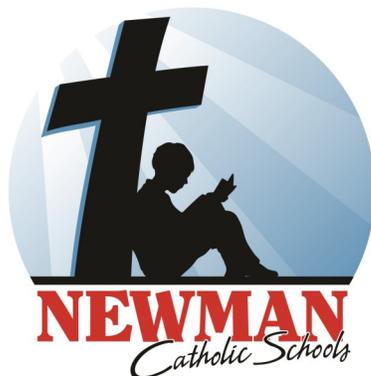


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## *The Cardinal Connection*

*"We Are Newman"*

**December 2020**

**Monthly Newsletter**

### **From the Principal's Desk**

A Blessed Advent to Newman Catholic Middle / High School Families and Friends!

We continue to educate and celebrate both in-person and remotely as teachers and staff work through the continuous challenges of COVID-19. THANK YOU to our students who must continue to wear masks at all times. This practice will, most likely, continue for the rest of the school year. THANK YOU to all families who are keeping siblings at home when there is a family member exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. THANK YOU to students and families that recognize now is NOT the time for parties or social gatherings. THANK YOU to all families who let us know if there are COVID-19 issues in their family. We, at Newman Catholic Middle/ High School will keep doing our very best to protect your child and we are grateful that you are doing your very best to protect us!

The first Sunday of Advent was November 29th. During Advent, we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view His life and experience His presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us what life can, and should, be. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning! As a Newman family, we work and celebrate together. We are blessed to have each other with Christ as our guiding center.

An excellent way to prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There are many ways to receive the special grace that this sacrament offers:

- Your parish family will offer opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the Advent season. Please check your parish bulletin or website for a schedule.
- We are working on a plan to safely have a Reconciliation Service with various priests in attendance to hear individual Reconciliation. All Catholic students will have the opportunity to receive this Blessed Sacrament.
- Fr. Joe, our School Chaplain, is available to students who would like to experience the sacrament one-on-one on a weekly basis. Announcements are made each day he is available for this Blessed Sacrament.

May you, and your family, receive the grace and special blessings of Advent and the Christmas season.

God bless and stay safe,

Ms. Ann Ebben-McManus  
Principal



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## From the Counselor's Desk

Mrs. Wulf

Please remember to visit the [Counseling and Student Services Page](#) for up-to-date information!

### All High School Students

Second semester scheduling will take place in December. High school students and their parents should review second semester schedules and elective options. Mrs. Wulf is available to provide course selection guidance. Requests for changes should be made to Mrs. Damask in Student Services before Christmas break.

[Career Locker](#) is a career information website to which Newman is subscribed. Students may create an account and use registration code **ncc-c999**. Career Locker contains career assessments, allows for exploration of career pathways, and provides tools and resources to help students make decisions about their future. Mrs. Wulf will work with students in Career Locker throughout the year.

Need guidance with **CAREER pathways**? There is a FREE resource called [Student Career Info](#). Student Career Info is a production of Students & Leaders Network, Inc. a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing career information for students, educators, parents and the public.

The program features live Q&A video discussions and a digital library of topics that provide information and insight on careers and life challenges for students. **Additional video sessions of experts explaining their careers are continually added.** **There are videos about every type of career you can think of, and they are fairly short in duration.** A very brief registration is also required.

### SENIORS

Seniors are reminded to continue/finish applying to the college(s) of their choice. All transcripts must be requested by the student via [Parchment](#). **Please bring a copy of acceptance letters to Mrs. Wulf so we can keep track of all the great opportunities our senior students have!** Continue to keep grades up, as colleges to which you have sent transcripts require updated grades at semester and the end of the year.

The **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP** spreadsheet is being updated regularly and it is the student's responsibility to check the Newman website and watch for text reminders. Applications for scholarships whose winners are selected by the **Newman Scholarship & Awards Committee** will be distributed to senior students via google docs before Christmas break. The applications must be typed and submitted to Mrs. Wulf by Friday, January 29.

### JUNIORS

The **ACT with writing** will be offered to juniors at Newman Catholic High School during the school day on **Tuesday, March 9**. A sign up letter with payment instructions will be sent to junior students and parents. This exam date is specific to the [state of Wisconsin](#); it is not a national test date. Registration for this exam date can only be done through NCHS, not online.

