



BACK 2 BACK STATE CHAMPIONS

Newman Football Brings Home Second Straight Gold Ball

By The Red Hat Staff

Forty-eight minutes. That's all that stood in the way of a perfect season and a second straight 8-player state championship title for the Newman Catholic High School football team early Saturday afternoon, November 12. And they were ready. On a snow covered field, the Cardinals came out strong and never let up, beating Belmont 54-0.

Their playoff run began in late October, and each win brought them one game closer to their end destination: the state championship game in Wisconsin Rapids. Chad Holmes, a longtime radio broadcaster of Newman Athletics, made it clear that the preparation started long before that, though.

"I've been doing this for quite awhile seeing different teams in different sports at different schools, and I don't know if I've ever seen a group that is as consistent (*continued on page 3*)



Quarterback Conner Krach races toward the end zone in the championship game. (*Photograph provided by Dave Junion*)



Members of the 2022 8-Player State Championship team include (not in order): Matthew Hamilton, Thomas Bates, Jackson Pfender, Eli Gustafson, Conner Krach, Tyler Ackermann, Tyler Sherry, Cooper Guld, Griffin Puent, Steven Klement, Matthew Meyer, Damien Puent, Sam Beaumont, Everett Puent, Jed Blum, Owen Sullivan, Evan Groene, Greg Zabrowski, Caleb Nikolai, Ben Hardesty, Carson Calo, Wyatt Gasper, Damion Ladecki, James Bates, Quincy Pfender, Carson Rice, Head Coach Paul Michlig, Assistant Coaches Karl Thorpe, Nate Brill, and Joe Ackermann, and team managers Parker and Jackson Michlig. (*Photograph provided by Dave Junion*)



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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.

Basketball Season Is Underway

By Tomi Odeyemi

The Newman Catholic High School boys and girls basketball teams have hit the hardwood as they start their 2022-2023 seasons. The girls team began practice Monday, November 7, and the boys team started the following Monday.

Mason Prey and Eli Gustafson are among the seniors leading the boys team.

"We got a new coach this year, and we are kind of adjusting to that," Mason said. We hope to build a good relationship with him because a good relationship with your coach means better communication and better players in general."

After the first week of practice, the team said they are excited for the season to get into full swing.

"I think it's going to be a good season," Eli said. "We have some good players out there, and I think they'll make us proud."

The boys team is coached by Jeff Waldvogel.

The girls basketball team is looking to come out strong, having lost only one senior last year. Senior Sidney Galang is healthy now after having to sit out most of last season with an injury.

"We didn't have a perfect year last year," senior Maggie Wulf said. "We lost Galang, and she was bringing 14 points a game, but now she's back and we're excited to see where this goes."

The freshman class also brings several new faces to the program.

"I think this season is going to go well," Sidney said. We have a handful of freshmen who we are willing to do what it takes. We have a lot of determination, and we have the girls for it."

Girls varsity coach Luke Knoedler said he is excited for the new season.

"We had a good year last year," he said. "It could have been better, but we tried our best. We did not perform as well as we wanted to. But this year we will do it!"

The girls opened their season

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For the Record...

A story published in the October 21, 2022 edition of *The Red Hat* incorrectly stated that Mrs. Nicole Moore worked at Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter. She previously worked at Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School in Mosinee.

A homecoming photograph caption on page 9 contained an incorrect spelling of sophomore Lucky Ferrario's name.

Cardinals Are Dominant on Road to 8-Player Championship

(continued from page 1) on a daily basis as this group is,” he said. “It’s not just Friday nights or Saturday afternoons that this group comes out and performs. This group has been at the top of their game each and every week.”

The Cardinals won every single game of the 2022 season by 35 points or more, including all four playoff games. Newman beat McDonnell in the first round Friday, October 21, winning 69-13. The next week, they defeated Gilman 48-14. November 14, the team traveled to Chippewa Falls to take on Siren. Both teams entered the game undefeated on the season, but the Dragons proved no match, and the Cardinals came out on top, winning 35-0.

Despite the team’s domination throughout the season, the players never looked ahead, focusing on one game at a time.

“Every game was a 48-minute opportunity, and it was about making sure every minute was worth the practice we put in every week,” said senior running back Eli Gustafson. “Each playoff game could’ve been our last, so we asked ourselves, ‘What can we do in those 48 minutes to make sure it’s not?’”

The championship game against Belmont at South Wood County Stadium in Wisconsin Rapids was a chilly one, and snow blew around the players as the Cardinals kicked off to start the game, but they didn’t seem to mind. Newman recovered a Braves fumble on the first play of the game. One



Seniors Eli Gustafson (left) and Jackson Pfender celebrate in the endzone after a Newman touchdown against Gilman Friday, October 28. (Photograph provided by Dave Junion)

play later, the Cardinals were dancing in the endzone.

