha Lo

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Kronenwetter Lions Club Scholarship	Elizabeth Clancy	WIPFLI Accounting Scholarship	Jacob Pfiffner
Wausau Noon Optimist Club Scholarship	Nevaeh Nelson	Sister M. Wilma Buckley Publications Award	Madelyn Seidl
Everest Area Optimist Club Scholarship	Zongcha Lo	Excellence in Social Studies Award	Lillian Zeimetz
Everest Area Optimist Club-Alan Lubbe Memorial Scholarhsip	Zongcha Lo	Excellence in Mathematics Award	Faith Fehrman
Kenneth and Lynda Day Scholarship	Abigail Burgoyne	Excellence in English Award	Elizabeth Clancy
Richard D Dudley and Family Scholarship	Nevaeh Nelson	Excellence in Science Award	Elizabeth Clancy
Kiwanis Fine Arts Award	Writing - Johanna Hougum Speech - Rebecca Larrain Art - Faith Fehrman Vocal - Gerard Cicha Instrumental - Zongcha Lo	Saint Norbert College Presidential Scholarship	Samuel Beck
Bob Michlig Memorial Scholarship	Kaitlin Kalafice	Marquette University Pere Marquette and Magis Campus Resident Scholarships	Elizabeth Clancy
Jerome Tryba Memorial Scholarship	Peyton Heinz	Saint Norbert College Distinguished Scholar and Abbot Pennings Awards	Faith Fehrman
Kenneth Tryba Memorial Scholarship	Nathan Klement	University of Wisconsin-Platteville Roy and Gloria Bernard Scholarship	Nathan Klement
Abby Bank Scholarship	Madelyn Seidl	Columbia College Chicago Scholar Award And Dean's Scholarship	Ashley Lo
Cloverbelt Credit Union Scholarship	Jack Hoelter	University of Wisconsin - Green Bay Byron L. Walter Family Scholarship	Grace Martin
Connexus Association Scholarship	Jacob Pfiffner	University of Wisconsin - Madison Vera and Donald Wallach Scholarship	Madelyn Seidl
Peoples State Bank Scholarship	Charlie Shields	Creighton University Founders and Shaffel Awards	Lillian Zeimetz
Wausau Breakfast Optimist Club Scholarship	Charlie Shields	Saint John's University Academic Achievement and Saint Scholarships	Samuel Zeimetz
South Area Business Association Scholarhsip	Jacob Pfiffner	John Phillip Sousa Band Award	Madelyn Seidl
Harvey J. Nelson Charitable Trust Scholarship	Ashley Lo	Louis Armstrong Jazz Award	Rebecca Larrain
Blood Center of Central Wisconsin Scholarship	Madelyn Seidl Lillian Zeimetz		

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Great Northern Blues Society Scholarship	Samuel Zeimet	State Solo and Ensemble Class A -1	Rebecca Larrain - piano solo Madelyn Seidl - flute solo
Band Four - Year Award	Samuel Beck Zongcha Lo Laj Ntxiag Lor Madelyn Seidl Samuel Zeimet	Ray Kirschhoffer Wausau Area Youth Soccer Association Scholarship	Peyton Heinz
Choir Four - Year Award	Gerard Cicha	Win Brocmeyer Memorial Scholarship	Jacob Pfiffner
Jazz Band Four - Year Award	Samuel Beck Samuel Zeimet	Thomas Hammer Memorial Football Scholarship	Joshua Klement
Band Letters	Samuel Beck Zongcha Lo Laj Ntxiag Lor Madelyn Seidl Samuel Zeimet	Thomas Hammer Memorial Track Scholarship	Samuel Zeimet
Choir Letter	Gerard Chicha	Marawood Scholar Athlete Award	Anna Brown Kaitlin Kalafice Zongcha Lo Jacob Pfiffner Charlie Shields Lillian Zeimet Samuel Zeimet
Music Bars	Samuel Beck Gerard Cicha Zongcha Lo Madelyn Seidl	Non-Marawood Scholar Athlete Award	Elizabeth Clancy Rebecca Larrain Nevaeh Nelson
Marawood All-Conference	Samuel Beck Zongcha Lo Laj Ntxiag Lor Madelyn Seidl	Triple Crown Award	Jacob Pfiffner Lillian Zeimet
District Solo and Ensemble		Senior Athlete Award	Joshua Klement Nathan Klement Jacob Pfiffner Lillian Zeimet Samuel Zeimet
Class A - *1 (qualified for state)	Rebecca Larrain - piano solo Madelyn Seidl - flute solo		
Class A - 2 (very good)	Samuel Beck - trombone solo Zongcha Lo - trumpet solo Samuel Zeimet - trumpet solo	WIAA Scholar Athlete Award	Lillian Zeimet
Class B - 2 (very good)	Gerard Cicha - miscellaneous vocal ensemble	United States Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award	Samuel Zeimet
		Army national Scholar Athlete Award	Rebecca Larrain Zongcha Larrain
		Newman "N" Award	Jacob Pfiffner Lillian Zeimet

