

**NEWMAN CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL: ST. MARK**

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The Cardinal Connection

"The Good News in Education"

June/July 2023

Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have come to the close of the 2022-23 school year. The year has been filled with excitement, teaching and learning, and the chance to watch your children grow in so many ways. Thank you for sharing them with us.

Following the last Mass for our staff and students, we celebrated the promotion of our Fifth Graders to sixth grade. The students received certificates of completion for their success in the elementary grades. Awards were also presented to all of the fifth-grade students for successfully completing the D.A.R.E. program and for their leadership service to the school through participation as Safety Patrol members.

Service to others is part of who we ask our students to be. Three fifth-grade students received awards for their roles as Altar Servers during our weekly school Masses. Thank you to Teresa, Ellie, and Josie for following the ways of Jesus.

Special awards were presented to several students in the area of Academic Excellence and Achievement. Receiving the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence was Tori Howe. The Presidential Awards for Academic Achievement went to Nolan, Teresa, Avery, and Emma.

The "Student of the Year Award" is based on a variety of criteria: living the Catholic faith in and out of school, service to others, and acting as Jesus would have. Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, this award reflects the kind of students we have at Newman Catholic Schools.

Ashley Luczaj from Catholic Financial Life presented the "Student of the Year Award" for NCES: St. Mark to Tori. Congratulations to Tori on receiving this award and for being a wonderful role model to her classmates and the younger students in our building.

The last gifts given to the fifth-grade students were Bibles. Father Al presented a Bible to each student with a reminder that the Bibles were not something to set on a shelf, but to be read and to be used and to be lived. This was a wonderful reminder for our students to take with them on the road to middle school and beyond.

The 4K students celebrated moving on to 5K with programs for their families. Best wishes to them! Thank you to Ms. Heidi (Mrs. Hughes) for all the ways she helped the students learn and made the last few months so special for them. Thank you to Mrs. Z, Ms. Teresa, and Cathy Zygarlicke for being great teacher assistants, too.

There was plenty of excitement as students cleaned out their desks, finished signing yearbooks, and ate lunch together for the last time until the fall. The teachers planned fun activities and of course, bowling at Weston Lanes was a hit for the K-5 students in the afternoon. It was a great way to end the many days of the school year.

As we say, "goodbye" for the summer, know that we keep you in our prayers for a fun and relaxing time with family and friends. Congratulations to the students for the many successes they achieved and the ways they grew in their faith lives. We are proud of all they have accomplished.

Until next time...God bless and have a great summer!
Mrs. Heise

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Bits 'n Pieces

What an awesome school year we have had, and once again we feel blessed to have been part of the NCES: St. Mark community. We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you staffing assignments for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

Preschool	Mrs. Mandy Schepp
4 Year Old Kindergarten	TBA
Kindergarten	Mrs. Linda McMullen
Grade 1	Mrs. Tammi Augustiniak
Grade 2	Mrs. Sue Reiche
Grade 3	Mrs. Melissa Richards
Grade 4	Mrs. Diane Treu
Grade 5	Ms. Stephanie Lang
Art - Grades K-5	Mrs. Kari Van Natta
Music - Grades K-5	Ms. Kay Pope
Physical Education - Grades K-5	Mrs. Mandy Schepp
Spanish – Grades K-5	Mrs. Becky Ross
Technology – Grades K-5	Mrs. Mandy Schepp
Guidance	Mrs. Autumn Clermont
Interventionist	Mrs. Jackie Steif
Aide and Librarian	Mrs. Mary Hoelter
4K Religion and Keyboarding Gr. K-5	Sr. Carolyn Bronk
Childcare	Mrs. Teresa Lazarski
Aide	Mrs. Theresa Zieglmeier
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Lynette LaQua
Principal	Mrs. Shirley Heise



This wonderful group of capable and loving educators will work hard to not only give your child(ren) an excellent education, but to make Jesus an important part of their lives. Believing that the primary purpose of a Catholic education is to strengthen and increase the knowledge and love of the Catholic faith, will remain the primary goal for this coming school year. The students will receive excellent academic instruction taught in an environment that stresses Catholic values and develops the spiritual life. We will pray together and promise to continue to love and support each other and to be strengthened in our commitment to the sacred ministry of educating your children. We appreciate the trust and confidence you have shown by sending your children to us.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you soon.