After just 19 seconds, the Cardinals were on the board, and they never looked back. Conner Krach had three touchdowns in the first half, and Thomas Bates had four. Newman led 47-0 heading into halftime. Tyler Ackermann chipped in with a touchdown in the fourth quarter, giving the Cardinals a resounding 54-0 victory over Belmont.

Last year, the Cardinals dominated, ending the season with a championship victory over Luck, winning 49-6. Newman has amassed 29 wins in a row, more than any other team at any level in the state of Wisconsin. The winning streak dates back all the way to the start of the 2020 season. The last game the Cardinals lost? The 2019 8-Player State *(continued on page 6)*



Led by Conner Krach (10), seniors Thomas Bates (2), Wyatt Gasper (77), Owen Sullivan (53), and Eli Gustafson (9) race towards the end zone where their team waits from them to celebrate their victory over Siren Friday, November 4.

(Photograph provided by Dave Junion)



The extra point by kicker Matthew Hamilton is good in their win over Siren. (Photograph provided by Dave Junion)

Newman Students 'Celebrate Life' During Red Ribbon Week

By: Molly Lang

Newman Catholic High School students were decked out in red clothes to celebrate Red Ribbon Week Monday, October 24 through Thursday, October 27.

Every year, the National Honor Society (NHS) plans out a week of activities and dress up days to spread awareness about the dangers of drug use.

Keri Wulf, middle and high school guidance counselor and National Honor Society advisor, used to be an advisor for SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) as well before realizing having two clubs with similar motivations was unsustainable.

"I did not, however, not want the messages of SADD to go unheard, so we try to absorb some of the SADD objectives into our NHS work," Mrs. Wulf said.

This year's Red Ribbon Week theme was "Celebrate Life, Live Drug Free." NHS students decorated festive posters and hung them around the school to encourage the student body to live drug free.

NHS member Hanna Seidl said she thinks this is an important week to celebrate each year.

"The student body needs to be aware of drug effects on students," she said.

There was a dress up theme each day and a few activities throughout the week.

Monday, October 24, everyone received a red bracelet to wear everyday of the week. The students were also invited to wear a red shirt and blue jeans. During community period, officers Shawn Meyer and Garret Carr from the Wausau Police Department came to Newman to educate the Newman students about drug use. They made a slideshow with real pictures of the side effects of various drugs.

"Real friends would not get you into drugs because they know that drugs are bad for your body," Officer Meyer said. "Real friends protect you from them. Surround yourself with a good group of people and make good choices."

The two officers gave the Newman students some advice to help them stay drug free.

Tuesday, October 25, the students dressed up with their favorite teams' jerseys to symbolize teaming up against drug use.

During community period, each community participated in a contest to find facts on posters hung around the school. The first team to finish won donuts for their community period, and Mrs. Shaughnessy's community came out on top.

Wednesday, October 26 was "Dress Your Best" for mass.



Officer Shawn Meyer (left) and Officer Garret Carr pose for a photo after presenting a slideshow at the Red Ribbon week assembly.

During lunch, the students were invited to sign a petition to be drug free.

"The best advice we have for kids like you is to stay away from people who abuse drugs," Officer Carr said. "Surround yourself with a good group of friends. The people you are friends with influence you the most."

Thursday, October 27, was school spirit day. NHS took the middle school students leaf raking in the afternoon.

Mrs. Wulf said it's an important message to share and remind students of each year.

"The use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs is a part of our society that is probably here to stay," Mrs. Wulf said. "Red Ribbon Week gives us a time to raise awareness of the dangers they pose to your body, your mind, and your future. Information is power; make good choices!"

Poetry Contest Ends Dec. 16

Mr. Aldrich is hosting a poetry contest for the high school. Students who wish to participate will need to write a haiku that fits the theme Lord of the Rings or other works by J.R.R. Tolkien. A haiku is a three line poem. The first and third lines are five syllables, and the second line is seven syllables. Submissions are due to Mr. Aldrich by Friday, December 16. All high school students are welcome to participate.

Don't Stand By; Stand Up

By: Kaylee List

According to PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center, one in every five students in high school in the United States are bullied. Bullying can take on many forms. It has been found that cyberbullying affects 59% of the United States' teen population today.

Bullying is defined as behavior that is unwanted, unwelcome, and repeated. Keri Wulf, guidance counselor at Newman Catholic Middle and High School, said being educated on bullying helps to prevent bullying from happening in the first place.

