



High School Volleyball Raises Breast Cancer Awareness

By: Hanna Seidl

The Newman Catholic High School gymnasium was filled with fans, decked out in pink, cheering on the Newman Cardinals during the Pink match Thursday, September 29, 2022.

The Pink match was a fundraiser in which donations were given to breast cancer awareness and research. It also was a way to spread awareness about breast cancer.

“It reminds [the community] of the importance of educating themselves and others about breast cancer,” Coach Betty Lange said.

The volleyball team has done the Pink fundraiser in the past but didn't do it the past two years due to the pandemic.

Coach Lange said that Pink matches in the past were events that she would never forget.

This year, the volleyball team really wanted to bring back the fundraiser, so they went to Coach Lange.

“We came up to her with the idea, and she just helped us out,” captain Paige Guld said.

Coach Lange was fully supportive of the idea, and she too wanted to host the Pink match.

“When the captains asked me if we could have a Pink match this season, I was like, ‘YES, of course I want to have a Pink event,’” Coach Lange said. “I was very excited that they were excited about it, too.”

As someone who has had friends and family who have battled breast cancer and a breast cancer survivor herself, Coach Lange said she finds great importance



The Newman volleyball team celebrates after winning a point in their game against Rhinelander September 29.

(Photograph provided by Jill Mabry)

in the Pink match.

“Anytime we can promote breast cancer awareness and fundraise for a cure, I want to be leading the cause,” Coach Lange said.

Coach Lange said she believes that it's important to share information about breast cancer prevention and detection with others' friends and family.

“My hope is we can truly make a difference in preventing this disease,” she said. “The more people who are educated on prevention, the more lives that can be saved.”

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History of The Red Hat

The Red Hat was founded February 6, 1951 by Bishop John P. Treacy and the first class of Newman Catholic High School. Originally the name of the yearbook, *The Red Hat* became the name for Newman's newspaper. The newspaper was published every month.

The Red Hat ran on-and-off for 55 years but 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 proved unsustainable due to a lack of interest.

In September 2020, *The Red Hat* was reinstated as a digital newspaper, combining both the traditional newspaper and modern blog styles from the past and released nine editions during the school year. A dedicated student staff continued the paper during the 2021-2022 school year, publishing eight editions.

The Red Hat strives to revive the spirit of Newman Catholic High School, bringing school pride and tradition back to the student body.

High School Community Period Sees Early Success

By: Molly Lang



Junior Matthew Sells (left) and freshman Everett Puent play Catan with Mr. Hoffmann during community period.

Community period is a time in which high school students have 30 minutes before lunch to do homework, go to clubs, or have some fun with their friends. This happens every day except mass days. The high school students had the opportunity to make requests on which teacher they wanted for their community period and were assigned to the various communities. Most communities have at least one student from each grade.

Many students, including Kaitlin Barich, Sam Nelson, Daniel Beck, and Paige Guld, use this time to get their homework done and complete assignments they might have missed. When students don't have any work to do, they spend their time doing other activities, such as playing cards. These students said they enjoy being in a community with people they might not know as well as their friends.

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Michael Blum Is Ready to Serve as New Interventionist

By: Kaylee List

Michael Blum joins Newman Catholic Middle and High School after serving 32 years at public schools in the Wausau area. Mr. Blum taught at John Muir Middle School for 20 years and for another 10 years at Horace Mann Middle School. He also spent some time teaching at Riverview Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School. Mr. Blum primarily taught math and science but is certified to teach any subject in first through eighth grade.

