



The Red Hat

Newman Catholic High School

Teacher Appreciation Week Yer Thao and Allie McManus

This year, Teacher Appreciation Week starts on Monday, May 7 and ends on Friday, May 11, with National Teacher Day falling on Tuesday, May 8. Although the origins are unclear, it is believed that this tradition was started some time around 1944 when Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodbridge began corresponding with political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. She also wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt, who finally persuaded Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953. Originally, this day of



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honor was observed on the first Tuesday in March; however, in 1985, the Na-

tional PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week as the first full week of May, making National Teacher Day the Tuesday of this week.

In lieu of Teacher Appreciation Week, some students submitted their dedications and memories to *The Red Hat*:

Dear Mrs. Kurtzweil,
Thank you for giving Melissa, Allie, Kate, Mal-lory, and I the opportunity to be in Forensics! We've had so much fun these past two years and can't wait for next year. Also, thanks for always letting us goof (continued on page 2)

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“Serve It Up”

Every year, the Newman Catholic High School chapter of National Honor Society hosts a fundraiser to support our school. This year, NHS hosted “Serve It Up” on May 2, 2007, which began with a delicious bake-off and was followed by an intense volleyball match between the seniors and faculty. Teams of seniors competed against teams of teachers as they showed off their skills in the kitchen creating mouth-watering deserts that

wowed the judges. Mrs. Walber and Mrs. Ziegler led the bake-off with the winning recipe of caramel bars, as the faculty won this part of the competition overall.

Then the seniors went head to head with the faculty in three rousing games of volleyball. The first game was close, but the seniors were able to pull ahead in the end. They came out strong again in the second to secure the victory. But

Elizabeth Martin

not wanting to be too hard on the faculty, they gave up the third game to end the evening two games to one.

It was a great evening, and a very successful fundraiser for NHS. Proceeds from this year's events are being put towards the Newman Catholic Science Department to assist in the renovation of our school's science lab. Thank you to everyone who supported our school as the seniors and faculty “Served it Up.”



The victorious senior team celebrates after defeating the faculty two games to one in an intense volleyball match.



Emmy Mickevicius takes time to thank Mrs. Orozco during Teacher Appreciation Week.

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-Emmy Mickivicius*

Teacher Appreciation Week (continued from page 1)

around in your room at lunch. We appreciate it.
Sincerely,
Jen Meverden

Dear Mrs. Orozco,
French I this year has been fantastic! We learned so much having you as our teacher. You have made me want to continue studying French in college and into life. Thanks for being such a wonderful role model of faith for us, and for teaching us to appreciate other cultures. Your enthusiasm is contagious. Merci pour une bonne année! (Thanks for a great year!)
Sincerely,

Emmy Mickevicius

for the laughs!

A memory from Katie Siewert:
It was in the beginning of the year when Mr. Strassburger was teaching our english class. He decided he was going to sit on the table he has in the front of the room. Well, he sort of hopped up on the table and when he landed, the leg on the table broke and that side fell down! It shot the overhead projector up in the air. Mr. Strassburger fell to the ground, but never missed a beat. He grabbed a chair, set it on the table, and continued to teach the class! Thanks

Mr. Switalski,
My past four years at Newman Catholic have been quite memorable and you have played a big part in that. My teammates and I, are privileged to have had you as a coach during the soccer season. We have learned not only from your knowledge of the game, but we have learned what it means to demonstrate sportsmanship and how to be a quality player.
Sincerely,
Brandon Kempf

Junior Achievement

Ben Vechinski



Ben Vechinski and Brandon Kempf teach Junior Achievement to 5th graders at St. Michael's.

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Many of us remember those days back in grade school when some super cool high-schoolers would come and give us a taste of what life would one day be like after high school. They did things like teach us about business and the “real world” that would some day be ours. Well now it's time for some Newman Catholic seniors to share their knowledge and experiences with some elementary students at St. Michael's. Junior Achievement (JA) is a program that educates young boys and girls about economics and

business. Nothing too advanced for grade-schoolers of course, but from kindergarten to the fifth grade, kids are getting the hang of some introductory business information and skills that they may some day use. It's a great opportunity for seniors to share their experiences and connect with the young people, and hopefully inspire them and give them someone to look up to. The volunteers that teach the children go through hours of training and preparation to get ready to give these lessons, and it's well worth it says

Brandon Kempf, a volunteer who teaches the 5th graders at St. Mikes. “It's a lot of work, but it's great to see the kids when they really learn something. I now understand why people want to be teachers. It's worth it all to see a kid's face, and know that they just learned something that could really take them far some day.” Overall, this is a great and beneficial program for everyone involved, and hopefully it will stay around for a long time to come.

