



## Cardinals Basketball Wins Gold, Makes School History

*By: The Red Hat Staff*

The Newman Catholic High School boys basketball team made school history at the Kohl Center in Madison Saturday, March 18. The Fighting Cardinals conquered the McDonell Macks 66-54 in the Division 5 State Championship. This is the first time the boys basketball team has won the state tournament since Newman joined the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). Coach Jeff Waldovgel's first season at Newman ended in victory as he was handed the gold ball at center court. The players celebrated with Newman fans after the game with a pep rally at the Newman gymnasium Thursday (*To page 3: STATE*)



The WIAA State Champs reach for the gold ball as their fans cheers them on at the Kohl Center. (*Photograph provided by Dave Junion*)

## Cabin Fever Fundraiser To Raise Money for Newman Athletics

*By: Jackson Pfender*

Cabin Fever is one of the largest annual fundraisers for the Newman Catholic Schools Athletic Booster Club and has been a part of the Booster Club's success since 2007. This year,



Cabin Fever will be Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the

Newman Catholic High School gymnasium. All of the profits go directly to the NCS athletic programs.

At Cabin Fever, there are countless activities and fun to have while visiting with friends, family, or past alumni coming back to support Newman Catholic as a whole. There will be live music performed by a band all night.

There will be silent auctions

and raffles, and spread throughout the gym. The silent auctions are loaded with prizes such as sports tickets, electronics, food and beverage items, and even sports experiences for children.

Raffles are also available with prizes such as cash, jewelry, rifles, and the Booster Club donated beverage wagon.

"I enjoyed talking to all the parents and (*To Page 8: FEVER*)



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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.

## Golf Season Is Underway

*By: Owen Sullivan*

The golf season is in full swing, and the golfers are excited. The season started Monday, March 27. They practiced indoors at Four Seasons Golf in Rib Mountain. They play nine to 18 holes at the simulator every day and then use the driving range to touch up some specific club work.

"The simulator is a great way to play a course you would never get to play and get your game up and running," senior Conner Krach said.

The team has high hopes for the year and is hoping to bring a gold trophy home in the third sport for Newman this year.

"I believe this group has something special and will be able to accomplish that and more this season," Coach Scott Nelson said.

The golfers also believe what Coach Nelson is saying.

"We have a great chance, if we play well and consistently get better, to make a run," senior Mason Prey said.

Members of the golf team include Conner Krach, Mason Prey, Samuel Nelson, Isaac Seidel, Owen Reeves, Ada Stenstrom, Naomi Stenstrom, Adam Krasowski, and Madison Beck.

Golf meets are weather dependent.

Friday, April 21 Inshalla Country Club 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24 Merrill Golf Club 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 25 Sand Valley Golf Resort 11 a.m.

Monday, May 1 Pine Valley Golf Course 10 a.m.

Friday, May 5 Inshalla Country Club 11 a.m.

Monday, May 8 Wausau Country Club 3 p.m.

Friday, May 12 Prentice Pines Golf Course 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 13 Merrill Public Golf Club 9 a.m.

Monday, May 15 Wausau Country Club 1:30 p.m.

## Show Off Your Talent

Newman Catholic High School will hold a talent show Friday, April 21. The middle school talent show will be Thursday, May 4. Many students have signed up to showcase their various talents.



# ***Newman Boys Take Home Their First WIAA Gold Ball***

(STATE: from page 1) evening March 30.

The team was strong all season, ending the season with 27 wins and just four losses. Their historic season also included a Regional Championship and the first ever Sectional Championship.

Members of the Championship team include Conner Krach, Jackson Pfender, Owen Sullivan, Thomas Bates, Mason Prey, Isaac Seidel, Antony Hoffer, Aiden Spychalla, Liam McCarty,

Chuexeng Lo, Ezra Gustafson, Lucas Erdman, Cooper Guld, Quincy Pfender, Everett Puent, and Lucas

Pfiffner managers Griffin and Damien Puent, and Coaches Jeff Waldvogel and Michael Hoffmann.