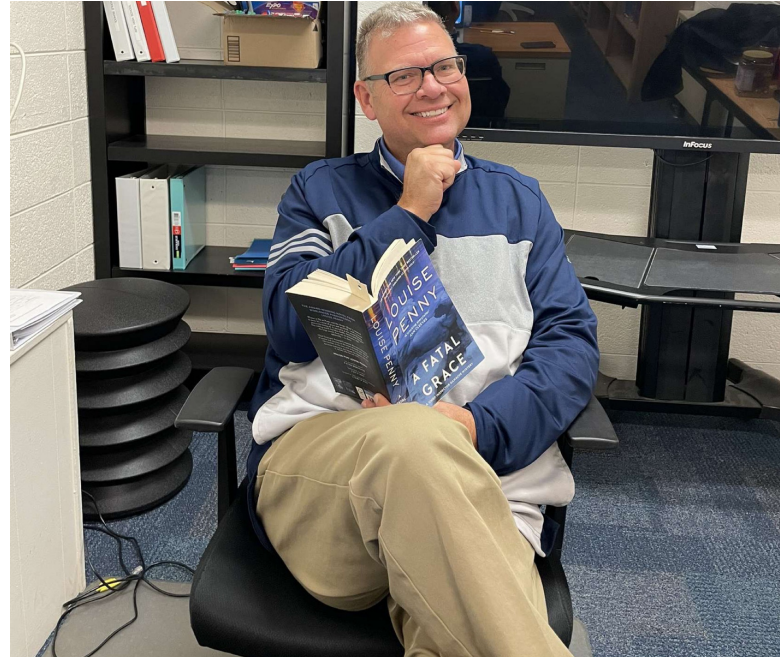
Mr. Blum decided to take a break from teaching and started helping older adults at the Woodson YMCA. At the YMCA, he helped out in the cafeteria and took them on bus trips to places like Milwaukee Brewers games. Mr. Blum became aware of the opportunities he would have at Newman when his son, Jed, enrolled during the 2021-2022 school year.

"I pondered the positives and drawbacks and realized I missed the hustle and bustle of the school setting," Mr. Blum said.

Mr. Blum said he missed the pace of the middle school students and accepted the job as the interventionist at Newman Catholic Middle and High School.

"I have only been a part of the Newman family for a short time, but I already feel that this is a puzzle piece of my life that I had been missing," he said.

As an interventionist, Mr. Blum helps the students that are struggling to catch up on missing work or having a hard time learning a subject. Mr. Blum said that he loves being able to help students and hopes



Mr. Blum said he is excited to settle into his new role as interventionist for the middle and high school.

that students feel welcome around him. Mr. Blum appreciates that, at Newman, he feels that he can be himself without judgment.

"It feels like you can be yourself without trying to perform for anyone else," he said. "You can be your authentic self and not worry about other people watching you."

When Mr. Blum was in school, he asked his professor, Mr. Personke, to write him a letter of recommendation. The professor was famous for writing textbooks for teachers, so Mr. Blum was surprised to find only one sentence written on his letter of recommendation: "Mike believes he was born to teach; I tend to agree with him."

Mr. Blum said has often used those words over the years to give him motivation and reassurance.

Nicole Moore Joins Newman's High School Math Team

By: Tomi Odeyemi

Nicole Moore is a new mathematics teacher at Newman Catholic High School and is ready to help students learn and maybe incorporate life lessons along the way.

Mrs. Moore was initially a substitute teacher in the area. She then took a full time position at Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter where she

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Volleyball Team Plays for a Cure

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Before the game, the team decorated the gym with pink ribbon, balloons, and posters. Players who know someone who is currently or has previously battled breast cancer wrote their names on a pink ribbon. They posted those ribbons on the wall to show their support.

The team also wore pink jerseys and ribbons on their hair and shoes.

“It was fun to dress up in pink since we never got that experience before,” said junior Ashley Jankowski.

Many Newman students came to show their support for the team. The theme for the game was pink-out, and the student section was full of spirit.

Coach Lange said that the players are grateful for their Newman fans that show up to their matches to cheer them on.

“When fans came to the Pink match and rallied around the team, it truly was inspirational for everyone that attended and gave the team another deeper motivation to play their best,” she said.

The Newman Catholic Cardinals beat the Rhinelander Hodags in three sets, winning 25-9, 25-11, and 25-17.

“It was a good game and I think we all knew it was going to be a fun game going into it,” said Paige Guld. “So we had a lot of energy throughout the whole game.”

Coach Lange said she appreciated so many fans coming out to support breast cancer awareness in such a positive manner.

“I can't wait to build on this match and make the event bigger and better each season,” she said.



The volleyball team lines up for the National Anthem before the Pink game. (Photographs provided by Jill Mabry)



Pep band members Mateo Romano (left) and Cami Balk-Yaatenen get excited for the volleyball Pink game.



Volleyball players Paige Reeves (from left), Camille Sobolewski, and Paige Guld go up for the block.

New Community Period Enjoyed by Students

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"I like that you have randomized people that you might not have met before," said junior Sam Nelson. "You get to meet new people."

Many teachers and students have been working on building puzzles during this time. Other teachers are coming up with new and fun ideas to do during their community period. Choir teacher Patricia Rougeout is doing karaoke with her students.