**The National ACT exam will be offered on the following dates:**

Test Date	Registration deadline	Location
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	East HS, West HS
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	Newman Catholic HS

## From the Counselor's Desk (cont.)

Mrs. Wulf

### JUNIORS (cont.)

Junior students who may require accommodations, such as testing aids, extended time, or diabetic supplies in the testing room should talk with Mrs. Wulf at least 6 weeks prior to the registration deadline.

Please visit our website for links to the National ACT registration and [free ACT Prep resources](#).

### EIGHTH GRADE

Students will have an opportunity to meet with Mrs. Wulf in January to discuss scheduling for high school classes. Scheduling materials will be brought home by students for discussion with and approval by parents. Don't miss the "Future Freshmen" (High School Information Night) meeting for all eighth grade students to be held on Wednesday, January 20, at 6:30 pm.

## 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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## Lunch Menu



Lunch menus can be found on the [Food Services](#) page and will be published every two weeks.

## Art Donations - Old Wooden Chairs Needed



Calling all art patrons! The high school painting and drawing students are in need of old wooden chairs for their next project – we will be painting them like a famous painting – we need 7 – if anyone could donate to this project we would be forever grateful! Thank you!!

## Sixth Grade News



In Math, the students are currently covering a chapter that involves dividing decimals. Next they will move onto a skill set that involves patterns and number sense. They will cover such topics as divisibility rules, factorization, factors, simplification of fractions, mixed numbers, multiples, and measuring using fourths and eighths.

In Science, the class finished learning about the different tools that scientists use to see microscopic objects as well as objects such as planets and galaxies that are too far away to be seen. We are now learning about force and everything associated with it such as speed, velocity, acceleration, and momentum just to name a few.

In Language Arts, students will be working on different forms of writing. They will be completing persuasive essays. We learned that to persuade someone we have to offer two sides to an argument and make sound reasoning. We will continue with expository

writing then descriptive writing. The class will be reading the fiction chapter book, *Bridge to Terabithia*. Students will be working in focus groups to analyze topics and answer questions about the book.

In Religion, December will bring a focus on Advent. December is a special season in our faith. We will be putting the season of Advent in context with the remaining liturgical calendar. Discussion will continue with the life of Jesus and the Good News that he preached to others, as well as God's covenant with his people.

In Social Studies, students we will be continuing our unit on North America with our discussion on Canada. Students learned about the country's early history, natural resources, and their government system. We are about to explore the amazing world of the Aztec, Maya and Inca empires. We will then tie in the influence of the Spanish in Mexico, Central America and South America. We will finish up with the rise of the pirates.

## Seventh Grade News



In Math, students have finished up perfecting their skills with an assortment of tables and charts. We were also able to find out many interesting worldly facts along the way! Currently we are immersed in Number Patterns and soon will be moving to Chapter 5 which focuses on operations with fractions with curriculum connections in fields such as geometry.

In Social Studies, we have finished our time in the Middle Ages and have moved on to the Renaissance Period and the Age of Revolution. The students will also be completing their Animoto creations on a significant person from the time periods between Ancient Greece and the Late Middle Ages. I am looking forward to seeing them all! Following, we will be spending quite a while exploring World War I and World War II. If any of you have any items from these periods and would like to share them with the class, please get in touch.....we would love to see them.

In Language Arts, we continue to brush up on our grammar and mechanics' skills. In January, we will

begin our unit on Forensics. Students will be required to present from one of the following categories: *Four Minute Informative Speech, Non-Original Oratory, Solo Acting, Demonstration Speaking, Storytelling, Play Acting, Interpretive Reading of Poetry, Interpretive Reading of Prose, or Play Reading.*

In Religion, we will focus on the Season of Advent during the month of December. Activities are currently in the planning stages within the Newman community. It is of particular importance during this time to focus on doing what is right and trying to live as Jesus would while preparing for the celebration of his birth. In addition, we will be exploring how God promises salvation through his son.

In Science, we are learning about what cells are made up of. Students will be creating a brochure for a cell attraction. It will make analogies to parts attractions by comparing them to cellular organelles. We will be looking at our own cheek cells and onion cells under the microscope as well! Next we will be moving on to viruses and how they are different from cells and other living things.