**The Newman Catholic student section gets loud and cheers during a free throw.**  
(Photographs provided by Dave Junion)



**Mason Prey makes a pass.**



**Thomas Bates looks for an open player.**



**Jackson Pfender guards the ball.**



**Championship team members include Ezra Gustafson (front, from left), Damien Puent, Chuexeng Lo, Aiden Spychalla, Quincy Pfender, Lucas Pfiffner, Cooper Guld, Everett Puent, Griffin Puent; Coach Michael Hoffmann (back, from left), Liam McCarty, Antony Hoffer, Owen Sullivan, Isaac Seidel, Mason Prey, Coach Jeff Waldvogel, Eli Gustafson, Conner Krach, Thomas Bates, Jackson Pfender, and Lucas Erdman.**



# Child Development Course Offers Unique Opportunities

**By: Ava Sukanen**

A new, hands-on child development course at Newman Catholic High School offers students the opportunity to work with younger students within the Newman system. The class is being taught by Heather Shaughnessy, Food And Consumer Education teacher, who has a minor in child development. It is a dual-credit course through Northcentral Technical College. The students receive both in class learning and experience at the Early Childhood Center: St. Michael.

Senior Natalie Brenner, a student in the course, touched on some of the many categories the course covers.

“We learn about how children develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically,” she said.

Natalie said she chose to take the course because of the unique opportunities it provided. “I kind of needed an elective, but

it seemed like a lot of fun because I heard we’d get to work with the kids,” she said.

Another senior in the course, Kari Severson, shared the same intrigue but also hoped it would be useful in her future endeavors.

“I’m hopefully going into a kid oriented field, like being a pediatric nurse or something like that, so knowing what stages of life they’re in will be very helpful,” she said.

The students will have worked with each age group at St. Michael’s by the end of the course. The four age groups are: infants, 12-18 months, 2-3 years, and 4K children.

“We’re starting with the youngest,” Natalie said. “We spend one day observing them and then the next day we get to do hands on helping out.”

Child development allows the students to put what they learn into practice while still having fun with it.

“We get to play with them and do different experiments,” Kari said.

“They have different developmental levels, so we do little things like hiding a toy that they remember playing with

and seeing if they can find it.”

Mrs. Shaughnessy said she hopes this course will be useful for her students and even prepare them for family life.

“I have a student who is going into education and I have students going into the medical field,” she said. “Understanding child development, why it’s important to study child development, and not only that but being future parents, it’s a good thing to know how children work.”

This course only allowed eight students so that they would be able to get a more enriching, hands-on experience at St. Michael. The students get to see the ideas in their textbooks off the page and in real life with one-on-one learning experiences with the younger students. Child development gives the students in the class the chance to have a more rounded and complete learning experience that will stick with them for the rest of their lives.

## From the Chaplains Desk... A Note on the Easter Triduum

**By: Father Eric Mashak**

As the Chaplain, it has been a great joy for me to go around to each classroom and teach our students about the Easter Triduum. These three days are at the heart of the church’s Liturgy for the whole year.

These three days - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, draw us into the Paschal

Mystery – the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Holy Thursday celebrates the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Good Friday helps us to enter into the suffering and death of the Lord. Holy Saturday brings us to the joy of the Resurrection.

Through the signs and actions of the Liturgy of the Easter Triduum,

the faithful enter into the salvific events; those things which our Lord accomplished for love of us. Have a Blessed Easter!