Bullying can lead to serious mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, eating disorders, and suicide. Mental health issues can lead to substance abuse, self harm, and low self esteem.

The best prevention and way to stop bullying is a peer's interference with the situation. A lot of times, help from teachers or adults can make bullying worse if it is not handled correctly. If a student doesn't feel comfortable speaking to a teacher about the situation, they should talk to a parent, or a friend.

"The worst part about being bullied is feeling alone," Mrs. Wulf said.

In most situations, bullying completely stops when the student speaks up about the situation to someone of authority. Students feel as if they won't be heard when speaking up. On the opposite side of bullying, the person may feel that they are making jokes and trying to be funny. The aggressor does not feel like they are causing any harm to the person that they are bullying.

"Let's put ourselves in this person's shoes," Mrs. Wulf said. "You probably don't realize how you are making them feel."



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Peppermint Tickets on Sale Next Month

Tickets for the Peppermint Winter Formal will be on sale Tuesday, December 13 through Thursday, December 15 in the commons during high school lunch. Students must purchase a ticket in order to attend the dance.

Newman Catholic High School will hold the annual dance Saturday, January 14 in the high school gymnasium. This year's theme is a masquerade ball.



Newman Soccer Finishes Season 7 - 3 in Conference

By: Tomi Odeyemi

The Newman soccer team's season ended Thursday, October 20 with a loss to Barren High School in the first round of the postseason.

"Our season went pretty well," said junior Benjamin Moua. "As a team, we had our ups and downs. We worked through it all, but what matters most is the heart of a team."

The team lost their only goalie, sophomore Owen Reeves, after he broke three of his fingers during a practice before the playoff game. A true team player, he was still game to play but could no longer play in the goalie position.

In need of a goalie, they had no choice but to put a player with no to little experience with the position. They chose senior Jackson Varline. Coach Doug Beck said he was nervous about the situation.

"I did not know what to do, I mean what choice did I have?" he said. "Putting Varline in was the best decision for our team and if I could go back, I would definitely do it again."

Junior Evan Zubke said he was disappointed after their final game.

"We could have easily beaten the team, but after they scored [a goal] on us, we lost morale and did not put in our all," he said.

This was Coach Beck's first season as the varsity head coach. "It's different! It is not that it is harder" *(continued on page 9)*

Girls, Boys Basketball Teams Gear Up for 2022-2023 Season

(continued from page 2) Thursday, November 17 at Edgar.

Their first home game is Tuesday, November 22 against Assumption. The boys will start their season with a tournament at Wausau West Friday, November 25 and Saturday, November 26. Their first home game will be Friday, December 9 against Abbotsford. Members of the girls basketball team are Sidney Galang, Maggie Wulf, Danisa Zenk, Ashley Jankowski, Evie Bates, Mel Severson, Lily Shields, Lillian Bodenheimer, Lexie Gliniecki, Molly Merrill, Addison Puent, Mallory Rozwadowski, Addie Schmitt, and Brianna Schulz.

Members of the boys basketball team are Thomas Bates, Eli Gustafson, Conner Krach, Jackson Pfender, Mason Prey, Isaac Seidel, Antony Hoffer, Aiden Spychalla, Noah Kucharski, Liam McCarty, Chuexeng Lo, Lucas Erdman, Cooper Guld, Ezra Gustafson, Quincy Pfender, Lucas Pfiffner, Damien Puent, Everett Puent, and Griffin Puent.

Newman Seniors End Football Career on a High Note

(continued from page 3) Championship game.

For Coach Michlig, it's about so much more than a championship trophy, though. Having been the head coach at Newman for the past 21 years, he's had his fair share of ups and downs.

This year, his team scored so many points there was a running clock in all of their games. In his first year as head coach, Newman was on the opposite side of that coin, as opponents ran up the score over and over. While the Cardinals currently sit atop the longest winning streak in the state, there was a time when Newman held the longest losing streak.

The score isn't what matters. Games come and go, records are meant to be broken. What they're left with is a team, a group of young men who have grown up together, many of them since elementary school.

Football alumni come back year after year, but it has nothing to do with how many games they won when they wore the Cardinal uniform and everything to do with what Newman football stands for.

"It was, is, and always will be about so much more than winning or losing," Coach Michlig said.

This year's team had 10 seniors, most of whom will never put on their football helmet, pull on their pads, lace up their cleats, or take to the gridiron as players again.

"This is the kind of class you would want your own kids to be like," Coach Michlig said. "They care about others more than themselves. People say it, but this group showed it. They held each other accountable. You soak it all in with this group."