## Eighth Grade News



In Religion, we will learn about the beauty and peace Advent provides us through prayer and meditation. The students will continue to learn about the history of The Church from the beginning to present day. We also welcome Father Joe into our classroom for monthly religion lessons. Pray for us as we continue our journey of faith.

In Social Studies, we are studying the rights and duties of being a citizen. Next we will be studying the political heritage of our country including learning the impact that important documents, such as the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, have on America today. We will follow with an extensive study of each branch of our government. Students will be creating a constitution poster showing all of the information they learned about the Constitution in pictures.

In Language Arts, we continue to brush up on our grammar and mechanics' skills. In January, we will begin our unit on Forensics. Students will be required to present from one of the following categories: *Four Minute Informative Speech, Non-Original Oratory, Solo Acting, Demonstration Speaking, Storytelling, Play Acting, Interpretive Reading of Poetry, Interpretive Reading of Prose, or Play Reading.*

The Spanish students are working on a vocabulary unit based on personal health and physical descriptions including parts of the body. These students are doing an excellent job conjugating new verbs and practicing their conversation skills. A modified version of the International Traditions presentations will be taking

place during the last few days before Christmas break, however, we are not working in groups or presenting to an audience this year.

In Math, we will apply understanding of factors through using divisibility rules and prime factorization, differentiating between rational and irrational numbers, and extending these concepts in expressing fractions and decimals. Our next concepts to be covered will take us into reviewing the basic operations of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions and mixed numbers as well as refreshing our minds on the area of triangles, trapezoids, and the circumference of circles.

In Science class, we are learning about the characteristics of the Earth and the moon. We are also studying how the Earth, moon, and sun interact and create eclipses. Students created and modified a "moon rover." Next we will learn about our solar system. Students will research and create a Google slide presentation to present to the class about one of the planets in our solar system. It should be very enlightening!

The Algebra I students are learning about linear equations. They will begin by understanding the parts to linear equations and then learn how to graph and solve them. As the cold weather settles in, these students warm up by "adding layers" to what they know about linear functions. Each topic gives them more knowledge and allows them to view mathematical perspectives in everyday events.

## Advent Activity

The middle and high school students will be collecting products for the Catholic Charities - Wausau Community Warming Center. Please send donations to school between Monday, November 30 and Friday, December 18. Examples of items the Warming Center is in most need of include:



- Large Backpacks
- Bottled Water
- Breakfast Bars
- Soft Granola Bars
- Fruit Cups
- Apple Sauce Cups
- Creamer / Sugar
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hand Warmers
- Foot Warmers
- Laundry Soap
- Dryer Sheets
- Men's Thermal Underwear
- Women's Thermal Underwear
- Men's New Underwear
- Women's New Underwear
- Winter / Waterproof Boots
- Winter / Waterproof Gloves
- Cash Donations
- Gift Cards - Sam's Club / Walmart and Fleet Farm
- Tops & Bottoms
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# High School Yearbooks

If you have pictures you would like to submit to be considered for inclusion in the high school yearbook, please log into [images.jostens.com](https://images.jostens.com) and use the ID **415465946**. Please try to upload them at the full resolution so that they will be clear in the yearbook.



## Winter Spirit Wear

New winter items have been added. Click on the link to place your order. [https://stores.inksoft.com/newman\\_catholic](https://stores.inksoft.com/newman_catholic)



Unisex Flip Side Fleece Crewneck Pullover \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



Women's Sweater Knit Jacket \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



Nano-T® Women's Long Sleeve Scoopneck T-Shirt \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



Men's & Womens Port Authority Ladies V-Neck Sweater \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



Sport-Tek Spectator Scarf



Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Textured 1/4-Zip Pullover \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



Pincheck Easy Care Shirt \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



Originals Sueded Fleece Pullover Hood \*\* WINTER ONLY\*\*



Garment Dyed Hooded Long Sleeve Tee \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



\*\*WINTER ONLY\*\* Harborside Mélange French Terry Girls' Twirl Dress



Youth Perfect Tri® Long Sleeve Hoodie \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



Girls Twisted Tee \*\* WINTER ONLY\*\*



Girls' Cuddle Boxy Sweatshirt \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*



JERZEES Youth 1/4-Zip Cadet Collar Sweatshirt \*\* WINTER ONLY\*\*



Port & Company Youth Essential Tie-Dye Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt \*\*WINTER ONLY\*\*

# SCRIP News

## DECEMBER SCRIP NEWS

Check out the new mobile app for scrip on your smart phone: RaiseRight. Available in the App Store or Google Play. Use your same login as [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com). Our enrollment code is **13D5AD6D829**.