In Christ,  
Fr. Eric Mashak





## ***From the Social Studies Department... A Trip to Washington, D.C.***

***By: Ryan Moore, High School Social Studies Teacher***

Eleven Newman Catholic Middle and High School students, myself, and middle school teacher Ms. Vardon visited our nation's capital and the surrounding area. We had a fantastic time. We saw the White House, toured the Capitol Building, and saw the founding documents of the country, including the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution at the National Archives. We also spent time at various memorials, including the Vietnam and World War II memorials, and we saw monuments to Franklin Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson, and of course the sight you can see from all of Washington, the Washington Monument. We visited the Pentagon's 9/11 memorial, Mount Vernon (George Washington's home), and Fort McHenry (where the Star Spangled Banner was written).

We had a very moving experience at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum learning

about the Holocaust through primary source exhibits. One highlight of the trip was our visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where Newman student David Blank-Espinoza took part in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Students were able to see with their own eyes the results of the sacrifices of generations of American soldiers. Another highlight of the trip was Mass at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Mel Severson and Annika Svennes presented the gifts at Mass, which was presided over by the Cardinal of Washington. The trip was very busy, and we all learned a lot.

Speaking as a chaperone, I could not have been more proud of how our students represented themselves and Newman. They were well behaved, attentive, and reverent at all times. Watching them interact with the places and documents that define American history was a great experience. The questions they asked and conclusions they reached were



**Students pose with a statue of Franklin D. Roosevelt.**

the result of seeing all of this with their own eyes. For example, a student noted at the Holocaust museum that everything he was seeing was why Holocaust survivors needed other Holocaust survivors to talk to. In many ways you had to be there to understand.

Students that went on the trip include middle school students Jude Hemauer Victor Sikora, David Blank-Espinoza, Will and Kate Kerns, Brooklyn Lauscher, Rydan Sondelski, and Korbin Rheinschmidt, and high school students Tanner Henley, Annika Svennes, and Mel Severson.

## **Spring Band, Choir Concerts Coming Up**

The Newman Catholic High School spring concert for band and choir will be Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. The middle school spring concert will be Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m.



**Students who attended the D.C. trip pose in front of the Supreme Court building. (Photographs provided by Halle Vardon)**



# High School Track and Field Season Is Up and Running

*By: Ashley Jankowski*

The Newman Catholic High School track team is starting their season strong. Their first practice was Monday, March 6. Track is coached by Paul Michlig, Joel Braatz, John Humpal, Stacy Holmberg, and Dave Radtke. Each coach specializes in coaching specific events. Track athletes have been practicing for individual events including high jump, long jump, throwing, pole vaulting, and running events.

Track athletes said they are excited to put in the work with their two hour practices each day. Since the track outside is still snow-covered, the track team has been utilizing the Newman gymnasium and its halls.

Their first meet was Thursday, March 16. It will be held at Wausau West High School on their indoor track. The girls team placed second overall. Sidney Galang, Natalie Brenner, and Evie Bates earned first place in their events.



**Natalie Brenner, Paige Reeves, Mel Severson, and Kari Severson pose for a photo during the Wausau West Early Bird Invitational Meet.**

“I personally don’t prefer indoor meets, but it’s good preparation for when we have outdoor meets,” said hurdler Hanna Seidl.

Their second meet was Tuesday, March 28. It was a boys meet at Wausau West High School’s indoor track. Newman boys placed fourth overall.

Some members of the team have big goals for this track season. Mel Severson, state runner up in the 400

meter last year, shared her goals for this coming season.

“I just want to have fun and improve from last season,” she said.

Coach Michlig said he is excited about the season.

“Track is a numbers game, and I feel our numbers are getting where they need to be, to be competitive,” he said. “That is a fun thing to see. I think both teams are going to be competitive (To Page 9: TRACK)





# Varsity Fastpitch Has High Hopes for the New Season

**By: Grace Carlson**

The Newman Catholic High School girls softball team began their season Monday March 13, and the team is excited to get back on the field. With lasting snow, the team spent a lot of practices in the gym, which had its obstacles.

Pitcher Ashley Jankowski shared her hopes for the season and what she is most looking forward to.

"I'm excited to get to know the new players and welcome them to the team," she said. "There are a lot of freshmen coming into the program, and I'm excited to see what talent they will bring to the field."