Matthew Meyer picks up yards as he breaks away from the Belmont defense. *(Photograph provided by Dave Junion)*



Thomas Bates gets ready to make the catch in the Cardinals' victory over Belmont. *(Photograph provided by Dave Junion)*

For those players, the final game of their high school careers was bittersweet.

"We tried to take advantage of every game we were given and give it our all," said senior wide receiver Jackson Pfender. "I'm not quite ready to say goodbye to the field and the game."

Members of the 2022 8-Player State Championship team are: seniors Matthew Hamilton, Thomas Bates, Jackson Pfender, Eli Gustafson, Conner Krach, Owen Sullivan, Ben Hardesty, Wyatt Gasper, Damion Ladecki, and James Bates, juniors Matthew Meyer, Sam Beaumont, and Jed Blum, sophomores Tyler Ackermann, Steven Klement, Evan Groene, Greg Zabrowski, Caleb Nikolai, Carson Calo, and Carson Rice, freshmen Tyler Sherry, Cooper Guld, Griffin Puent, Damien Puent, Everett Puent, and Quincy Pfender, Head Coach Paul Michlig, Assistant Coaches Karl Thorpe, Nate Brill, and Joe Ackermann, and managers Parker and Jackson Michlig.



Newman hoists their state championship trophy high after defeating Belmont. *(Photograph provided by Dave Junion)*

From the English Department... A Short Story

"La Vie Angelique"

By Cami Balk-Yaatenen, Grade 10

I walk up to the door of my apartment after a hard day of work. I just had an extremely terrible day at my office job. The people treat me terribly, and it's such a dismal environment that I get bored even thinking about it. The only reason I took that job is because times have been harder since late February when my dear husband tragically died.

I hate when people act as if they care about my grief, like they even want to know that I haven't been myself. I haven't been truly happy since before his passing. Why would they want to know how I have nobody to talk to, and I'm trapped in my own mind? I just don't know how anybody could relate to what I've gone through. One day, I'm happy living life with him, and the next day he's gone.

I finally get in and walk into my kitchen. There are dishes all over the table, and they're half filled with old food that I hadn't gotten the energy to eat. "Hello," I say to my plants. The succulents are dried up from not watering them in weeks. They look sad. I haven't cleaned in a while, but I find that I sleep as soon as I get home, so there's no time for it anyways. I decide that I should go through some old boxes of his, and I notice a letter that says, "To Angelique Moncuer."

Inside of the letter is a small dandelion. I paused for a moment. As I hold the small, dried up flower in my hand, I remember the day he gave me that dinky, old weed.

It was a summer day. We had been walking along the Champs-Élysées, and he picked it up and gave it to me. It was a stupid thing, but that was the day I fell in love with him. The way he immediately gave it to me made me feel like I was truly loved. That silly little flower had meant so much to me.

I decide to put it down and walk over to the window, and I see the Eiffel Tower. I wonder sometimes why the Eiffel is so popular, but I could just be desensitized to it after living here as long as I have. Then I hear my stomach growl, and I realize that I'm in need of food. There's a cute little restaurant that I used to frequent quite a lot, but I hadn't since Jaques passed. I just got paid, so, why not. I tread down the flight of stairs.

As I walk out to the street, the air smells like summer, unlike the rainy morning that I had. The sun is slowly beginning to set as I approach the restaurant. "Bonjour mademoiselle, would

you like a seat?" the waiter asks. "Oui," I respond.

The waiter guides me to the candlelit table near the back, right next to the window. As I put my coat down, I begin to eat the baguette that is laid neatly in a basket on the table. I make note of the slight changes in the restaurant that have occurred since I last came here with Jaques. The tables were new: not the old metal ones that had been there months prior, but new wooden tables. The tables gave the restaurant a more homey feel. The chairs are different too, also wooden with red cushions.

As I look out across the sea of people, there is a couple sitting adjacent to me. The man looks like Jaques. I start to feel a sense of sadness while I remember the last time Jaques took me here. He had told me that I needed to treat myself to something nice and that I shouldn't be so strict with money. He was the one person who could instantly relax me and talk me into anything.

As I sit pondering this, I look back at the couple. They're laughing and looking at each other with naive, young eyes. They're so full of love for each other, acting like every sentence is their last. I felt like that once. Where was my happy ending; where was my perfect night? Why did he have to die? Certainly he could've stayed a little longer. Right?

Just as I'm spiraling in my head, I look across the restaurant again. Nobody's there. Outside of the window are lights glowing amidst the darkness. Had I really stayed for this long, staring into nothing? Everyone must think I'm insane, a crazy lady from the looney bin.

