



# Going for Gold: Boys Basketball Makes School History

*By Jackson Varline*

The Newman Catholic High School boys basketball team is going to the WIAA State Tournament for the first time in program history.

With key wins over Tri County, Assumption, Columbus, Pacelli, and Gibraltar, Newman collected Regional and Sectional championships along the way.

Dominant performances by seniors Isaac Seidel and Mason Prey throughout the playoffs helped propel the team to state.

“Battling through the adversity that we faced throughout the season and also the tough schedule throughout the whole year helped us get to state,” said senior guard



**Players celebrate after their Sectional Championship victory over Gibraltar Saturday, March 11, 2023.** (Photograph provided by Dave Junion)

Jackson Pfender.

The Cardinals played Tri County

High School Tuesday, February 28, winning 54 - (To page 3: **STATE**)



**Senior Conner Krach drives to the hoop against Gibraltar.** (Photograph provided by Dave Junion)



**Senior Eli Gustafson prepares to rebound on a free throw.** (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.

## Anatomy Class Gets Hands-on Experience

*By Paige Guld*

The Newman Catholic High School anatomy class dissected cow eyeballs Tuesday, February 14. The class was learning about the layers of the eye, and instructor Sonja Gasper said she decided it would be fun to dissect eyes.

"Most people learn better hands-on," Mrs Gasper said. "A 2D image never replaces holding a 3D image in your hands, and when dissecting you get everything you wouldn't get just reading about it in a book."

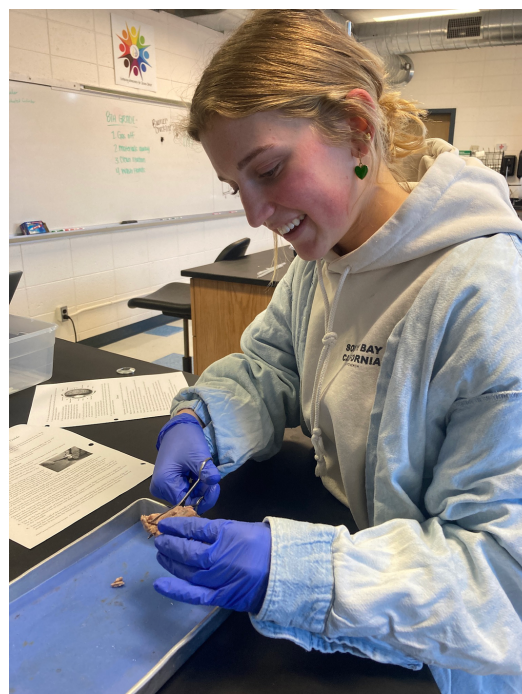
During the dissection, the class worked in pairs to cut apart the eyes and identify the individual structures within the eye.

"It was cool observing and feeling the structures in real life," anatomy student Paige Guld said. "The lens of the eye was much different than I expected."

Anatomy students learned how to follow directions, got valuable hands-on experience, and learned more in depth about the eye.

Anatomy student Hanna Seidl said she liked being able to physically do it and not just read about it or look at diagrams.

"I like how Mrs. Gasper gives us these opportunities," she said.



**Junior Paige Guld dissects a cow eye in anatomy class.**



# Cardinals Make First WIAA State Tournament Appearance

(*STATE: from page 1*) 29. Freshmen Everett Puent, Cooper Guld, Lucas Erdman, Ezra Gustafson, and Chuexeng Lo scored their first varsity points.

Newman then played Marawood Conference rival Assumption Catholic High School Friday, March 5 with senior Mason Prey's 23 points leading the Cardinals to a 66-55 victory.

Mason had another dominant performance the next night, Saturday, March 4, against Columbus, scoring 26 points. The Cardinals won the Regional Championship game 72-53.

The game against Pacelli Catholic High School Thursday, March 9 ended with a score of 79-58. Senior Isaac Seidel's 31 points led the Cardinals to victory.

In the Sectional Championship, Newman defeated Gibraltar High School 66-54.

Seniors Mason Prey and Isaac Seidel combined for 45 points, leading the Newman Cardinals to victory.

"Through grit and determination we were able to get to State," said senior Thomas Bates.



