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# The Cardinal Connection

*"Do this in memory of me"*

**Newman Catholic High School February 2012 Monthly Newsletter**

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## From the Principal's Desk

*Mr. Delikowski*

Greetings Newman Parents!

It looks like we not only survived but thrived through another Catholic Schools Week at Newman Middle and High Schools! It was such a blessing to celebrate Mass with so many of our area Priests and the Bishop this past week. What a blessing to be able to come together as a community to celebrate the mysteries of Christ's Love for us.

We have had a lot of fun celebrating the gift of a faith filled Catholic education throughout the last few days. Bowling, Spirit Games, Bunco and some very creative costuming are just a few of the activities our staff worked very hard to procure for our students. I want to send out a special thanks to our High School Home and School for paying for the entire High School's bowling expenses this year. What a generous offering! I want to ask all of our parents to consider attending more of our Home and School meetings in the future. It is such a great way to keep in touch with the happenings around here and to find new avenues to support the students and staff at Newman. Our next Middle School meeting is on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and High School meets on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

In the next few days you should be receiving your registration materials for next year. It goes without saying that I hope to see all of you back with us again in the coming year. More importantly I want to encourage you to help me spread the word about how valuable the Newman experience is for you and your family to others in the greater Wausau area. I have had dozens of meetings over the past few weeks with brand new families who are eager to join the Newman family and many of them were brought to us through conversations with you! Keep up the great work! I will continue to do my part to make sure that Newman Catholic Middle and High School stay a place where the spiritual fervor, the academic prowess and the extra-curricular challenge are things very much worth sharing and praising. I wish you a blessed February and continue to pray that we all grow together as servants of the Kingdom of God!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Jamie

Mr. James Delikowski, Principal



*FACE**Mrs. Kronberger*

Are you getting a new washer and dryer and have a working washing machine and dryer that you would like to donate? The washing machine in the Family and Consumer Education classroom is leaking and we are looking for a newer model. The machines get used regularly to wash towels and aprons from foods classes, but also during sewing class. If you think you may have what the FACE program is looking for, please call Jennifer Kronberger at 715-845-8274, ext. 4046 and leave a message.

*Junior Parent Meeting**Mr. Switalski*

**Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 PM in Room 100**

Juniors will be receiving their Senior Project materials in the next month. Hopefully they have been thinking about project ideas and are ready to hit the ground running! Juniors do have to complete a lot of the preliminary steps, including submitting their proposals, this spring. So what is Senior Project? Mr. Switalski will run through the process and requirements, and answer any questions you may have about Senior Project.

*Senior Parent Meeting**Mr. Switalski*

**Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 PM in Room 100**

A reminder that our annual senior parent meeting is Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 PM in Room 100. We will be providing a lot of very important information to senior parents regarding senior retreat, the class trip, and "senior week" – all the events and activities that surround graduation! It is essential that at least one parent/guardian of every senior attend this meeting, so please highlight it on your family calendars. The meeting is for parents only, students should not attend.

*Faith Corner**Mrs. Orozco***Why Do Catholics Confess Sins to a Priest?**

Jesus said to the Apostles, the first priests, in John 20:21-23, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." He then breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (How would they know what sins to forgive or retain unless people were confessing their sins to them?)



Clearly, in the above passage, Christ has bestowed upon His first priests, the power to forgive sins in His name. GOD has the power, the **ONLY** power, to forgive sins...but He has given this power to certain men on earth to exercise in His Name. Many people say that a human mediator is not needed to confess sins. However, there is no Christian denomination where a believer may baptize himself. In **ALL** denominations, it is required that there be human mediation for baptism to take place. Why then, is it so odd to think of this same process for the confessing of sins?

This is a beautiful Sacrament, a gift that God has given us on earth, that we may humble ourselves by confessing to human ears our sins, that those ears may listen, and then offer, in the name of Jesus, God's forgiveness and absolution to us in our contrition.

We understand that a priest has, by himself, **NO POWER** to forgive a person's sins...but by the power bestowed upon them as successors of the Apostles, **JESUS** comes to us in the Sacrament...and through the hands of His priest...He heals us.

All our area parishes offer the sacrament of reconciliation. There is no better time than the present to make a wrong - right...

## *The Return of the Alumni*

*Mr. Barbella*

On Friday, January 6, Newman Catholic High School alumni returned to their alma mater. Organized by Campus Ministry under the direction of Mrs. Joy Orozco, the graduates were here to conduct a seminar for current juniors and seniors on “things you should know now” as you prepare to go off to college.

Eight members of the class of 2011---Megan Connolly, Nick Cornell, Nicole Cornell, Nate Martin, Sam McCarty, Maggie McIntyre, Lauren Tubbs and Matt Watson---shared their wisdom and insights gained from having undergone the major life change of moving away from home and attending college for a semester.

They touched upon topics familiar to NCHS students, but did so with the measure of credibility for our students that may only come from listening to a peer.

