

NEWMAN CATHOLIC  
MIDDLE AND HIGH  
SCHOOL

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*The Cardinal Connection*

*"We Are Newman"*

August/September 2020 - Back to School Newsletter

### From the Principal's Desk

Blessings to our Newman Catholic Middle/High School Families,

What a summer it has been! Gratefully, in spite of the difficult past 5 months, God continues to send His grace upon us through supportive friends and family, the beauty of nature, the blessing of Mass, and guidance of health care professionals and science to bring us safely together again.

Although you have heard this multiple times, please review the system [Re-Entry Plan](#), as well as the [MS / HS Building Specific Re-Entry Plan](#) to be prepared for the start of school.

For **remote learners**, we will be setting up a time to pick up books and have a "Remote Orientation" video presented. **Having an accurate list of who will be remote is critical.** So, if you have not informed us of your intentions to have your student attend remotely, please call Paula Damask. We can then set up your time for textbook pick-up and make sure you get the orientation video. **Remote learners should plan to begin streaming classes on August 31.**

We welcome 3 new staff members to our building!

- **Mr. Moore – History**
- **Mrs. Solum – English**
- **Fr. Joe Richards – MS/HS Chaplain**

There will be **no Get Comfy Tours for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.** Mr. Gress and Mr. Beck have created a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation video which will be sent out to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade families **by August 25th.** There will be **no Backpack Drop-Off or Family Orientation.** Bring supplies on the first day of school (or the first two days of school if it is too much to carry at one time). A Family Orientation video has been created and will be shared with all families **by August 25th.**

With so many of our regularly scheduled calendar activities being cancelled, please watch for the Week-At-A-Glance to keep you up-to-date on current happenings. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the inevitable "bumps" along the road!

May God bless you and your family and keep you safe,

Ms. Ann Ebben-McManus

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## Homework for Parents

Yes, you read that right! Homework for you, the parents. There are a few things we are asking you to do which will help your child receive the most out of his or her school experience.

### COMMUNICATION

There are several ways we will be communicating information to you this year. We ask that you take the time to please read the information being sent.

1). **Week at a Glance** - Every other Friday you will receive an email link to the Week at a Glance that gives you a two week calendar of events for the MS/HS and any other information we need to pass along. The Week at a Glance can be found by logging into the NCS website under the SELECT A SCHOOL tab, choose Middle/High School. Choose the appropriate school, then WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.

2). **The Cardinal Connection** - The Cardinal Connection, our newsletter, is one of the main ways the school communicates with you about what is happening in your child's classes and contains a monthly calendar. You will receive an email with a link to view The Cardinal Connection. The Cardinal Connection can be found by logging into the NCS website under the SELECT A SCHOOL tab, choose Middle/High School. Choose the appropriate school, then choose MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.

3). **Constant Contact Emails** - Throughout the year, we also will be sending out Middle/High School and grade specific information via Constant Contact emails.

For our email communications, we use the email addresses you provided on your school registration forms. **Please be sure to let us know if your email address changes during the school year so we can update our lists.** If you find that you are not receiving the emails with these links, please let us know.

### PAPERWORK

1). **Parent-Student Handbook** - Please take time to read the NCS Handbook and sign and return the Compliance Form. **Be sure to discuss it with your student.** Knowing the rules and expectations

not only saves everyone a lot of time, but shows true support of the values that form the foundation for Newman Catholic Middle/High School. Thanks for your help in this area.

2). **Blue Emergency Contact Sheet** - All students should have their Blue Emergency Contact Sheets turned in the **first day of school, Thursday, August 27th.**

3). **Family Directory Sheet** - Please return the Family Directory Consent Form by **Friday, September 4th.**

### ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS - TAKE HOME FOLDERS

Newman Catholic High School assignment notebooks are available in the Student Services Office for \$4 while supplies last. All students are encouraged to have a notebook to keep track of assignments and other pertinent class information.

All Middle School students will be issued an **Assignment Notebook**. Students must take this to all of their classes daily and are required to write down all assignments and pertinent class information. Replacement notebooks may be purchased in the Student Services Office for \$7.00, while supplies last.