I start to grab my purse as the nice waiter sits down. "You've been sitting there a while", he says to me. "Oh my goodness, I'm very sorry," I reply. "You mind telling me what's going on in your head mademoiselle?" the waiter asks endearingly. "That's a long story," I say. "I'll listen," he says.

Donation Drive Ends Nov. 22

A donation drive for the Neighbors' Place will continue through Tuesday, November 22. High school students are encouraged to bring in shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, baby wipes, diapers, and cleaning supplies. A full list of needed items can be found outside the foods room.

Christmas Concert is Dec. 7

The Christmas concerts for the high school choir, band, and jazz band will be held in the gymnasium Wednesday evening, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. The middle school Christmas concerts will be the same night. All are welcome to attend.

From the Editor's Desk

Students: Do you have a photo of a school activity that you'd like to see in *The Red Hat*? Email it to theredhat@newman.k12.wi.us.

Newman Catholic High School Recognizes Local Veterans

By: Hanna Seidl

Local veterans visited Newman Catholic High School to share their stories and memories with the students Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Every year, Newman hosts an annual luncheon where veterans can eat and talk with students. This year, social studies teacher Ryan Moore wanted to add another element to the event, so a Veterans Day assembly was held in the Newman gymnasium during the high school community period.

“The assembly gave high school students an opportunity to set aside time to learn about the history of Veterans Day,” Mr. Moore said.

During the assembly, many students from Newman participated in speaking and organizing.

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Sliwicki visited the Newman Catholic gymnasium to talk during the assembly. Lt. Col. Sliwicki prepared a slideshow full of pictures that he took while he was serving in the U.S. Army. He explained the stories behind each picture and how they were living at the time.

Mr. Moore worked with Ms. Jenni Derks, Newman’s food service coordinator, to connect with veterans. All veterans in the Newman community and the broader Wausau area were invited. Students were also instructed to invite any veterans they might know or be related to.

Later that day, veterans from around the Wausau area ate lunch with the students.

U.S. Air Force veteran Denis Lang and his wife, Jeanne, came to the event. Mr. Lang enlisted in the Air Force when he was 19 and served for four years. He said he thinks it is important for everyone to celebrate Veterans Day.

“We gave a big part of our lives to the service of others,” Mr. Lang said.



Denis Lang (right) while he was serving in the U.S. Air Force. (Photograph provided by Denis Lang)

Mrs. Lang also had many family members in the military, including her mother and her father. Mrs. Lang said she came to the luncheon to honor her country and her veteran family members. She, too, believes that Veterans Day is something everyone should commemorate.

“Without it, there'd be no freedom for all of us,” Mrs. Lang said. “We celebrate all of their service, especially those who gave their lives to protect the freedom that we enjoy everyday.”

Many of the veterans attending the lunch brought in physical items and clothing from their time in the military.

“The luncheon is an opportunity for students to interact with local veterans, hear their stories, ask questions, and see the memorabilia they bring from their time of service,” Mr. Moore said. “It is an opportunity for students to hear from veterans in their own words.”

Mr. Moore said he believes Veterans Day is an important day for everyone to celebrate. He said he wants all students to know the sacrifices these people have made.

“It celebrates the sacrifices that they have made to fight to protect our freedom and rights throughout American history,” Mr. Moore said. “The more we all know about these brave men and women, the better off we all are.”

Mr. Moore wanted to coordinate the event because he said he believes that learning from history and those who live it is very important. He thought it was his duty, as a social studies teacher, to help share their stories with his students.

“I believe it is important that students take time to learn about what Veterans Day is and the importance of the day,” Mr. Moore added.

Mr. Moore said he views Veterans (continued on page 9)



Denis Lang (left) and Jeanne Lang sit themselves for the assembly. (Photograph provided by Jill Mabry)

A Tough Loss Closes Off Season for Newman Soccer

(continued from page 5) coaching middle high than it is in middle school, but that it is more meaningful," he said. In high school, you have already decided [on your sport] and play with a passion, so I appreciate the passion they have."

The team finished the season at 7 -3 in the Central Wisconsin Conference. Players included Jackson Varline, Zongvikeng Lee, Ben Moua, Evan Zubke, Noah Martin, Noah Kucharski, Nolyn Lindner, Chuexeng Lo, Owen Reeves, Luis Sandoval-Velazquez, Brock Gasper, Lillian Bodenheimer, Lucas Erdman, Fong Thao, and Mateo Romano.

Several players earned all conference honors. Luis Sandoval-Velazquez and Evan Zubke earned first team all-conference. Noah Martin and Zongvikeng Lee earned second team all-conference. Nolyn Lindner, Owen Reeves, and Jackson Varline were honorable mentions.