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.

From the Editor's Desk...

Dear Newman Catholic High School and Readers of The Red Hat,

In the fall of the 2020-2021 school year, my publications teacher, Mr. Anthony Noll, decided that the publications class should take on another aspect of class besides just the yearbook. I volunteered to take the lead on this project, and together we came up with the idea of reinstating Newman's old newspaper, The Red Hat. The hope was that there could be a central place of information for students and fun articles to read in their free time.

The newspaper became mine to publish, and since then, I have spent almost every day over the past two school years coming up with ideas, writing articles, taking pictures, and planning layouts.

My favorite part, however, was seeing the response from Newman alumni. It has been exciting to receive letters from alumni saying that they read The Red Hat and enjoy learning about what is going on at Newman. They write of past memories and usually thank Newman for the childhood it gave them.

This year, I have had the opportunity and pleasure to work with Miss Kaley Fech, a Newman alum and journalist. She has taught the other writers and me a more professional approach to writing a newspaper and greatly helped us with deadlines and editing. I hope that in the future, Newman can continue to use The Red Hat as a space to consolidate necessary information for students and staff, share our faith, and give others an inside look into life at Newman Catholic High School.

One thing that Miss Fech taught us was to never include a "thank you" in a story. However, I feel like it is more important now to say thank you than to follow the proper rules for an article. Thank you so much to Mr. Noll, Miss Fech, writers, classmates, teachers, staff, and alumni for turning what started as a new project into a beautiful opportunity.

Sincerely,

Madelyn Seidl, Class of 2022

One Final Field Trip for the Seniors

By: Hanna Seidl '24



One of the last days the Newman Catholic High School senior class spent together was on their senior trip to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois Friday, May 20. On the way home from Six Flags, the seniors attended a Milwaukee Brewers baseball game.

“At the beginning of the school year, I was worried that the senior class would not be able to finance a trip to anywhere beyond the limits of the Wausau area, but we were luckily able to get enough money,” said senior Elizabeth Clancy.

Students in the senior class held a bake sale in April as a way to raise money for their trip. Senior students brought in homemade goods and sold them to the high school during lunch. Throughout three school days, they raised over \$434.

The seniors had a busy week following their senior trip, so the trip was one last time for all of them to be together before graduation.

“They have one last time together as a group, so hopefully they enjoy the whole thing,” said Paul Michlig, dean of students. “This includes the bus ride, Great America, the Brewer game, and eating and tailgating beforehand. This will be the last part of their high school career where they’ll be together for a whole day.”

Other than the seniors, four chaperones attended the senior trip, including senior class advisor and science teacher Sonja Gasper, her husband, Steve, and parent Mr. Doug Beck.

“It is important for the seniors to spend one last outing as a class outside of the school environment,” Elizabeth Clancy said. “It is something for the seniors to look back on when we are older.”

Why is it Important to Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month?

By: Charlie Shields '22

As some people might know, May is Mental Health Awareness Month. There is a lot of stigma behind mental health struggles, and a lot of people fail to realize how important it is to reach out to someone for help, whether it is for a family member or a friend.

Keri Wulf, guidance counselor at Newman Catholic Middle and High School, said 20% of teens will experience some form of mental illness before adulthood, and only 30% of those teens suffering are being or have been treated for it. Out of every 10 people, at least one is likely dealing with some form of mental illness.