Parents are asked to always check your child's Assignment Notebook and Take Home Folder. The notebook and folder are also vehicles that your child's teachers may use to communicate to you. Encourage your child to bring this home daily, whether he or she has homework assignments or not. You may learn a lot by looking at this book.

### BIBLES

All students must have a school **approved Bible** for religion classes. The same Bible is used throughout each year of middle school. Bibles are issued to all 6th grade and those students who are new to the school. We have a limited number of copies which may be purchased in the Student Services Office for \$7.00 each if your child needs a replacement.

Lastly, feel free to call the school you have a question or need help. You and your child are the reason we are here. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Bits 'n Pieces

### DRESS CODE

Please refer to the [Newman Catholic MS / HS Policies Page](#) for the **MS or HS School Dress Code** for appropriate school attire. **Please note, MS Students are only allowed to wear regulation shorts on non-liturg days during the months of August, September, and May .**

### HOT LUNCH INFORMATION

The Newman Catholic Schools Food Service Department is busy getting everything set for the start of the new school year. All families will be receiving a NCS Food Service back to school mailing soon. There will be a lot of information in the Food Service mailing so please take a few minutes to read and look over the information

### EXPECTATIONS & DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Please take time to review the information contained in the Newman Catholic Schools Handbook. It is especially important that your child understands the expectations of the Middle/High School. We ask that you review this information with your child. The [NCS Handbook](#) can be found on the NCS Website.

### MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

If your child is to be given medication at school, you will need to complete a [Medication Form](#). A form can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook, can

be picked up in the Student Services Office, or online. A new form is needed for each medication. **Please note: For prescription medications, a doctor must also sign the form.** All medicine must be in the original container and be labeled with the child's name.

### STUDENT BUS TRANSPORTATION

Students living two or more miles from school, and students who have to cross hazardous areas, will receive free transportation through the Wausau or DC Everest School Districts, either on First Student or Lamers yellow buses or with tickets on the Metro Ride area transit buses. Metro Ride applications to apply for free tickets are available in the Student Services Office and [online](#). Free bus tickets for students who qualify are available and may be picked up in the Student Services Office.

If you do not qualify for free bus transportation, Wausau City Hall at 407 Grant St in Wausau or Metro Ride at 420 Plumer Street in Wausau sells city bus tickets.

**Please Note: Everest and Wausau Area Bus Students** If you have not yet signed up to ride the yellow bus, please contact your local bus company. Busing forms can be found on the [NCS Website](#).

## Notice of Asbestos Inspection

### NOTICE OF ASBESTOS INSPECTION, MANAGEMENT PLAN LOCATION, AND AVAILABILITY FOR NEWMAN CATHOLIC MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The original EPA AHERA asbestos inspection, management plan documents and additional information pertaining to response action activities, post response activities, periodic surveillance, 3-year re-inspections, that are planned or are in progress, and available for review during this School Year. The 3-year asbestos re-inspection of our facility has been completed and is also on file for your review.

If you wish to review this school's EPA AHERA related documents, appointments must be made with the Asbestos Program Manager (as listed below) at least one working day in advanced. Copies of the documents are available from the same location upon 5 days notice at \$0.10 per copy.

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# Box Tops for Education

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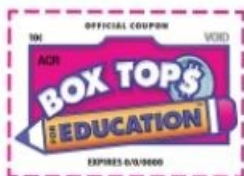


### NO MORE CLIPPING. SCAN YOUR RECEIPT



Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

#### THE OLD BOX TOPS CLIPS



Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but you can **still send any remaining unexpired clips to school.**

#### THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



The Box Tops program will become digital-only. Some brands are already moving to the new Box Tops label. If you see this label, use the app to scan your receipt.

Box Tops are still worth \$0.10 for your school.



#### MORE CONVENIENT

Redeem anywhere, anytime within 14 days of purchase



#### EASY TO USE

No more clipping or sending Box Tops to school.