Members of the 2022 soccer team include (not in order) Jackson Varline, Zongvikeng Lee, Ben Moua, Evan Zubke, Noah Martin, Noah Kucharski, Nolyn Lindner, Chuexeng Lo, Owen Reeves, Luis-Sandoval Velazquez, Brock Gasper, Lillian Bodenheimer, Lucas Erdman, Fong Thao, Mateo Romano, Head Coach Doug Beck, and Assistant Coach Jack Reeves. (Photograph provided by Newman Athletic Department)

Christmas Bake Sale Is Dec. 14

The Peppermint Planning Committee will hold a Christmas themed bake sale Wednesday, December 14 in the commons during high school lunch. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the purchase of items for the dance.



Veterans Visit Newman to Share Stories with Students

(continued from page 8) Day as a time to exercise one of Newman's Cardinal Characters: gratitude. It allows students to



A local veteran sports a garrison cap covered in pins he received throughout his service. (Photograph provided by Jill Mabry)

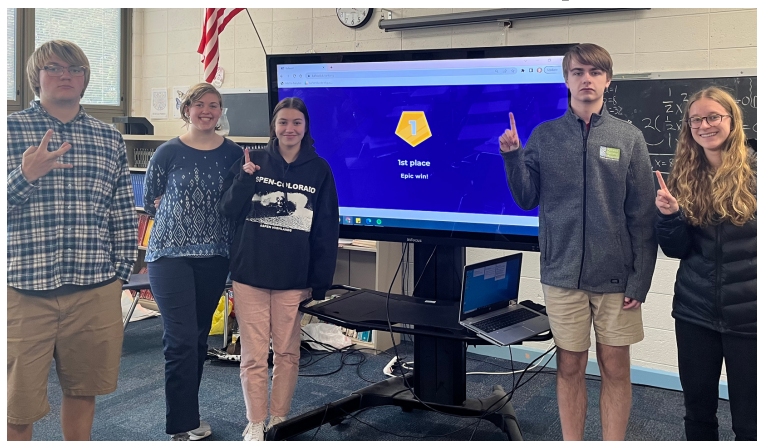
know what veterans went through to protect their country.

"One of the most essential things we can learn from veterans are their stories," Mr. Moore said. "The passing down of stories is how history is preserved, and the stories of our local veterans are part of that tradition."

Mr. Moore said the day was a success and will look forward to it next year. He especially enjoyed seeing people stand to represent the people they knew in each military branch.

"If hearing about these experiences at the assembly and getting to speak to veterans during the luncheon makes one student stop and consider the importance of this day, then it was well worth it." Mr. Moore said.

Communities Get Competitive



Greg Zabrowski (from left), Kaitlyn Barich, Brianna Schulz, Antony Hoffer, and Hanna Seidl celebrate their win for Mrs. Meyers' community Monday, November 14.

Communities competed to see who could identify the most rooms in the school. See previous editions for more information on community period. (Photograph provided by Mrs. Meyers)

Selected Students Participate in Marawood All Conference Concert

By: Molly Lang

Every year, an event is held to bring students together from across the Marawood Conference to participate in a multi-school band and choir concert. This year, the concert was held at Phillips High School Tuesday, November 1. There are 14 schools in the Marawood Conference.

At the beginning of every school year, the band and choir directors come together and decide on who they will nominate for the year.

Newman choir director Patricia Rougeot chose sophomore Camryn Balk-Yaatenen.

"I nominated Camryn because she goes well out and beyond, more than the average student," Mrs. Rougeot said.

Band director Ginnie Mootz



Students from Marawood Conference schools participate in an all school band and choir concert. (Photograph provided by Ginnie Mootz)

selected junior Adam Krasowski and senior Ada Stenstrom to perform.

"There were about 80 students within the band, and we all played 4 songs," Adam said.

These students were selected to represent Newman Catholic High School with pride.

"I practiced my songs for about a month," Cami said. "I went into the music practice

rooms often during my band and

choir periods."

The teachers said they think of the selected students as good influencers as well as being very talented.

After all the schools decided on students they wanted to nominate, song choices had to be made. Every school gets the same songs to practice, and then all the schools come together to perform the pieces. The music instructors received the music pieces about

a month before the concert took place.

"The best part was when a music director from UW-Madison came and directed us while we played our songs," Ada said.

On the day of the performance, the students practiced their songs with the entire group of nominees, and then there was a concert later in the evening.

Newman Chaplain Talks All Saints Day and All Souls Day

By: Kaylee List

Catholics around the world celebrated All Saints Day Tuesday, November 1. Students at Newman Catholic Middle and High School made the trek over to St. Anne Catholic Parish to celebrate mass.

