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2025 SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

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Celebrating 70 Years of Graduations

During the spring of 1955, Newman High School celebrated a remarkable milestone by holding the first graduation ceremony, welcoming the Class of 1955 as the first alumni class. At the time, the school's mascot was the Pioneers. Those first to graduate truly lived up to that name, for they led the way for over 6,000 graduates who came after them. On May 23, 2025, Newman Catholic High School celebrated another amazing milestone with the 70th graduation ceremony, when the Class of 2025 became the newest alumni class.

This changed in 1951 when Bishop John P. Treacy established Newman High School a decision made in response to the need for a Catholic secondary education in the Wausau area. High School classes were held at St. Mary's School and St. James School until the current building officially opened in the fall of 1956.

Newman Catholic Schools will be forever grateful for its Pioneers and the foundation they laid for the alumni classes who followed them. No matter how many years have passed or how many changes the school has embraced, graduates are forever connected and forever a part of the Newman Catholic family.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!
Our prayers are with them as they begin their next journey in life.

Achievement of this milestone would not have been possible without the pioneering efforts of the families and Catholic community who fought and raised money to build the school. Though Catholic education began in the Wausau area in 1883, classes only went as far as 8th grade before students had to join the public school system for high school.



YEARS OF CELEBRATING AMAZING STUDENTS AS THEY TOOK THE FIRST STEPS OF THEIR ADULT LIVES

YEARS OF WELCOMING NEW ALUMNI CLASSES

YEARS OF NEWMAN PRIDE!



Newman Catholic Schools fosters disciples of Christ through



Catholic Faith



Service



& Academics



Thank You for Your Service



Kelly Zweck
7 Years

NCES: St. Anne
Interventionist



Father Eric Mashak
6 Years

NCMS/HS
Chaplain

Wishing You Blessings in the Next Chapter

Thank you for the love, dedication and faithful service you have given to the students, families and staff of Newman Catholic Schools. Your presence has been a blessing to our community, and your impact will be felt for many years.

As you begin this new journey in life, may God's unfailing love, guidance and care surround you each step of the way. Know that you leave behind a legacy of faith and compassion that will continue to inspire others.

Mr. Lawler's Never Forgotten Honor Flight

This spring, one of Newman Catholic Schools' own had the honor of celebrating a very special journey. On April 15 Mr. John Lawler, a Marine veteran and a beloved part of our NCES: St. Mark's lunchroom team, participated in the 51st Never Forgotten Honor Flight. He joined fellow veterans on a daylong tribute to their service in Washington, D.C.

It was a powerful day of reflection and remembrance, made even more meaningful by the warm welcome Mr. Lawler received upon his return. Among the crowd at the Central Wisconsin Airport stood Mrs. Richards, our 3rd grade teacher, and her family, holding a banner signed by every student and staff member at NCES: St. Mark. It was a moment that perfectly captured the heart of our community: respect, gratitude and love for those who serve.

Thank you, Mr. Lawler, for your courage, your service and the example you set for our students.



John Lawler
Marines, Vietnam Era



Spring Sports Highlights



Golf

NCS Golf hosted their first ever tournament this spring at Greenwood Hills.



Softball

Won first round of playoffs, and are excited for their new field in the NCS Athletic Complex.



Baseball

Returned to NCS after a year off, and enjoyed a great season at the Athletic Park.



Girls Track

The team finished 3rd in conference. At State, Evie Bates earned 2nd place in High Jump, and Brecklyn Linder placed 13th in Triple Jump.



Boys Track

The team finished 6th in conference, with Noylan Lindner placing 3rd at State in the 400M.



May Crowning and Virtue Walk

What began as a new idea became a day to remember. This spring, students from across Newman Catholic Schools gathered at the Rudolph Environmental Center (REC) for a powerful day of prayer, reflection and connection. For the first time, our May Crowning and Virtue Walk came together as one meaningful celebration of faith.

The day opened in reverence as students honored Mary, the mother of Jesus, through song, prayer and floral offerings. With Mother's Day approaching, it served as a reminder to give thanks not only for Mary, but for all who nurture and guide us with grace.

Students then continued with our first district-wide Virtue Walk. As they walked the REC loop, they paused at seven stations where Student Ambassadors shared insights on the virtues of justice, hope, charity, friendship, faith, respect and love. At each stop, students received a colored bracelet representing the virtue they explored.

We were honored to welcome many parents and family members who walked alongside our students. More than just a gathering, this day brought our schools together in spirit and purpose. Thank you to everyone who helped make this new tradition a meaningful part of our faith journey.