Bits 'n Pieces

School Office Summer Hours

The office will be open throughout the summer— days and times may vary. You may want to call ahead to check and see if the office is open, feel free to leave a message as needed at 715-359-9662. We will be checking our messages regularly throughout the week. If you need immediate assistance you can contact the Central Office at 715-845-5735.

2023-24 School Supply List

The school supply list for Preschool through Grade 5 can be found on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter and it can also be found on the NCS website. Choose St. Mark from the “Our Schools” tab.

THANK YOU!

To **Father Al Slowiak** and **Mary Hart, DRE**, for all of your help in planning and celebrating the sacraments this past school year.

To the **Home and School** Officers and members for your outstanding support and activity / project leadership. We couldn't do it without you!

To our **Home and School** for coordinating the **Teacher Appreciation Week**. The breakfast and all the special treats were wonderful! Also thank you to all the families who sent cards, flowers, prayers, food treats, and gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers and staff are most grateful.

To **Amanda Dodge** and **Debbie Kaiser** for the wonderful year book for NCES: St. Mark. Your work is so appreciated and your talent so remarkable!

To **Home and School** for supplying and serving the Root Beer floats at the end of the school year.



Fifth Grade Promotion

Levi Dombrowski
Henry Engman
Aaliyah Hanson
Zackariah Hartman-Halfmann
Nolan Haskin
Tori Howe
Maizi Kamke
Jack Martin

Teresa Martin
Avery Mroczenski
Aryella Patino
Emma Rosenthal
Violet Smith-Riggs
Ellison Stauber
Josephine Stenstrom

Student of the Year Award

Tori Howe was honored as Student of the Year at Newman Catholic Elementary School: St. Mark. Tori was presented with a certificate. The school also has a plaque with her name on it as the 2023 Student of the Year honoree, which will be displayed in the office. Tori was chosen for her kind heart, gentle spirit, humble nature, and always striving to be the best student possible.

President's Awards

Educational Excellence

Tori Howe

Educational Achievement

Nolan Haskin
 Teresa Martin
 Avery Mroczenski
 Emma Rosenthal

Safety Patrol

Levi Dombrowski
 Henry Engman
 Aaliyah Hanson
 Zackariah Hartman-Halfmann
 Nolan Haskin
 Tori Howe
 Maizi Kamke
 Jack Martin
 Teresa Martin
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Year Book Cover

Congratulations to Avery Mroczenski this year's winner of the Yearbook Cover Contest



Library News



Lucky Tray Day

May 4th: Zachary F., George P., Maizi K., Charlie M., Mack H.H., Delilah P., Avery M.

May 12th: Aryana M., Alistair E., Joel G., Carsten K., Luke P., Maizi K., Nolan H., Parker M.

May 19th: Elizabeth R., Locklyn S., Leonardo C., Jacob L., Leopold S., Lainey E., Cameran Z., Luella R., Kirsten B., Isaiah W., Graham E., Zack H.H., Mack H.H., Uzziel P., Henry E., Charlie M.

May 26th: Kinsey K., Leopold S., Maren C., Alistair E., Locklyn S., George P., Madison C., Elizabeth R., Elliott H., Logan M., Mack H.H., Lara H., Carsten K., Graham E., Bria R., Grace B., Delilah P., Noah R., Michael F., Gabe M., Tori H.

Happy Birthday!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Zachary F., Tori H., Lara H., Allison K., Violet S., Luis V., Ivy P., Kirsten B., Claire M., Macy M.

Staff Birthdays: Mrs. Hart

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Bode M., Leopold S., Alistair E., Emily X., Gresham K., Liam R.

Staff Birthdays: Mrs. Schepp, Mr. Hermsen

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Allie A., Joel G., Bennett B., Jackson M., Parker M., Kinsey K., Maclayna S., Josephine S.

Staff Birthdays: Mrs. Van Natta, Mrs. Clermont



NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2023-2024 School Year Calendar Updated 3/23/23

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- Key:**
- Start of a Marking Period
 - End of a Marking Period
 - No School - Holiday
 - No School - Teacher In-Service
 - Catholic Schools Week

- Notes:**
- 1) All dates are subject to change due to revisions presented by local public school districts or for other unforeseen situations.
 - 2) 4K students at NCECC: St. Michael and NCECC: St. Therese are likely to have some differences in attendance calendars due to its community collaborative program affiliations.
 - 3) 4K students at NCES: St. Mark will follow the Newman Catholic Schools calendar.

**NEWMAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: ST. MARK
2023-2024 SUPPLY LIST**



Pre-School (label supplies)

- 1 Red folder (PLASTIC - for Take Home folder)
- 1 Large Back Pack (Label w/ student's name)
- 1 Set of Crayola Watercolor Paints
- 8 Glue Sticks - approximately .77 oz each
- 2 Boxes Crayons (8 count large size) Classic colors
- 1 Box Washable Markers
- 1 Large Box Facial Tissues (Kleenex/Other)
- 1 Pkg. Paper Plates (any size) Art Projects
- 2 Container Baby Wipes
- 1 Containers Clorox/Lysol type disinfecting wipes
- 1 Box Expo Dry Erase Markers

Reminder: School clothing that reflects the values of Newman Catholic Schools

4-K (label supplies)

- 1 Red folder (PLASTIC - for Take Home folder)
- 1 Large Back Pack (Label w/ student's name)
- 1 Change of clothes, labeled in ziplock bag
- 1 Box Washable Markers-Classic Colors
- 3 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue
- 2 Box of 24 Crayons
- 1 Set of Expo Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Set of Crayola Watercolor Paints
- 1 Large Boxes Facial Tissues
- 1 Plastic Pencil Box
- 1 5.2 quart. storage bin (no cover)
- 2 Cans Play-Doh
- 1 Pair Gym Shoes
- 1 Rest Mat
- 1 Disinfecting Wipes

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KINDERGARTEN (label supplies)

- 1 Red folder (PLASTIC - for Take Home folder)
- 1 Back Pack (Label w/ student's name)
- 2 Boxes Crayons (8 count large size) Primary colors
- 2 Erasers
- 3 Container Clorox/Lysol type disinfecting wipes
- 3 Large Boxes Facial Tissues (Kleenex/Other)
- 1 Box of 8 Washable Markers-Classic colors
- 3 Primary Big Size Pencils
- 1 Pair of Children's Scissors (metal blades)
- 4 Glue Sticks-approximately .021 oz each
- 1 Rest mat
- 1 Gym shoes - Wear to school on gym days
- 1 Art Smock - **SEE NOTE BELOW**
- 1 Large Package Napkins
- 1 Plastic Pencil Box

Please label EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM with your child's name. (Do not write name only on package) Permanent marker works well.

GRADE 1 (label supplies)

- 1 Red folder (PLASTIC - for Take Home folder)
- 1 Back Pack (Label w/ student's name)
- 2 Box of 16 or 24 Crayons
- 1 Large Rubber Eraser
- 2 Composition Notebook
- 1 Large Bottle Elmer's White Glue ONLY
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 3 Large Boxes Facial Tissues (Kleenex/Other)
- 1 Box Washable Markers-Classic colors
- 1 Pair of Children's Scissors
- 4 Primary Pencils - large size
- 1 School Box
- 1 Containers Clorox/Lysol disinfecting wipes
- 1 Package Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Gym shoes - Wear to school on gym days
- 1 Art Smock - **SEE NOTE BELOW**
- 1 Old sock to clean dry erase board

ART SMOCK Gr. K-5 - Well fitting paint shirt, labeled with your child's name.

SPANISH - 1-Two pocket folder for 1st graders and any new students Grs. 2-5

COMPUTERS Gr. K-5 - 1 Container disinfecting wipes, 1 box of kleenex, 1 pair Chromebook compatible headphones

***GRADES 2-5** Books will need to be covered per teacher request

*** KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 5** - PLEASE REPLENISH SUPPLIES AS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

*** ONLY PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES - ALL GRADES**

K-5 - Please refer to the Newman Catholic Schools dress code guidelines when shopping for school attire

NEWMAN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: ST. MARK
2023-2024 SUPPLY LIST, Continued



GRADE 2 (label supplies)