Middle and high school Chaplain Father Eric Mashak said those who celebrate All Saints Day are encouraged and welcomed to venerate relics of the saints who have passed. All Saints Day is a day for Catholics to set aside and honor and pray for those who have passed. All Saints Day is a reminder that the church is one community and must honor the dead.

The following day, Wednesday, November 2, Catholics celebrated All Souls Day.

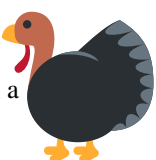
All Souls Day is a day in which Catholics pray and honor those who are currently in purgatory.

"All Souls Day is the flip side of All Saints Day," said Fr. Eric. "On All Souls Day, we wear black and think of our death, but we are not afraid of death."

All Saints Day is the feast of all saints and the solemnity of all saints. All Saints Day originated when the Roman Empire was persecuting Christians. Many martyrs died for their faith, so the church set aside a day to honor those who had died. All Saints Day is an obligated mass, which many Catholics are not aware of. All Saints Day mass consists of the reading of the beatitudes and prayers for the saints. The mass on All Saints Day is an important part of the Catholic faith.

Student Council Plans Fun Assembly

The high school student council has planned a few fun activities for Tuesday, November 22, before students depart for the Thanksgiving holiday. Student council officers will serve root beer floats during the middle and high school lunches. For the last hour of school, students will head to the gym for an all school assembly. Boys from the junior and senior classes will compete in a "powderbuff" volleyball game. Students and faculty will also participate in a dodgeball tournament.



Students Practice Their Civic Duties at Mock Political Convention

By: Hanna Seidl

Newman Catholic High School students got a taste of their civic duties and learned about the importance of civic engagement during a mock political convention Wednesday, October 19, 2022. Thirty-one seniors attended the convention as a part of their American Government course.

The event was hosted at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, Wisconsin. Other schools also participated in the event, including Wausau West High School, Wausau East High School, and D.C. Everest High School.

The Newman students were accompanied by social studies teacher Micheal Hoffmann and health and foods teacher Heather Shaughnessy.

During the convention, students split into two political parties: democrats and republicans. The parties each selected their candidates and made decisions throughout the day. The event was a mock gubernatorial convention, which means the candidates were running for governor.

The students put together “planks,” which are the individual issues that build the ideas of a political party.

“They crafted what their respective sides' issues were and their stances on the issues,” Mr. Hoffmann said. “They also observed a debate between the candidates.”

Prior to the political convention, students in the American Government course wrote essays regarding the topic, “Why is it important to be civically engaged?” These essays were then submitted to a board of judges at Kids Vote, the organization that ran the convention.

Two Newman Catholic seniors, Norah Polkinghorne and Natalie Townsend, won first and second place, respectively, in the essay contest. *(Essays attached on pages 12 and 13)*

Mr. Hoffmann said he believes that it was important for his students to experience the good and bad of American government first hand.

“It makes the process of how the government runs more tangible and easy to understand when they are actually participating in it rather than just reading about it in a textbook,” Mr. Hoffmann said. “It shone a light on how political parties create platforms and how they arrive at their destinations.”

Students said they appreciated seeing the reality of politics in America and how the decisions can shape their daily lives.

“It really gave us an insight on how our government works,” Ava Sobolewski said. “You just see it on television, but you don't know what goes on behind the scenes.”

Newman Catholic High School and Middle School Principal Carl Fech said he believes it was an important event for the



Maggie Wulf (clockwise, from left), Owen Sullivan, Jackson Varline, Jackson Pfender, Natalie Townsend, Natalie Brenner, Damion Ladecki, and Maria Christopherson make decisions for their party.

(Photograph provided by Mr. Hoffmann)

seniors to attend.

“They got a better feel for the process of how our government system is set up and how it is supposed to work,” Mr. Fech said.

Not only did students learn about the government and how it runs, but they also learned how to be a leader in the position they were in.

“I saw our students act as leaders in the room and help guide the convention in a productive way,” Mr. Hoffmann said. “They took control and asserted themselves at the convention.”



Natalie Townsend (left) and Norah Polkinghorne after receiving awards for the essay contest. (Photograph provided by Mr. Hoffmann)

From the Social Studies Department... Civic Responsibility

Our Civic Duty
By Norah Polkinghorne, Grade 12

The Founding Fathers set out to create a government to build our very nation upon. This government was not to fall into the same fate as the previous jealousy-causing Articles or even that of Great Britain’s suppressing rule. Forming the basis for a government was no easy task, and there were many disagreements along the way. Finally, out of the compromises made, the Constitution was born, the very heart of the law for governing the United States.