### In Stock for Christmas:

- \$10 Buffalo Wild Wings
- \$10 Barnes & Noble
- \$10 Target
- \$10 Walmart

### Kwik Trip Savings Are Back:

Kwik Trip \$25 / \$50 / \$100 (NCS) at 9% for a limited time – We are fully stocked for your order! We also offer Krist Oil and Shell gift cards at a 10% rebate.

**Perfect timing, Fleet Farm rebate is 9.09%! Great for Christmas gifts, hunting and the winter driving season. Available in \$25 / \$50 / \$100 gift cards.**

Roundy's and Walmart/Sam's Club cards are reloadable, check out the RaiseRight app or [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com) for details.

**Last day for special orders before Christmas December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

The following businesses can be special ordered. Please plan accordingly:

- **Bennett Massage Therapy**
- **Brickner's of Wausau**
- **Evolutions In Design**
- **Fred Mueller Automotive**
- **Kemp Service Center**

### Volunteer Opportunities:

Call Scrip Office at 715-849-7713 or visit [Sign Up Genius](http://SignUpGenius.com) to volunteer.

## DECEMBER SCRIP HOURS

December	2	– 8:00 – 4:00
December	3	– CLOSED
December	4	– CLOSED
December	5	– 8:00 – 4:00
December	6	– CLOSED
December	9	– 8:00 – 4:00
December	10	– CLOSED
December	11	– CLOSED
December	12	– 8:00 – 4:00
December	13	– CLOSED
December	16	– 8:00 – 4:00
December	17	– CLOSED
December	18	– CLOSED
December	19	– 8:00 – 4:00
December	20	– CLOSED
December	23	– CLOSED
December	24	– CLOSED
December	25	– CLOSED
December	26	– CLOSED
December	27	– CLOSED
December	30	– CLOSED
December	31	– CLOSED
January	1	– CLOSED
January	2	– 8:00 – 4:00
January	3	– CLOSED

Scrip Office phone number:  
**715-849-7713**

Scrip Office is located at:  
**NCS Central Office**  
**619 Stark Street**  
**Wausau, WI 54403**

[scrip@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:scrip@newmancatholicschools.com)

## 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 Student Services Office to discuss alternative arrangements.
- **Closing** - follows the Wausau School District "Public and Private" closing announcements.

## NCMS Dates to Remember:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress Report Week</li> <li>• Mass - NCC Gym</li> <li>• Second Sunday of Advent</li> <li>• Immaculate Conception Mass - NCC Gym</li> <li>• Third Sunday of Advent</li> <li>• Scholarship App Window Open - Grades 6-11</li> <li>• Mass - NCC Gym</li> <li>• Fourth Sunday of Advent</li> <li>• Last Student Day before Christmas Break</li> <li>• Christmas Spirit Day</li> <li>• Christmas Break</li> <li>• Christmas Day</li> <li>• New Years Day</li> <li>• Classes Resume</li> </ul> | <p><b>Mon, Nov 30 - Fri, Dec 4</b><br/> <b>Wednesday, December 2</b><br/> <b>Sunday, December 6</b><br/> <b>Tuesday, December 8</b><br/> <b>Sunday, December 13</b><br/> <b>Tues, Dec 15 - Wed, March 31</b><br/> <b>Wednesday, December 16</b><br/> <b>Sunday, December 20</b><br/> <b>Tuesday, December 22</b><br/> <b>Tuesday, December 22</b><br/> <b>Wed, Dec 23 - Fri, Jan 1</b><br/> <b>Friday, December 25</b><br/> <b>Friday, January 1</b><br/> <b>Monday, January 4</b></p> |
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## NCHS Dates to Remember:

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