“Mental health awareness is important because every single one of us during our lifetime will be impacted by mental illness either directly or indirectly through a loved one,” Mrs. Wulf said. “When people don’t talk enough about mental health or mental illness, it makes those who are struggling feel even more alone and maybe even think that what they are experiencing is their fault.”

Not only can mental health awareness be discussed more as a country, but awareness can also be spread within the Newman community.

Paul Michlig, dean of students at Newman Catholic Middle and High School, has been in the Newman system for many years and has dealt with helping many students through their struggles.

“Mental health is something that has to be worked on every day as a school,” he said. “Quite frankly, most of us could be looking ahead with mental illness and not fully understand it, so it’s one of those things where we got to keep learning every day to be aware of what it looks like, what it is, and how it affects people in our Newman community.”

Anyone struggling is encouraged to reach out to a friend, family member, school counselor, or even an anonymous counseling line if that. Help is always available. For other resources call 800-950-6264 or check out the National Alliance on Mental Illness website at <https://nami.org/Home>.

The Leaders of Publications From the Principal's Desk... Farewell to the Class of 2022

By: Madelyn Seidl '22



Publication Editors:
 Yearbook- Norah Polkinghorn '23
 The Red Hat- Madelyn Seidl '22
 New Newman News- Becky Larrain '22

This year, the publications class has taken on more than ever before. Led by high school English teacher Anthony Noll, the eighth hour publications class has created a yearbook, monthly newspapers, and biweekly news videos. All students in publications were assigned to one or two of the three aspects.

"This class teaches a lot of real world skills between communications and deadlines that are not hit as head on in other classes," Mr. Noll said.

Junior Norah Polkinghorne was this year's yearbook editor. "My favorite part was seeing it all come together," she said. "It's really rewarding to see the final product."

Norah had to communicate with her team to create a plan for each deadline. They would discuss plans and ideas, what worked, and what didn't to boost the effectiveness of each project.

"Meeting the deadlines was probably the hardest part," Norah said.

A new addition to the publications class was "New Newman News." In previous years, National Honor Society would release weekly Newman News videos. This year, senior Becky Larrain took hold and continued these videos.

"The dream was seeing other classes do this [Newman News] and thinking to myself, wow I want to do that too," she said.

Both the middle school and the high school watched New Newman News videos instead of listening to announcements every other Friday morning. These videos would consist of regular announcements, songs written about Newman, student and teacher interviews, and pranks.

"It was a lot of work, but it was so much fun," Becky said.

It is without a doubt that the hard work of Norah Polkinghorne, Becky Larrain, Mr. Noll, and the publications students assisting them every day paid off and created many amazing memories for all Newman students.

"I am so proud of all of the editors this year," Mr. Noll said. "They are amazing."

Dear Newman Catholic High School Class of 2022,

Your high school years were marked by great uncertainty. When I began teaching in 1992, I never could have envisioned that I would witness what you have dealt with during your time here. The pause of the 2019-2020 school year upended certainties in your life and set the stage for new norms as the 2020-2021 school year started.

You became accustomed to the loss of typical activities and peer interactions, and you adjusted to modified or canceled events. Part of your high school memories will be masks, cohorts, and Google Meets for remote instruction. You have been made fully aware that things can change very quickly and that there are outside forces over which you simply have no control.

Despite the uncertainty, you endured, and you have grown in spite of and because of it. You showed that you were capable of rising to the challenge of abrupt change and helped lead the school back to a sense of normalcy this year. In doing so, you have learned that there are things you can control.

My challenge for you, as you turn the page to the next chapter of your stories, is to do your part to make the world a better place for yourselves, your friends, and your families. Use the lessons you have learned to help the people around you. Look to lift people up instead of dragging them down. Our words and interactions with others matter. They have the ability to be transformative, and they are completely within our control.

I wish you all the best and brightest of futures, and I hope that when you think back on your time here, you do so with fondness, and I hope you remember the difficulties you overcame with a sense of pride.

Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Mr. Fech

Principal

Newman Catholic Middle and High School

World Foods Class Enjoys "Taste of Wausau"



By: Charlie Shields '22

The World Foods Class at El Tequila Salsa in Wausau.

The world foods class went on a multi-cultural "tour" Friday, April 29, to a few of the various places in the Wausau community that share different kinds of foods from all over the world.

The journey began at Wausau's Super International Food Market and Bubble Tea shop. Mr. Taosia and Mrs. Gaolee Lo, parents of Newman students Zongcha and Cheuxung, made the students boba. The students got to learn how boba is made, and what ingredients go into the drinks. The students also got to shop at the Asian market to buy some traditional Asian treats such as Bin Bin rice crackers.

The journey continued at El Tequila Salsa, where owner Roy Romano, father of Newman students Mateo, Maximo, and Marco, served the students some of his favorite homemade salsa. Students also ordered a full meal for lunch.

Senior Joshua Klement had a very eye opening experience while on the field trip.

"I never knew that Wausau had so many different food places that serve great foods like the ones that we tried from all over the world," he said. "It was so cool to see that I can buy these foods just a few minutes from my house. I will definitely be going back."

Not only were the students hoping to get something out of this experience, but foods and consumer education teacher Heather Shaughnessy was as well.

"Culture in itself is important, and I feel as if students themselves should be cultured," she said. "We are fortunate in Wausau to have really great ethnic restaurants, and we were so fortunate to have been able to experience a little bit of what our city has to offer."

Senior Kaitlin Kalafice loved trying new foods.

"My favorite part of the whole experience was getting to go into the Asian market and try some new foods, because it was a new experience for me and that was what this field trip was all about," she said.

NCS President Explains Financial State of the School System

By: Madelyn Seidl '22

Since the beginning of Jeff Gulan's role as president of the Newman Catholic Schools system, he has made a point of opening the communication between administration, students, and their parents.

"The financial state was very difficult," Mr. Gulan said, referring to when he began his role at the start of the 2020-2021 school year. "Last year's [budget] was running \$600,000 in deficit."

This meant that when Mr. Gulan began his role, he had to figure out how to make up the \$600,000 debt. It became important to cut costs on frivolous expenditures within the school system. Samantha Nevienski, Newman's controller and manager of human resources, works to manage all finances and expenses as well as making sure bills are paid and employees receive their payroll.

"We got fat with expenses," Mr. Gulan said. "We have to cut expenses down and generate more revenue."

With Newman losing students in recent years, it has become unrealistic to rely on tuition costs to cover the school system's expenses. While yearly tuition has been raised, there are many other ways Newman has raised funds. Newman has greatly expanded its donor base and has reached out to all donors to help keep Newman running. Local parishes also assist in raising funds. The federal government provided aid through Covid-19 relief funds during the pandemic.

"It's not anything I did; I won't take credit for it," Mr. Gulan said.

Cutting costs when possible has become necessary to ensure that revenue raised will bring Newman's budget into positive numbers. Lawn mowing services and plowing contracts were reduced. Newman is also currently working to reduce utility costs. The boiler room at the middle and high school will be dismantled and replaced with zone heating and cooling systems to allow for a more energy efficient way to regulate school temperatures.

Unfortunately, employee reductions were also made to

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'78 to '82 - We've Come a Long Way

By Jean McKeough

For most of us seniors, it is hard to believe that four years ago we were green little frosh, purchasing elevator passes by the dozen, and searching in vain for the third floor. In some ways, it seems like yesterday. But, hey, Class of '82, we have come a long way, and through it all — the joys AND the sorrows — we've learned a lot and have had a lot of fun in the process.

None of us will ever forget the long, laborious hours spent in Doreen Dimeo's garage stuffing wad upon wad of tissue paper into our pathetic float during Freshman Homecoming. (Or how embarrassing it was to be egged and crabappled by the unsympathetic juniors!)

How about the Freshman skit, "Stairway to Heaven," that had to be whip creamed halfway through in order to preserve some semblance of dignity?!! What a mess!

All would agree, though, that the worst part of Freshman year was the dreaded "Initiation week," which was every bit as bad as we had all imagined it to be.