### *Personal Responsibility:*

“Your parents are paying a lot of money to send you to college so you owe it to them and to yourself to make the most of this opportunity.”

“Get as much done as you can on Senior Project over the summer because come fall you will have the huge job of completing college applications and scholarship applications as well as all your school work and all the other things you have to do.”

### *Appreciation:*

“When I was assigned a research paper, I was the only one in my class who knew how to do it. I was so grateful for that.”

“When you get to college, be sure to take some courses that you will enjoy. You are not likely to have this kind of opportunity ever again.”

### *Faith:*

“At a time of great change in my life, my faith has been a constant for me.”

“Attending Mass on campus has made me realize some of my classmates share my faith and, otherwise, I might not have known that.”

*A Personal Reflection:* Is there anything in this life we experience that is more miraculous than watching our children grow up? As a six-year staff member at Newman Catholic, this teacher has

*Music Department Update**Mrs. Mootz & Mrs. Ahles*

First on our agenda is the District Solo and Ensemble Festival which will be held on February 17, 2012, at Assumption High School in Wisconsin Rapids. Most of the Newman Catholic High School music students will be participating in this festival. Liturgy dress is expected for those participating. Information will be coming home soon with your child regarding this festival.

Large Group Festivals follow in April. Choir is April 12th and Band will be April 19th. While we are learning the music for all these festivals, and our Spring Concert, we will also be including music theory in our course work.

Keep practicing!

*Art Department News**Mr. Tourdot***Design**

Design students are completing their final drawing and making finishing touches on other works of art. The last couple of art class periods students are participating in art critiques, and discussing their final projects.

**Ceramics**

Ceramics students are glazing projects and working on a paper assessing the ceramics class.

*Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences*

**Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences** are Wednesday, February 29 from 4:00 until 8:00 pm for the High School. Letters were mailed home the week of January 30th. If you have any questions please contact the Main Office at 845-8274.

*St. Matthew's Parish - Soup Supper Volunteers Needed*

Volunteers are needed at the Soup Suppers being held at St. Matthew Catholic Church (225 S. 28<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wausau WI) beginning Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2012).

Suppers will be served every Wednesday in Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday to April 4, 2012 and is served in the school cafeteria from 4:15 to 6:30 PM.

We encourage students to sign-up and help. Sign-up sheets are located in the Main Office.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy soup. Free-will donations are accepted.

*Dishes*

We still have several empty dishes that have been left at school. If you have left any dishes at school from events, please stop by the Main Office to pick them up. Thank you.

*Food Service**Mrs. Fehrman*

As I looked back at the first three months of lunch menus and lunch participation, it was interesting to see how some meals were very popular at the middle school and high school level but not as popular at the elementary level and vice versa. And even more interesting was to see that breakfast for lunch, chicken patty on a bun, chicken nuggets, and mini corn dogs were popular at all three sites.

Starting in February, NCS at St Anne and St Mark Food Service will be providing menu entrees specifically targeted to the elementary student's tastes and preferences on Monday and Fridays. The NCS MS/HS Food Service will be following a similar menu plan as the NCS schools on Tuesdays through Thursdays but offering entrees that are popular with the older students on Monday and Fridays. Our hope is to increase student participation in the NCS school lunch program by providing meals that appeal to these two specific school age groups. Copies of the menus will continue to be available on the NCS website link (see link below for February's menu).

*NCHS Calendar and Lunch Menu*

For detailed information about the upcoming high school events, visit our master calendar on the web at <http://www.newmancatholicschools.com/calendars/>

A complete district lunch menu for February can be found by visiting the web at: [http://www.newmancatholicschools.com/dynamic\\_media/2012\\_February\\_-\\_MSHS.pdf](http://www.newmancatholicschools.com/dynamic_media/2012_February_-_MSHS.pdf)

*Happy Valentines Day*

## Dates to Remember:

- **Szmanda Science Scholarship Presentations** Monday, February 6
- **Liturgy - 9:40am** Wednesday, February 8
- **Senior Parent Meeting** Wednesday, February 8
- **Liturgy - 9:40am** Wednesday, February 15
- **Junior Parent Meeting** Wednesday, February 15
- **Senior Night - Girl's Varsity Basketball** Thursday, February 16
- **District Solo/Ensemble - WI Rapids** Friday, February 17
- **Senior Night - Boy's Varsity Basketball** Friday, February 17
- **NO SCHOOL - Staff Development** Monday, February 20
- **Progress Report Week** February 20 - February 24
- **Returning Families - Registrations Due** Tuesday, February 21
- **ASH WEDNESDAY** Wednesday, February 22
- **Liturgy - 9:40am** Wednesday, February 22
- **NCHS Spring Sports Meeting - 6:30p** Monday, February 27
- **Liturgy - 9:40am** Wednesday, February 29
- **Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences** Wednesday, February 29