Ashley has set some goals for this season.

"My goal for the team is to get a regional plaque," she said. "For myself, I just want to improve my hitting and pitching."

Freshman Camille Sobolewski said she is excited to see what this season has in store.

"I'm just looking forward to getting close to my teammates and having fun," she said. "I just want to improve overall and improve my throwing."

Head coach Steve Jankowski is going into the season with a positive mindset and the hope that everyone will improve their skills and knowledge.

"I go into every spring with the hope of an undefeated season," he said. "With losing all three starting outfielders to graduation and Annika still recovering from

injuries, we have many opportunities. I'm very impressed with the skill level of players new to the team, and am excited to see how they can step in to fill big shoes."

This year's roster includes freshmen Lillian Bodenheimer, Anna France, Molly Merrill, Brianna Schulz, Camille Sobolewski, and Lauren Thiel, sophomores Lucky Ferrario, Lily Shields, and Annika Svennes, juniors Paige Guld, Ashley Jankowski, and Ava Sukanen, and seniors Grace Carlson and Maria Christophersen.

Home games are played at

Sunnyvale Park in Wausau. All games begin at 4:45 p.m. Schedule is subject to change based on weather. Home games are in bold.

The team is 2-1 after dropping their first game to Athens and beating Marathon twice.

Tuesday, April 18 @ Stratford

Friday, April 21 @ Phillips

Tuesday, April 25 @ Auburndale

**Thursday, April 27 vs. Auburndale**

**Friday, April 28 vs. Chequamegon**

**Tuesday, May 2 vs. Edgar**

Thursday, May 4 @ Edgar

Friday, May 5 @ Rib Lake

**Monday, May 8 vs. Assumption**

Thursday, May 11 @ Assumption

**Friday, May 12 vs. Prentice**



**Members of the softball team are Lily Shields (front, from left), Paige Guld, Anna France, Lillian Bodenheimer; Maria Christophersen (middle), Lucky Ferrario, Brianna Schulz, Molly Merrill, Ava Sukanen; Coach Steve Jankowski (back), Grace Carlson, Lauren Thiel, Camille Sobolewski, Ashley Jankowski, and Coach Kaley Fech. (Athletic Department photograph)**



# Baseball Is in Full Swing, Looking for a Regional Repeat

**By: Jackson Varline**

The Newman Catholic High School varsity baseball season is underway this spring, and seniors James Bates and Jackson Pfender said they are ready to go for the season. The baseball team won a Regional Championship last season and is looking for a repeat this year.

Senior James Bates said that this season, he hopes the team will grow off of what they accomplished last season and continue the success. He said he hopes that through the season, the team will continue to have fun while bettering themselves each day.

Senior Jackson Pfender said that he hopes that they have success throughout the season and make a far run in playoffs. He wants to build off of what he learned last season to improve himself this season.

Coach Joe Ackermann said that he hopes the team will show up ready to compete every day.

He said that as long as the team learns from and builds off of each game, when playoffs come, the team will be able to

utilize all of the experience to win another Regional Championship.

Members of the 2023 baseball team are Jackson Varline, James Bates, Eli Gustafson, Jackson Pfender, Lucas Pfiffner, Cooper Guld, Tanner Henley, Carson Rice, Evan Groene, Steven Klement, and Tyler Ackermann.

Baseball games are weather dependent. Home games are in bold. Home games are played at Brockmeyer Park. All home games begin at 4:45 p.m.

The team is currently 0-3 on the season.