"On the first day of community period, Mrs. Rougeout hopped right in to doing some karaoke," said senior Grace Carlson. "I think it is great because I don't get the opportunity to sing because I am not in choir. It is opening me to new things."

Art teacher Hilary Rinke made tie dye t-shirts for the school food service, and chemistry teacher Jon Smith has an upcoming science experiment planned for his community.

"I just hope when the kids leave community at the end of the year, [they think] that it was a meaningful 30 minutes," Mr. Rinke said.

Overall, teachers and students appear to be using this time wisely, and many people are learning new things about themselves and others along the way.



Mr. Aldrich and junior Adam Sikora enjoy playing chess together during community period Friday, October 21.

Newman Welcomes New Buisness Teacher Coreen Hebert-Immel

By: Victoria Rossi



Mrs. Hebert-Immel enjoys spending time with one of her dogs. (Photograph provided by Coreen Hebert-Immel)

Coreen Hebert-Immel is the new business teacher at Newman Catholic High School. Mrs. Hebert-Immel is originally from Rib Lake, Wisconsin. She moved to Wausau for college and attended the University of Wisconsin - Marathon County.

She started her professional career working in both private and public accounting. As a public accountant, she worked for a firm, and as a private accountant, she worked for local small businesses. Later, she was a purchasing agent and a contractual administrator. During her time as a contract administrator, she decided she wanted to finish college and receive a degree in business.

At that time, she left her job to focus on school. Later, she became a substitute teacher at D.C. Everest High School and for the Wausau School District. After being in the public school system for awhile, she

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Mrs. Hebert-Immel Finds Fulfillment in New Career

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decided to switch things up and give full time teaching a chance.

"I came to Newman because I felt it is a school that offers more of a whole education with a spiritual aspect to it," she said.

She said she has been enjoying her experience at Newman so far and is planning to continue teaching until retirement.

"I really enjoy working here," she said. "I'm having fun doing it, and I enjoy the students who always bring fun and excitement to the classroom. I find it fulfilling because this is a positive atmosphere with a really good culture."

At home, Mrs. Hebert-Immel has a garden which she enjoys working on during the summer. She also has two dogs. August and Cosmo, who are both cocker spaniels.

"Originally, we were just going to get August," "After arriving and seeing what was left in the litter, we fell in love with both August and Cosmo."

She loves taking her dogs on walks and does it just about every day. She also owns a cat named Lucky. She also has had two love birds and a few canaries.

If she wasn't a teacher, she said she would be working to serve within the community. She said she loves service work and the idea of helping others and would begin doing work in the humane society, salvation army, or working with children.

"I would be doing things that work with others and helping them with any possibilities they could be struggling with," she said.

Mrs. Hebert-Immel said looks at her teaching position as a way to serve the school, students, and community.

Red Ribbon Week Schedule

October 24 - October 28, 2022

Red Ribbon Week is an annual time to focus on and raise awareness on the dangers of alcohol and drug addiction. This week's Red Ribbon Week theme is 'Celebrate Life – Live Drug Free.'

-Guidance Counselor Keri Wulf

Monday: Red Shirt and Jeans

- Community Period Assembly

Tuesday: "Team Up" Jerseys

- Community Challenge
- NHS Presentation for Middle School

Wednesday: Dress Your Best

- Alumni Mass and Pledge Signing

Thursday: Newman Spirit

- NHS & Middle School Leaf Raking

Friday: No School!

Celebrate Life - Live Drug Free

Halloween Dress Up Day

Students and staff are invited to participate in a Halloween costume dress up day Monday, October 31. Creative costumes are encouraged. **Costumes with weapons of any kind, either images or props, satanic or devil costumes, serial killer costumes, costumes with blood, gore or violence, and costumes with full-face masks are NOT allowed.**



Mrs. Moore Excited to Start at Newman Catholic

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taught mathematics and music. She moved to Newman at the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