Boys varsity basketball coach Jeff Waldvogel talks to his starting players before the start of the Sectional Championship against Gibraltar Saturday, March 11, 2023. (Photographs provided by Dave Junion)



Isaac Seidel evaluates his next move.



Mason Prey drives to the hoop.



The Newman student section goes wild after the basketball team clinches their first WIAA State appearance.



The team huddles together for a prayer before their game against Gibraltar.

## *Students Learn Importance of Nonverbal Communication*

*By Grace Carlson*

The oral communications class at Newman Catholic High School recently did an activity to improve their communication skills. In oral communications, instructor Anthony Noll teaches his students effective ways to communicate with others and how to improve their listening skills.

This activity consisted of three steps to test out how students would do with different restrictions on communication.

For the first round, a student was asked to describe a picture without using facial expressions, non-verbal gestures, or saying specific shapes. The rest of the class was then asked to draw the picture that was being described.

In the second round, students were still describing the picture the same way, but they were able to say specific shapes. In the third and final round, students were allowed to use non-verbal gestures, with all the steps combined.

An example of a picture students had to describe was a cow. Students had to get creative with the ways they were describing the pictures without saying the specific shapes in the first round. Students had an easier time describing the pictures as the rounds went on and could describe the shapes.

“The purpose of this activity was for students to realize a huge part of communication is nonverbal and how difficult it is to just use your voice,” Mr. Noll said.

He said many students struggled with not being able to use hand gestures or facial expressions.

“In the first rounds, I could see students were struggling with not using non-verbals or just saying what the drawing was,” he said. “As we added more steps to the activity, students were able to draw the picture more accurately.”

In the future, Mr. Noll said he is planning on doing an activity where students will identify facial expressions, personal distance, and nonverbal communication.

Senior Danisa Zenk said this helped her communication skills and be more aware of communication barriers.

“This activity made me realize how difficult it can be to communicate in certain situations,” she said. “Not being able to use hand gestures made the activity difficult.”

Senior Jackson Varline said he felt this activity was able to open his eyes to new forms of communication.

“I was able to try different ways of communicating, and I realized that not all ways of communication are verbal,” he said.

## **Girls Basketball Season Wraps Up**

*By Paige Guld*

The Newman Catholic High School varsity girls basketball season comes to an end after a good run in the playoffs and a strong season overall. With many challenges to face, the team stayed strong and stuck together.

“Being with these girls at school and seeing them in other sports, we wanted to give them the opportunity to be successful both on and off the court,” Coach Paul Michlig said. “We wanted to make sure the girls had a good and fun experience to end their season with.”

Coach Michlig and Coach Joe

Ackermann had a plan going into the end of the season and had high expectations for their players.

“We had hoped they would play hard and end the season in a positive fashion,” Coach Ackermann said.

“Winning a playoff game at home was definitely fun for the players, the seniors especially.”

The girls varsity team took on Gresham High School during the first round of playoffs Tuesday, February 21, at Newman Catholic High School, winning 69-52. Their season ended with a tough loss in the second round to Edgar High School Friday, February 24, (*To page 7: SEASON*)

## **Scholarship Window Open Through 4/30**

Newman Catholic Schools is accepting scholarship applications through Sunday, April 30. Scholarship applications are open to all NCS

students and are broken up by grade level. For more information, or to fill out an application, visit <https://www.newmancatholicschools.com/Page/62>.



# Choir, Band Impress Judges at Solo and Ensemble

By: Ava Sukanen

Newman Catholic Middle and High School choir and band students prepared diligently to share their musical talents at the annual Solo and Ensemble competition.

The Solo and Ensemble competition first takes place on a district level at local schools. The students compete in three different classes: Class C is the entry level, Class B is the experienced level, and Class A is the advanced level. They perform in ensembles or as soloists for adjudicators who give them a rating from five to one, with one being the highest. The competition then moves onto the state level for those who received a “starred first” rating (\*1) in the Class A level at the district stage.

Newman students performed Friday, February 17, at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids after months of preparation.

Middle and high school choir director Patricia Rougeot said that her choir students had already started their preparation last spring.

“I gave them their music and said go over it this summer, start listening, start getting yourself acclimated with this music,” she said.

