

# NEWMAN *Connection*

NEWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MAGAZINE FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & ALUMNI

## Winter Wonderland Benefit Auction

### 37 YEARS OF GIVING

When fundraisers are created, every organizers' basic hope is that it makes a difference, that it meets the goal intended. This was the exact hope the group of parents and supporters had in 1987 when they developed "A Night of Elegance", the first iteration of what we now know as the Winter Wonderland benefit auction. On Saturday, November 16, 2024, Newman Catholic Schools celebrated the 37th annual event; 37 years coming together in support of the students, faculty and staff of Newman Catholic Schools.

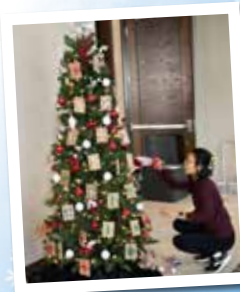
Over the almost four decades, this annual tradition has brought so much joy to our Newman Catholic community, not just because it raises funds to help support the system's operating budget but because it is our largest event for building community. It is a night when alumni, families and community members come together to show the students how much they mean to them and the importance of Catholic education. For the students who volunteer at the event, it is a night in which they witness what it means to make a difference and give back.

So why is Winter Wonderland so important? Because the funds raised make a significant difference in the education of our youth. Profits from the auction have helped:

- Fund new textbooks and instructional materials.
- Add technology throughout the system, including 1-to-1 Chromebooks and the Innovation Lab.
- Strengthen safety and security at all buildings.
- Improve health & wellness by purchasing equipment for physical education classes and playgrounds.
- Develop the I Care Grant Program to fund professional development.

These are just a few of the ways in which funds raised during Winter Wonderland have been used, and NCS is excited to share that \$28,000 from this year's event will be used to help fund improvements at the Rudolph Environmental Center (REC), Newman Catholic Schools' school forest, and will allow the REC Committee to develop curriculum, fund transportation and increase use of the REC. The goal is to have all NCS students visit the REC so they can experience the wondrous beauty of God's gifts.

Newman Catholic Schools is grateful to the event sponsors, volunteers and donors who helped ensure Winter Wonderland was a success and for helping raise over \$160,000. To know that so many believe in the power of a Christ-centered education is truly a gift and proof that Newman Catholic Schools is embraced by a community devoted to the education of our youth. **With our deepest gratitude...we thank you!**



### The 38th Winter Wonderland!

Saturday, November 15, 2025

All funds raised at the 38th annual event will go to support the development of a broader Engineering and Tech Education Program at the high school and STEM needs throughout the system. All students will benefit from a stronger focus on STEM education.





# *Congratulations to the fall sports teams on a successful season!*

*Tennis*



For the first time since 2013, the girls tennis team qualified to play at the state tournament as a team. In addition, the team proudly sent their #1 singles and doubles players to the individual state tournament.

*Soccer*



The soccer team ended their season with a conference record of 7-5, the team's best finish in the Central Wisconsin Conference in the last eight years. The team successfully shutout teams in four of their games.

*Football*



The football team secured the Conference Championship despite facing injuries throughout the season. The team is one of only two teams that have qualified for the eight-man playoffs every year since being with the WIAA.

*Volleyball*



The lady cardinals had another great run, finishing their season back at the Resch Center at the state tournament, the team's 14th appearance. The team ended the season 29-13 and Sectional Champions.



# Homecoming

Homecoming is a fun, annual tradition celebrated throughout Newman Catholic Schools.

Students celebrated homecoming with a week full of activities and events which included assemblies, dress up days and games.

The week was capped off with the NCS community, students, families and alumni coming together to cheer on the Fighting Cardinals at the football game on Saturday, October 12.

It was a blessing to have so many alumni join and show their school spirit. It's always wonderful to have Newman Catholic's past and present Cardinals come together. Once a Cardinal, always a Cardinal!



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## Catholic Schools Week

January 26 - February 1, 2025

*You're Invited!*

to join us for Mass on Thursday, January 30 at 9:30am  
in the Newman Catholic Middle & High School gymnasium

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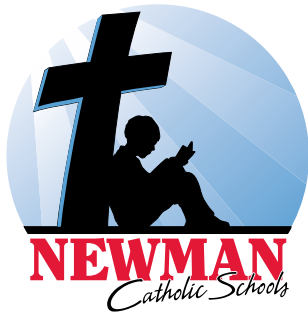
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