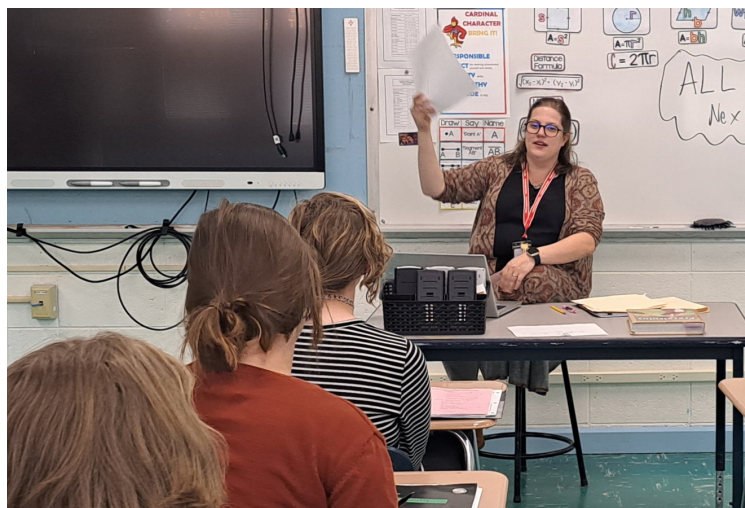
"I wanted a new experience, and there was a job opening here," she said. "I saw it as a great opportunity."

Transitioning to a new school can be tough, but the small size of both schools made it easier.

"I was already coming from a very small school, so the change was actually not too different," she said. "I like how small the classes are and that I get to interact with the students more, unlike the larger schools I substituted at before."

Mrs. Moore said she always loved the thought of helping people, and when she was back in school, she always loved to teach her classmates things they did not understand.

"I have always loved the thought of teaching or helping people in general," she said. "It's always been my goal in life to do something that helps people." Mrs. Moore reminds students that teachers have a life outside of school, too.



Mrs. Moore teaches geometry to a sophomore class.

"I am in the Wausau Liberty choir, so I get to sing, and we have a great time," she said. "I also have a cat. Her name is Mischief, and she keeps me on my toes, which sometimes can be a lot, but I love her."

"I also enjoy gardening and crocheting. I am not good at it, but I do enjoy it. Half of my plants are dead, but I try!" she said.

Mrs. Moore also talked about her husband, Ryan Moore, social studies teacher at Newman Catholic High School, and what working together has been like.

"At first I thought it was going to be a little weird, but I definitely knew it was going to be interesting," she said. "I really like that we work on the same schedule, unlike when I was working at my last school where we had entirely different working times, I think that's nice."

From the English Department... A Short Story

"Deception Sands"

By: Evie Bates, Grade 10

The hot sun crisped my skin as I made my way to the palace. I had been walking for three days, but the sand still cascaded over the horizon. The only thing that kept me going was the hot rage still fresh in my mind. The People's King, as they call him, had implemented a new rule across the land. A rule that would destroy me, a rule that I couldn't let happen. So, I had made the decision to trek across the scalding desert in the hopes of saving myself.

As the day went on, I started to lose sense of my reality. The

sand began swirling on the ground, the sky seemed to smile down at me, and I couldn't tell what was real or not anymore. The golden scenery around me no longer seemed comforting, and at that moment, all I wanted was to get out. As soon as I began to lay down, the thought of the newly implemented rule came to my mind. I tried to usher it away, but it was no use; I was haunted by the idea of this. I started on my journey again, with determination so strong nothing could get in my way.

The sun was beginning to set in the sky, and the only thing

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I could see for miles and miles was the sand that made my eyes hurt. My feet ached, my head was spinning, and my eyes were beginning to droop. All of a sudden, I saw a different color in the distance. I squinted my eyes, trying to see as far as I could. Unless my tired mind was playing tricks on me, I could have sworn that I saw something resembling a group of trees. My legs started to sprint before I could comprehend what I was doing. Sand flying up behind me, sweat dripping down my face, I was determined to make it to the newly found destination. With scattered breath, I approached the lush, green trees. I fell to my knees, weeping with joy. The vibrant sight in front of me was beyond anything I could have ever imagined. All around me was a lush, tropical forest. The desert I was once in no longer to be found.

I walked into this newly found paradise, my head twirling around at every new sound I heard, not fathoming how I had stumbled upon this garden, when just minutes before I was in the endless sea of sand. Exploring the wonder before me, I noticed hundreds of different types of plants, trees, and flowers, but to my surprise, no other living thing. As the time passed, I began to forget all my worries and drift off into a deep sleep.

When I awoke the next morning, I found myself laying on top of a stone, covered in moss. I felt rejuvenated and free from all my troubles. Somehow, the new rule I was so concerned about before didn't seem so worrisome. It didn't seem to be troubling at all. I was so content here that I made up my mind right at that moment: I would stay in this utopia forever. As soon as this thought left my mind, I heard a rush in the bushes behind me. I turned around and behold, a beautiful woman walked through the green.

My jaw on the floor, I found my voice and said, "Who are you?"

The woman laughed and, with a voice as sweet as honey, said, "Sol."