Adam Krasowski, a junior band student, performed an alto saxophone solo, a piano solo, a saxophone duet with senior Wyatt Gasper, and even took up the opportunity to accompany a seventh grader on their saxophone solo. With the pressure of all of these performances, he devoted a



**Jed Blum performs "Stars" from Les Misérables during Solo and Ensemble.**

lot of his free time in and out of school to ensure a smooth competition day.

“I always get nervous, but I found that the more I practice and kind of pretend that I’m where I am the day of the performance, I don’t get as nervous at the performance,” he said.

Ms. Rougeot and Virginia Mootz, the middle and high school band instructor, not only worked hard to prepare their students for their own performances, but also made sure that they had time for learning opportunities from others’ performances as well.

“They not only get to be judged in front of somebody, but they get to watch at least 14 other events and critique them as well,” Ms. Rougeot said.

Ms. Rougeot stressed the importance to her students of not only practicing, but also taking care of their health amidst colds spreading around the choir leading up to their performances. (To page 6: **MUSIC**)



**The freshmen and sophomore boys choir is accompanied by Ms. Patricia Rougeot.**



# Musically Gifted Students Perform for Solo and Ensemble

(*MUSIC: From page 5*) Ms.

Rougeot stressed the importance to her students of not only practicing, but also taking care of their health amidst colds spreading around the choir leading up to their performances.

"I'm really excited to have them succeed, but they have to be serious about taking care of their instrument, which is their vocal chords," she said.

Both Mrs. Mootz and Ms. Rougeot said they were excited for the experiences their students were going to have and the ways they would grow as musicians from participating in Solo and Ensemble.

"Hopefully they had a positive performance experience and the chance to perform by themselves, not in a large group ensemble like we do almost everyday in class," Mrs. Mootz said. "They have the opportunity to build their initiative to take time to practice on their own."

Several of Newman's band and choir students received high ratings at the competition, including some that received starred first ratings in Class A, earning them a position in the state level of the competition. High school choir students that received this honor include Jed Blum, Carson Calo, Camryn Balk-Yaatenen, and Noah Martin. High



**Natalie Brenner practices for her piano solo.**

school band students Wyatt Gasper, Adam Krasowski, Brock Gasper, and Natalie Brenner also earned this honor, along with middle school student Victor Sikora.

## Engineering Students Experiment by Building Bridges

*By: Eva Espinoza-Alamazar*

Newman Catholic High School's inaugural Introduction to Engineering class has been busy building bridges. Students worked in groups and began by choosing a specific type of bridge. They were tasked with constructing their bridge from specific materials, including popsicle sticks, stir sticks, string, and white glue.

"The goal of this experiment was to teach the kids the significance of truss and angle design, and weight distribution and force," said instructor Jon Smith.

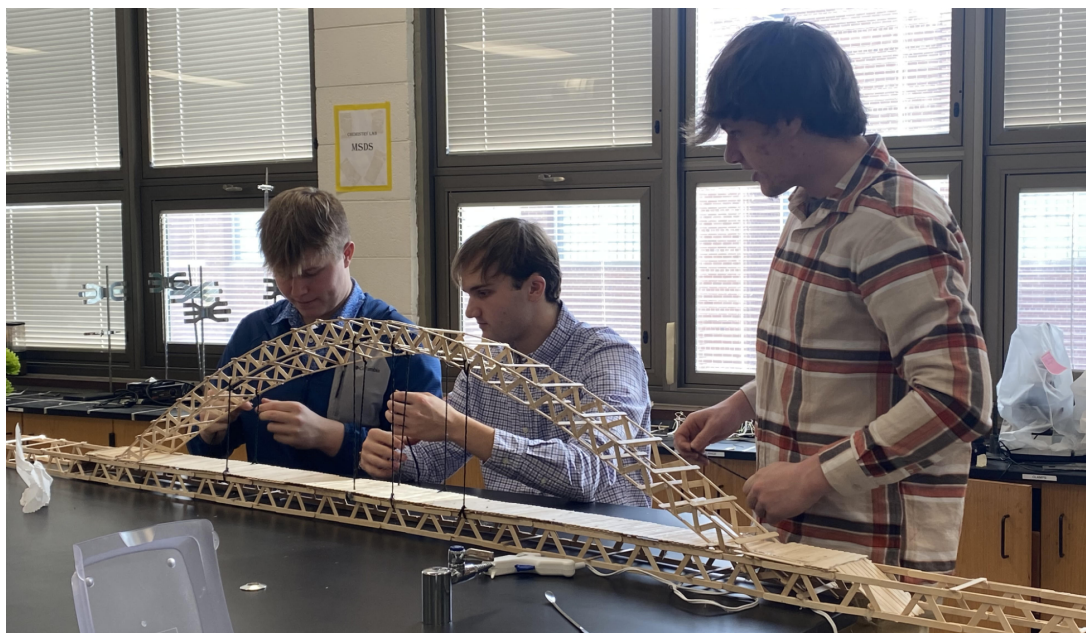
From the beginning stages, it was clear that the groups were drawn to the truss bridge design. Senior Wyatt Gasper said the truss bridge is the most beneficial.