The Constitution was formed with the people’s rights and freedoms in mind, as it fashioned a federal democratic republic. With these rights and freedoms comes the great responsibility of not just any person but a United States citizen. It is every citizen’s responsibility to acknowledge this privilege and participate in how our nation is governed.

Being that of a federal democratic republic, our nation’s government depends on its citizens to function. If we, the people of the United States, retain no interest or participate in a desultory manner, regarding our civic duties, our nation will fall and could even lose its sovereignty.

This is why it is so critically important for citizens to not only engage in the political process but to do so in an educated approach. Being informed not only benefits the nation as a whole but each individual, as they learn about our nation’s rich history and partake in its future.

The ways citizens of the United States can learn about and participate in government are endless. Voting, talking with representatives, going to rallies, and even reading articles are just a few of many ways. From taking a big leap and



Kari Severson (left), Paige Reeves, Grace Carlson, Ava Sobolewski, Norah Polkinghorne, Danisa Zenk, James Bates, Eli Gustafson, Thomas Bates, Mason Prey, and Isaac Seidel participate at the convention. *(Photograph provided by Mr. Hoffmann)*

passionately running for office to even the smallest act of displaying a bumper sticker have impacts on the nation’s political process.

As Abraham Lincoln once said, “Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.”

If we want this wise statement to hold true, we, as citizens of the United States, need to continue to perform our civic duties. No matter the time, location, or one’s age, everyone has the ability to make a difference, with just a spark of enthusiasm and a love for our nation, the United States.

Senior Class Enjoys Spending Time Together at Nov. Retreat

At left: Conner Krach (left), Isaac Seidel, Mason Prey, and Thomas Bates compete in a cup stacking competition on their senior class retreat at Treehaven in early November. *(Photograph provided by Mrs. Shaughnessy)*



At right: Destiny Lo (left) Maria Christopherson, Paige Reeves, Maggie Wulf, Conner Krach, Isaac Seidel, and Mrs. Shaughnessy play a game on their senior retreat. *(Photograph provided by Mrs. Shaughnessy)*



From the Social Studies Department... Civic Responsibility

The Importance of Being Civically Engaged

By Natalie Townsend, Grade 12

To be civically engaged in the U.S., a citizen must be participating and involved in their government. This means engaging in any activity that contributes to a more effective democracy. A few examples include: voting, writing to representatives, and gathering together to discuss issues. Being civically engaged in the political process in the United States is very important because it is our civic duty, solves local problems, and strengthens democracy.

Though it is most often taken for granted, voting is a privilege. The Founding Fathers created a new government so citizens could have a representative in government. Many groups continued to fight for this right, and it should not be overlooked. By voting, a citizen is being civically engaged in the political process. They can submit their vote to elect an official that will support their beliefs and values when voting on different issues.

A citizen can get involved in their community by volunteering. This is a great way to learn about a community's needs and issues. When learning about these issues, a citizen may be motivated to share their opinions of these problems to others, discuss how they can be fixed, and vote on them. When societies have many civically engaged citizens, they have a greater sense of community, making everyone feel happier and safer.

Democracy is built on United States citizens' votes. When everyone puts in an opinion, elected officials are able to vote based on the majority opinion. Rights and regulations



Benjamin Swenson (clockwise, from front left), Braedon Kroening, Caiden Nikolai, Ben Hardesty, Cheng Thao, Zongvikeng Lee, Wyatt Gasper, Michael Dembowski, Destiny Lo, and Yod Vang eat lunch on break. (Photograph provided by Mr. Hoffmann)

are then set in place. By allowing everyone to have a representative and feel heard, protests and unhappiness is kept at bay.

In the end, all United States citizens should be civically engaged. It is important to have a say in the rules and regulations that one will have to follow. Being informed on the issues in the community and trying to fix them can lead to safer societies. Also, democracy was meant for citizens to be involved; without them, it would fall apart.

Advent Begins Sunday, Nov. 27



The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, November 27. Remember to dig out the Advent wreath and candles in preparation for the season. The order for lighting the candles is as follows:

Nov. 26 - Dec. 3: One Violet Candle

Dec. 4 - Dec. 10: Two Violet Candles

Dec. 11 - Dec 17: Two Violet & one Rose Candle

Dec. 18 - Dec 24: All four Candles

Senior Capstone Day Is December 9

Seniors at Newman Catholic High School will present their Capstone theses Friday, December 9. Capstone is required for all seniors and is the culmination of many months of work. Students are able to pick a topic and complete either a thesis paper or a project, depending on what they choose to research. They then present their findings as the last step. Presentations will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will attend several presentations. Parents are welcome to attend their students' presentation.

Happy Thanksgiving from the staff at The Red Hat