Spring Sports Update

Spring sports, including baseball, softball, boy's tennis, track, girl's soccer, and golf are under way. The baseball team started the season 0-3 but now sits at a 4-10 record. The softball team has been swinging the bats great and is now 6-11 on the season. Track has been off to the races and has won each of their meets so far. Track hopes to bring back that State Champion-

ship, and with hard work and effort they will. Jack Szmanda recently made his mark on Newman Catholic, setting a new pole vault record of 14 feet. The girl's club soccer team has been kicking their way toward success; the girls are now 1-1-3 in play. The golf team has hit the links; lead by Craig Ogurek the Cards are looking for a tournament win. When asked what he

Alex Erdman

can do to help the team, Clark Etten said, "I just like to go out and play, I try to do my best." The boy's tennis team (6-4) took the court with confidence winning their first invite (The Everest Invite) on April 14th. The spring sport's teams still have plenty of games to play and will certainly try to bring more victories to Newman Catholic. Go Cards!



Joe Line winds up for the pitch!



The boy's tennis team after their victory at the Everest Invite.

Golf

The Newman Catholic Golf Team is a young team that hopes to learn a lot about the game throughout the 2007 season. While Craig Ogurek and Clark Etten fill the #1 and #2 positions, the final three spots are rotated between the sophomores. Craig, who is also the captain of the team, stated that they're "a young bunch and if

[they] can keep progressing [their] scores, [they] can really compete in the near future." So far, the scores of their matches might not have produced winning statistics yet, but the team is learning more about the game. "We've gotten a lot more experience as varsity golfers in our young team", Craig said. The golf team no longer has any seniors,

losing both Dan Bock and Alex Ogurek, so juniors Craig and Clark had to step up to lead the team. When asked about his brother's departure, Craig said, "Not only did we lose a great golfer in Alex, but a good friend." The team has a couple more meets this year, so go out and cheer them on!

Allie McManus

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Wallschlaeger Memorial Fund

The Christopher M. Wallschlaeger Memorial Scholarship Fund is a scholarship for incoming freshmen at Newman Catholic High School. This scholarship fund was established in 2004 through the

Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin by his parents, Pat and Jeanne Wallschlaeger, and close friends. The requirements for the scholarship are to write an essay reflecting on how the peace

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prayer applies to your life and to submit two letters of recommendation. On Saturday June 9, 2007, all Newman Catholic School's families are invited to attend the Wisconsin Wood (continued on page 4)



Christopher Wallschlaeger will always be a special part of the Class of 2007, and will remain in the hearts of our Newman Catholic community.



Wallschlaeger Memorial Fund

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Come out and join Newman Catholic Schools for a night of baseball to help benefit the Wallschlaeger Memorial Scholarship Fund!

chucks game at Athletic Park. NCS is providing one free admission ticket per student, and tickets will be available for pick up at your school office beginning the week of

May 21, 2007. Additional tickets may be purchased at the gate on game day. All of you Woodchucks fans should go out there and cheer on the team, with thanks to Pat and

Jeanne Wallschlaeger of Midwest Professional Planners, to help benefit the Wallschlaeger Memorial Scholarship Fund. Have a great time!

Summer Plans

Kirsten Cornelissen



Ben Vechinski will be enjoying his last summer of freedom before heading off to Navy boot camp in September.

Summer break is almost here! With their graduation June 3rd, the summer break starts a little earlier for the seniors, but just a few days later on June 7th, everyone will be enjoying the summer season. So... what are people planning for the summer of 2007? The people of Newman Catholic all have different plans for the summer; some are staying home, while others will go on vacation. Some will be doing something entirely different. After one year in America, Laura Orozco says that she had a good experience here, but she is also excited to go back to Mexico. Laura said, "I have had a fun experience, but I am anxious to see my family and friends

again!" When Laura arrives back in Mexico the 14th of June, she is planning on doing fun stuff with her friends, going to the beach and eat her favorite Mexican food. Laura also has plans to go with her family to Hong Kong. Some NCHS students have decided simply to stay home. Elizabeth Hart will stay home because she is on the softball team. "I don't have time to go somewhere, I am staying home this summer because I have practice everyday. Although it would be nice to go somewhere, I really enjoy practice and games!" The seniors are almost finished with school, and this summer they are all going

in different directions. Ben Vechinski is also staying home during summer break. "I am looking forward to summer, so I can go back to my normal schedule: waking up and going to bed at 2 o'clock", Ben said. Although lots of people will go to college after summer break, Ben will go to Navy boot camp for 9 weeks. "I chose to go into the Navy because I have had enough school over the past 12 years and figure that I will do a little traveling, and make some money along the way." Whatever you are doing this summer, whether it is traveling, staying home, participating in sports or something totally different, have a fun time!



If you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions-write the Red Hat! Drop off your submissions to the folder outside room 110.

Dear Katrine

Dear Katrine,
I always get into trouble and I don't do anything wrong. It is always the people sitting around me. When I tell the teacher that it wasn't me, they always tell me to sit by someone else, but I'm already with my friends! Why would I sit away from my friends? What should I do?

Sincerely,
Singled Out

Dear Singled Out,
Well, your teachers are probably doing this because they are frustrated with the amount of chatter in the classroom. If it really is not you talking, maybe you could talk to your teacher outside of class and explain

to them what is going on. Class time is not a time to socialize, so separating yourself from your chatty friends might be a good idea. Better to stay out of trouble and learn than catch up on the latest gossip!
Sincerely,
Katrine