"It's good for weight distribution because it supports and prevents weak points," he said.

Fellow senior Braedon Kroening explained that his group selected

this same bridge because it looked like the easiest to build.

Each group ultimately ended up building a truss bridge. Seniors Eli Gustafson, Mason Prey, and Matthew (To page 7: **BRIDGES**)



**Intro to engineering students Eli Gustafson, Mason Prey, and Matthew Hamilton build a truss bridge.**



# New Class Project Fosters Future Engineers

(**BRIDGES:** from page 6) Hamilton combined aspects of both a truss and a suspension bridge to create their bridge.

“The suspension adds a little support that’s going to take away from the truss,” Eli Gustafson said.

Eli explained that if the truss

begins to weaken, the pressure will then be put on the suspension arch.

Upon reflection of their bridges, one week before they were finished, senior Thomas Bates said the hardest part is yet to come. He was referring to the testing process which will determine which groups’ bridges can

hold the most weight.

As the groups thought back on their teamwork, each team looked positively on the experience with their team members.

“We worked pretty well together; everyone knew what they wanted to do,” Cheng Thao said.

## Basketball Senior Nights End in Two Wins for the Cardinals

*By Jackson Pfender*

The girls basketball team had their senior night to recognize Maggie Wulf, Sidney Galang, and Danisa Zenk Thursday, February 9, for all their hard work, time, and dedication to the girls basketball program.

“I put in the hard work over the years and did the little things to be successful and have fun,” Sidney Galang said.

The Cardinals matched up in a Marawood North crossover against the Prentice Buccaneers. The Cardinals defeated the Buccaneers 78-39 with great games from both Maggie and Sidney. Sidney put up 19 points, and Maggie chipped in with 16 points.

Just one day after the girls beat Prentice on senior night, the boys matched up against Prentice Friday, February 10, for their senior night, too. The boys team recognized the seven seniors: Mason Prey, Thomas Bates, Jackson Pfender, Conner Krach, Isaac Seidel, Owen Sullivan, and Eli Gustafson.

They have been playing together since fourth grade and have stuck with the sport ever since.

“I have the expectation to work hard and hustle on every play, to never give up regardless of the scenario, and to do everything for the team rather than for yourself,” Conner Krach said.

The boys took down a good Prentice

team 80-66 with contributions from multiple players. Mason Prey scored 25 points, and Isaac Seidel scored 17 points. Conner also had a 15 point and 10 rebound double-double for the Cardinals to cap off a successful senior night win.



Seniors on the boys basketball team are Owen Sullivan (from left), Eli Gustafson, Isaac Seidel, Mason Prey, Conner Krach, Thomas Bates, and Jackson Pfender. (Photograph provided by Dave Junion)

## Lady Cardinals Finish Season Strong

(**SEASON:** From page 4): losing 38-66. Sometimes, sports are about more than the score at the end of the game.

“Wins and losses really did not matter to us,” Coach Michlig said. “It was more about the product of everything else.”

Ending the season strong, the

Newman Catholic Varsity girls basketball team showed strength and passion all season.

“The seniors were a big part of the team, and we are going to miss them next year,” said junior Ashley Jankowski. “I am sad to see it end.”