Still trying to comprehend how someone else had found my personal paradise, I opened my mouth to tell her who I was. But before I could force out the words, Sol began.

"I know who you are, Edward. You stumbled upon my garden when you were on your way to oppose the King and his law."

I was in shock. Not only did this woman appear from nowhere, she knew who I was. Sol looked amused at my toil

and began to speak again.

"Come, Edward, let me show you something."

I got up from the ground and began to follow Sol. She led me through the garden, as if she'd walked it hundreds of times before. I had so many questions, but it didn't seem right to ask them. At the end of our silent walk, we ended at a roaring, crystal blue waterfall. Sol motioned for me to sit across from her, so I did. She stared at me for some time, and then she finally spoke.

"You come here seeking shelter and happiness, correct?" I hesitated for a moment, but then nodded. Sol seemed content with my answer and went quiet.

All of a sudden, the most terrible feeling washed over me. A feeling I could only describe as turmoil. I no longer felt the bliss I had felt moments earlier. In my perfect garden, I no longer wanted to stay forever. I quickly rose from the ground and started to back away. Sol turned to me, with a different, evil smile and said,

"Leaving so soon?"

Her voice was no longer sweet and kind. An ominous look on her face told me I was no longer safe. I tried to run, but my feet were stuck. I looked down, and to my horror, my feet were trapped in quick sinking sand. My heart pounding, I looked up to Sol, accusing.

"What have you done?"

Sol looked down at me and snarled. She replied, "Only what you deserve, Edward."

As I sunk deeper to my demise, my life replayed before my eyes. All my wrongdoings, all my mistakes, all my lies played in my mind in slow motion. Still, nothing I had done seemed fitting for me to deserve this. No matter what I thought, my fate was sealed; this was the end. As the sand got to my eyes, I could see Sol walking away. She was no longer a beautiful goddess of a woman, and the green utopia around me was no longer a paradise.

At this moment, coincidentally my last, I realized I had fallen into the sands of deception.

From the Editor's Desk

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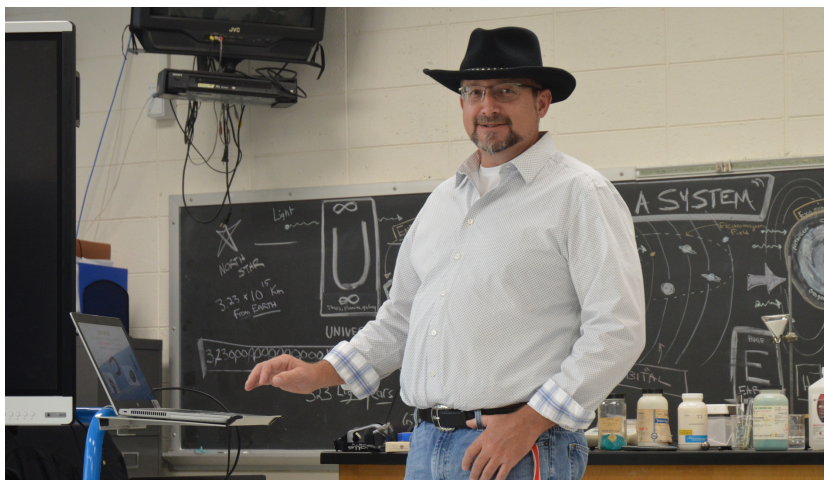
Newman Students Have a Blast During Homecoming



Football players Tyler Ackermann (from left), Matthew Meyer, Steven Klement, Conner Krach, Carson Rice, and Ben Hardesty kneel to listen to their coaches after the Homecoming game Saturday, September 24. (Photographs provided by Jill Mabry)



Sophomores Lily Shields (left) and Lucy Ferarrio get into the spirit of Country vs. Country Club Day.



Mr. Smith gets in on the dress up action during Homecoming.



Freshmen Molly Merrill (from left), Lexie Gliniecki, and Camille Sobolewski cheer on the senior girls during the powderpuff football game Friday, September 23.



Seniors Natalie Brenner (left) and Kari Severson emcee the Homecoming pep rally.

At right: members of the junior class Molly Lang (top, from left), Kaylee List, Jed Blum, Benjamin Moua, Daniel Beck; Sam Nelson (middle, from right), Ava Sukanen, Hanna Seidl; Matt Meyer (front, from left), Paige Guld, and Ashley Jankowski cheer on their classmates during the pep rally Friday night.