Rumor has it that "Myron" and "Arfy" have never sung the school song since, and that Patti Zientara resorted to taking baths, after being half-drowned in the shower during that awful week!

Sophomore year introduced us into Mr. Gerard's infamous Driver's Ed Class; the only class which has yet to be surpassed in difficulty, inhumanity and sheer idiocy. However, we all suffered through it ... we would have gone through ANYTHING for that almighty license.

Screams and protests were often heard outside of the Bio Lab as the guys dutifully "scissored" away, and the girls, torn between sympathy and nausea, stubbornly refused to dissect their crayfish.

With sophomore year came the traumatic "privilege" for the girls to ask their favorite guy to Peppermint. For some of us, it was the most difficult thing we ever had to do.

As every class that's gone before us, we've pulled our share of no no's, as anyone who swam for their lives off of the Island on the memorable summer night would be quick to point out!

Thus, we entered our Junior year a little subdued, but a LOT wiser. Junior homecoming was successful for the Class of '82, as the skit placed first, with Jon Meronek stealing the show with his humorous rendition of TV commercials. Parties at Tim Witzeling's were the popular weekend pastime, while U.S. History quiz-cramming monopolized our school hours.

Gradually, cliques diminished, class spirit increased, and the Class of '82 approached Senior year with a zest for the future, truly deserving of the school leadership positions we assumed.

Senior year began with the best, although EARLIEST homecoming ever. There were a few minor complications, however ... how many study halls were spent scraping Dewey Ryman's permanent tape off the commons walls?!!

Toga-clad Scott Gunether added a memorable touch to

the Bonfire as he skirted the crowd with his Kerosene torch to the tune of Chris Lins' and Russ Berge's trumpeted Olympiad theme.

The Walk-a-thon, headed by Tom Krieg, was the highlight in fundraising this year and was a lot of fun to boot.

The Varsity Cheerleaders laughingly resigned the gym floor to Tim Warosh, whose clowning around in short skirt and cowboy boots often entertained the fans during low points in the basketball games.

This was the year everyone finally turned 18, and King's Knight, Prepe's Hacienda, and Double Bubble Hour, became the new hangouts among those who were of age (and of course, even some who were not!)

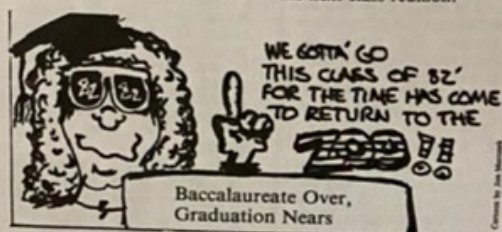
All good things must inevitably come to an end, and for this year's seniors, the time has come to move on to "bigger and better things."

As we tearfully sign yearbooks and once again reminisce upon the numerous "remember-whens," we anxiously wait the future and the limitless possibilities of what it may hold in store for us.

We have our memories; we have our dreams. These past four years have molded and shaped us for those to come.

The Class of '82 will not easily be forgotten, for our many contributions to Newman will be fondly remembered in future years.

As we don our caps and gowns and climb those steps for the last time, we've got to cheer up and remember - it's only another five years before the next class reunion!



By Russell Berg

This year's graduation activities began on May 20th with the annual Senior Awards

The countdown ends on May 27th at 7:30 in the gym when the Class of '82 finally

President Jeff Gulan Lays Out Financial State of Newman Catholic

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cut costs. This allowed more space for the school system's central office to move into the high school. The staff in the central office also now have the ability to assist in the middle or high school if ever necessary to compensate for lost staff.

The St. Ambrose Financial Aid Services in LaCrosse, Wisconsin has aided Newman in paying back debt. Newman is still paying back St. Ambrose for their assistance, but the debt accumulated in previous years has been greatly reduced.

"This year our budget has been balanced with an excess of about \$150,000," Mr. Gulan said. "Are we in great shape? No. But we are now on firm financial footing."

The goal for the 2022-2023 school year is to increase marketing within the community.

"The main thing we really need to do is retain students," Mr. Gulan said.