Tuesday, April 18 @ Stratford

Friday, April 21 @ Phillips

Tuesday, April 25 @ Auburndale

**Thursday, April 27 vs. Auburndale**

**Friday, April 28 vs. Chequamegon**

**Tuesday, May 2 vs. Edgar**

Thursday, May 4 @ Edgar

Friday, May 5 @ Rib Lake

**Monday, May 8 vs. Assumption**

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Members of the baseball team are Jackson Varline (front, from left), Tanner Henley; Lucas Pfiffner (middle), Carson Rice, Jackson Pfender, Tyler Ackermann, Steven Klement, Cooper Guld; Coach Tony Noll (back), Evan Groene, James Bates, Eli Gustafson, and Coach Joe Ackermann. (Athletic Department photograph)

## 2023-2024 High School Course Selection Coming Up

Current eighth grade students, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will sign up for the courses they will take during the 2023-2024 school year.

All students should have received a copy of the course bulletin.

Students will make their selections at a designated time. All

selections are due by Friday, May 5. See Mrs. Wulf for any questions.

## Cabin Fever Fundraiser Is This Saturday

(FEVER: From Page 1) alumni while carrying around a raffle prize and trying to sell tickets," said Owen Sullivan, who

volunteered at Cabin Fever last year.

Tickets are \$30. The attire for the event will be casual.



# Track Team Prepares In Hopes of a State Title

(**TRACK:** From Page 6) because of that. So I'm excited to see how that plays out."

Members of the girls track team include Paige Reeves, Sidney Galang, Danisa Zenk, Kari Severson, Natalie Brenner, Hanna Seidl, Tomi Odeyemi, Alexis Repinski, Evie Bates, Mel Severson, Madison Beck, Fiona MacCarthy, Olivia Fox, Mallory Rozwadowski, Lexie Gliniecki, Brecklyn Lindner,

and Addison Puent.

Members of the boys track team include Owen Sullivan, Ben Hardesty, Thomas Bates, Matt Hamilton, Matthew Meyer, Sam Beaumont, Jed Blum, Greg Zabrowski, Carson Calo, Brock Gasper, Liam McCarty, Luis Sandoval-Velasquez, Gavin Hynes, Nolyn Lindner, Chuexeng Lo, Damien Puent, Everett Puent, Griffin Puent, Quincy Pfender, Tyler Sherry, and Ezra

Gustafson.

## Schedule:

Tuesday, April 18: @ Lakeland Union High School

Thursday, April 20: @ Antigo High School

Friday, April 28: @ Auburndale High School

Monday, May 1: @ Abbotsford High School

Thursday, May 4: @ Amherst High School

Monday, May 8: @ Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School

Tuesday, May 9: @ Wausau West High School

Monday, May 15: @ Stratford High School

## Newman Students Headed To Casa Hogar This June

*By: Grace Hoelter*

Four Newman Catholic High School students are preparing to travel down Peru to Casa Hogar in June. Casa Hogar is an orphanage for abandoned children. There are 64 children from ages five to 17 years old currently living there. Casa Hogar first opened its doors in 1986 after being founded by the Diocese of LaCrosse.

Natalie Brenner, Kari Severson, Mel Severson, and Natalie Townsend will be going on the trip.

"My grandparents went, and they really loved it and told us stories about it," Kari said. "When the opportunity came up, I wasn't going to let it pass by."

They are planning on hanging out with the children at the orphanage and going hiking. There will be a project as well, but they don't know what it is yet.

"I'm most excited about being able to help people out and being there with them and the connections I will be making," Natalie Brenner



**Natalie Brenner (from left), Kari Severson, Natalie Townsend, and Mel Severson will head to Peru this summer on a mission trip.**

said.

Natalie Townsend said she is also excited for the trip.

"For me I am most excited about the new experiences and the travel there," she said.

Mel Severson said she remembers hearing about Casa Hogar from her grandparents when they went on medical missions there.

"Spending time with the children and learning about the organization is probably the thing I'm most

excited for," she said.

They will be attending mass each day, and it will be in Spanish. They also will be able to spend some time on the beach and try different activities.

"Most of the kids won't know or speak English, so we will be speaking Spanish the whole time we are there," Mel said. "It gives us a chance to practice our Spanish as the kids are learning their native language."