#### REAL TIME

Your school's earnings are automatically updated online



#### EXTRA CASH

Access special bonus offers on top of your everyday Box

## Weather Related School Closing Procedures

As an educational institution, Newman Catholic Schools, by default, opens for classes when they are scheduled. However, on rare occasions, NCS may close, close early, or delay opening because weather conditions make travel to or from school dangerous. In the instance of inclement weather, the following tools will be the standard of communication used to announce schedule changes:

- **Constant Contact:** will be sent to the parents directly affected by the schedule changes.
- **NCS website** (banner scrolling at top of homepage) and Facebook
- **TV Stations:** Channel 9 ([www.waow.com](http://www.waow.com)) and Channel 7 ([www.wsaw.com](http://www.wsaw.com))
- **Midwest Communications Radio:** [www.wdez.com](http://www.wdez.com), [www.wifc.com](http://www.wifc.com), [www.wsau.com](http://www.wsau.com), [www.rock947.com](http://www.rock947.com), [www.foxsportsausau.com](http://www.foxsportsausau.com)
- **Skylert Messaging:** the digital messaging system allows for updates to be received via email, phone, and text. Signing up for Skylert Messaging can be achieved through Skyward Family Access. It is imperative that families take the time to double check accurate contact information is entered. \*\*\*When dealing with last minute changes, Skylert may not be the most expedient tool. Please refer to the communication tools above first.

When considering schedule changes due to weather conditions, NCS continues to take its lead from the Wausau and D.C. Everest School Districts. Each district varies in its standards and definitions of closures. These differences can cause confusion as NCS crosses both districts. To assist in alleviating confusion, a school-by-school breakdown of procedures is laid out below. Any changes to these procedures will be communicated.

**Delays:** the definition of delay varies by district

- **Wausau School District – Bus Delays** – this only affects students who are picked up by First Student. Bussed students will be picked up at the delayed time, but classes will begin at regular time. Students that are dropped off, walk or ride the city bus are expected to be at school at the regularly scheduled time.
- **D.C. Everest School District – School Delays** – delays in DCE effect the actual school day. The start of day for the entire district will be delayed the stated amount of time. If the delay is two hours, then school starts two hours late.

**School-by-School Procedures:**

### NCMS/HS -

- **Delayed Starts** – delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will start as previously scheduled for everyone else. Please note: delayed bussing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.
- **Early Release** – when closing early, NC MS/HS follows Wausau School District's lead. When WSD calls for 1:00pm early release then NC MS/HS will as well. This means that all students must be picked up at that time. At times, the two public school districts do not align in their decisions to close early or at the same time; for example:
  - DCE closes early but WSD does not, this will affect DCE bussed students only. In this case, parents of DCE bussed students will be contacted letting them know when busses will arrive for pickup. If parents wish for students to remain the entire day they would then need to arrange their child's transportation home at the end of the day.
  - Wausau closes early but DCE does not, students should be picked up. If a student who is bussed from DCE does not have alternative transportation, other than the bus home, parents should contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements.

## NCMS Dates to Remember:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family Orientation Video to be Sent</li> <li>• First Day of School for In-Person Classes</li> <li>• First Day of School for Remote-Learning Classes</li> <li>• Mass - Not Open to the Public</li> <li>• Home &amp; School Meeting - 5:30 pm</li> <li>• Booster Club Meeting - 6:30 pm</li> <li>• No School - Labor Day</li> <li>• Mass - Not Open to the Public</li> <li>• Picture Day - NCC Commons</li> <li>• Mass - Not Open to the Public</li> <li>• Safe Environment Instruction Day</li> <li>• Homecoming Week - Tentative</li> <li>• Mass - Not Open to the Public</li> <li>• Progress Report Week</li> <li>• Mass - Not Open to the Public</li> </ul> | <p>Tuesday, August 25<br/> Thursday, August 27<br/> Monday, August 31<br/> Wednesday, September 2<br/> Wednesday, September 2<br/> Wednesday, September 2<br/> Monday, September 7<br/> Wednesday, September 9<br/> Thursday, September 10<br/> Wednesday, September 16<br/> Thursday, September 17<br/> Mon, Sept 21 - Sat, Sept 26<br/> Wednesday, September 23<br/> Mon, Sept 28 - Fri, Oct, 2<br/> Wednesday, September 30</p> |
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## NCHS Dates to Remember:

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