Newman is offering tuition assistance through private donations and getting businesses involved. There are also educational opportunities being added to the high school program. Four high school teachers are dual credit certified. more Advanced Placement classes will be added, and the education department is doing what it can to add more courses in Newman classrooms.



Middle Grounds is a coffee shop for high school and college age students to do homework, play games, meet friends, and do service projects all while snacking on free coffee and food. Check the Middle Grounds instagram or Facebook page to see details.

From the Chaplain's Desk...A Farewell to Newman

To the Newman Catholic Schools Community,

It's one of the basic facts of life that change is hard.

Whether it's learning the craft of a new sport or picking up a new instrument, losing a friend or family member, or concluding one stage of life to enter a new one (I'm looking at you, graduates), change can be a difficult reality to embrace. I shared a bit about the change I'm working through right now at Mass the other day – how excited I am to lean into a new challenge but also how heartbreaking it is to say goodbye to all of you. Change is, quite simply, hard.

All of this brings us to a word I want you to put in your vocabulary: ambivalence. Ambivalence is that strange combination of different feelings that seem at odds with each other: "I feel so excited to graduate, but wow! I feel so sad that I won't see all my classmates all together again!" or "I feel so determined to put myself into this new assignment, but wow! I feel so heartbroken that I won't get another year with these students!" I think one of the things that makes change so hard is this sense of ambivalence that accompanies it.

It's tough to do the work of sorting through what we're feeling, and it's easy to distract ourselves with busy-ness, phones, anything to keep us from that kind of painful honesty. But "easy" isn't always good, and "painful" isn't always bad. Let me share one last word from my boy, Gandalf, "Here at last, dear friends, on the shores of the Sea comes the end of our fellowship in Middle-earth. Go in peace! I will not say: do not weep; for not all tears are an evil."

May the Lord be always with you and may the Holy Spirit make his home in your heart with his gifts of peace, courage, and hope,

Fr. Joe Richards

Chaplain

Newman Catholic Middle and High School

A Letter to Students

Students,

When it comes to rumors, schools have always been hotspots for unrestrained conversations about “things that are happening” that in reality rarely are. Although I do not know how much traction was gained, I do know that concerns about departing teachers circulated around the building this month. It is true that we are losing a couple of teachers to retirement, a few others that are looking to make career changes, and one due to a spouse taking a job in a new city. Though each of them has chosen a different path to pursue outside of Newman Catholic, no matter what their future should hold, we are grateful for the time they spent with us.

The part of the equation that is absolutely false is that Newman Catholic does not plan to fill those teaching positions. Like other organizations, schools are having a harder time finding qualified candidates to fill out their teaching ranks. Online and virtual learning are becoming part of the solution for many schools to combat this shortage, but I believe in-person instruction is best for students. I am convinced of that now more than ever after being forced into a position of offering two synchronous math classes this past school year. We are currently working diligently to ensure that all classes are offered in person next year.

While it is hard to say goodbye to the teachers who have positively impacted Newman Catholic Middle and High School, every change brings the opportunity for those who remain to grow even stronger. I am excited about what the future holds for us. Our staff is filled with many gifted teachers who are returning next year and are ready to move forward with our mission. Newly hired teachers have the ability to bring new perspectives, ideas, and energy to our school. I am confident that through God’s graces and some hard work, we will come out stronger than ever.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fech
Principal
Newman Catholic Middle and High School

Announcements

Thursday, June 2 - Last Day of School

Friday, June 3 - Newman Night at the Wausau Woodchucks Stadium

Parish Summer Events

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Summer Fun

Friday, June 3: 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, June 4: 12 p.m. - 11 p.m.

St. Mark Parish June Bug '22

Sunday, June 12: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Anne Parish Summer Jam

Saturday, June 18: 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

St. Therese Parish August Fest

Saturday, August 13: 4:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 14: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Athletic Summer Events

Newman Catholic Schools will offer the following summer camps for middle and high school students: football, volleyball, speed camp, and girls' tennis.

For more information on the camps or how to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ncscamps>.

The NCS Athletic Booster Club's annual SwingFest is Friday, July 15. For more information on this event, visit <https://tinyurl.com/ncsswingfest>.

HAVE A
GREAT
SUMMER!