- 1 Red folder (PLASTIC - for Take Home folder)
- 1 Back Pack (Label w/ student's name)
- 1 Box of 16 or 24 Crayons
- 2 Large Erasers
- 1 Containers Clorox/Lysol type disinfecting wipes
- 1 1 pkg. Loose Leaf paper - Wide Lined
- 2 2-Pocket Folder, any design
- 1 Large Bottle Elmer's White Glue
- 3 Large Boxes Facial Tissues (Kleenex/Other)
- 1 Box Washable Markers-Classic colors
- 4 Wide-lined Spiral Notebooks
- 12 Pencils - #2 with erasers (**Please no mechanical**)
- 1 Plastic Pencil Box
- 1 Pair Children's Scissors
- 1 Ruler 12" marked in inches and centimeters
- Addition/Subtraction 0-12 Flashcards
***available to purchase in school office \$7 each**
- 1 Gym shoes - Wear to school on gym days
- 1 Art Smock - **SEE NOTE BELOW**
- 2 Bookcovers

GRADE 3 (label supplies)

- 1 Red folder w/prongs (Plastic-for take home)
- 1 Back Pack (Label w/ student's name)
- 1 Box of 16 or 24 Crayons
- 2 Large Erasers
- 3 2-Pocket Folders- 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 any design
- 1 Highlighter
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 3 Large Boxes Facial Tissues (Kleenex/Other)
- 1 Box Washable Markers-classic colors
- 4 Wide-lined Spiral Notebooks (1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow, 1 fun)
- 1 Pkg. Wide Line Loose Leaf Paper
- 8 Pencils - #2 with erasers
- 1 Pencil Case
- 1 Pair Children's Scissors
- 1 Shoe Box size Rubbermaid container w/cover
- 3 Red Pens
- 1 Set colored pencils
- 1 Containers Clorox/Lysol type disinfecting wipes
- Division/Multiplication 0-12 Flashcards
***available to purchase in school office \$9 each**
- 1 Gym shoes - Wear to school on gym days
- 1 Art Smock - **SEE NOTE ON RIGHT**
- 2 Dry Erase Markers

GRADES 4 & 5 (label supplies)

- 1 Red folder (PLASTIC - for Take Home folder)
- 1 Back Pack (Label w/ student's name)
- 1 **Shoe Box size** Rubbermaid container w/cover
- 1 Pencil Case (no box)
- 3 Large Boxes Facial Tissues (Kleenex/Other)
- 1 Ruler (w/inches and centimeters)
- 1 Scissors (adult size)
- 1 Set of 8 Classic Magic Markers (non washable)
- 1 Black Marker (fine line)
- 1 Bottle Elmer's White School Glue
- 1 Box Crayons (24 count)
- 4 Red Correcting Pens (nonerasable)
- 2 Blue Pens (nonerasable)
- 1 Set Colored Pencils
- 4 Pencils-#2 (**Please no mechanical**)
- 1 Large Eraser
- 6 2-Pocket Folders labeled - 1 Red-Math, 1 Blue-Science, 1 Green-Language Arts, 1 Yellow-Social Studies, 1 Purple-Religion, 2 Any design-Music & Reading
- 4 Wide Line Spiral Notebooks - 1 Red-Math, 1 Blue-Science, 1 Yellow Social Studies, 1 Fun-Music Journal (grade 4), 1 Green-Language Arts
- 3 Pkg. Wide Line Loose Leaf Paper
- 2 Highlighters - different colors
- 1 Containers Clorox type disinfecting wipes
- 1 Gym shoes - Wear to school on gym days
- 1 Art Smock - **SEE NOTE BELOW**

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK - will be provided to all students in Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5

COMPUTER - Gr. K-5 - 1 Container disinfecting wipes, 1 box of kleenex, 1 pair Chromebook compatible headphones

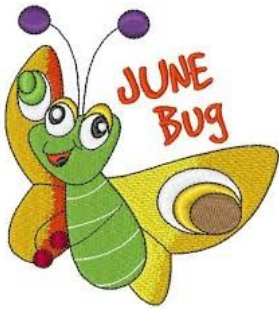
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LOOKING FOR FAMILY FUN ON JUNE 11, 2023?

**BRING THE KIDS TO THE ST. MARK PARISH
“JUNE BUG EVENT”**

**There will be plenty of games, food trucks, and time with friends!
Join us from 11:00-4:00 p.m. near the playground!**

**We are also looking for people to help...please consider sharing your time
and talents. Contact Mary Hart, DRE, 715-359-5206, ext. 324 or email
her at maryhh@smproths.org**

Thank you and we will see you at “June Bug”!