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THE REPHAT

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Newman Decks the Halls

Prepare the Way!

Over the last two weeks, Newman's students and staff have been preparing for one of the most important days of the year, Christmas! From handing out Candy Canes that St. Nick left the school, to lighting the advent wreath each morning, our school is fully immersed in the spirit of the holidays. Students look forward to coming back from break and seeing the Advent wreath replaced by the Nativity, showing just what they have spent the last four weeks preparing for, the birth of Jesus the Christ.



Advent Wreath in front of Chapel in Lobby

Celebrating the Advent Season

By: Mrs. Damask

Newman Catholic Middle and High School students and staff helped provide basic necessities for our area's homeless by collecting items for the Catholic Charities Wausau Warming Center. Donated items included breakfast and granola bars, fruit cups, bottled water, winter gloves and hats, thermal and regular underwear, hand and foot warmers, boots, hand sanitizer, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, and personal toiletry items. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

Our students also shared their time and talents by praying and writing Christmas Cards for the homebound of many of our local parishes. Each ornament on the Jesse tree represents a card and prayer for an area parishioner.

NCM/HS CMLT

Important!

Christmas Break will be from December 23 until January 4. Remember to stay safe and healthy during the holiday season! Merry Christmas!

Finals will be held January 13-15 for all students. Schedules will be released shortly and if you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Damask.
Good luck to everyone!

History

The Red Hat was founded by the first class of Newman Catholic High School in the fall of 1951. Starting off as the name for the yearbook, "The Red Hat" became the name for Newman's newspaper. This newspaper was written every month by The Red Hat staff with the help of Newman's Journalism Club Members. The Red Hat was written for both the students and the faculty. It would highlight Newman sports, clubs, dances, and most importantly, the faith-centered education of Newman High. The Red Hat ran for 55 years on and off, but unfortunately released its last edition in 2006 due to lack of interest.

By continuing this tradition, The Red Hat Staff hopes to revive the spirit of Newman Catholic High School back into the student body.

--By: Editor



Newman Catholic High School Crest



Advent wreath, Catholic Charities Donations, and Jesse tree



Seniors Quinn Reeves and Grace Sukanen walk to first period.



Sophomores Eli Gustafson, Thomas Bates, and Matthew Hamilton ponder the concept of works cited pages.



The Senior football players spread Christmas cheer for all to hear.

SCHOOL DAYS



SHARE YOUR SCHOOL MOMENTS:

EMAIL:

theredhat@newman.k12.wi.us



Newman's President, Jeff Gulan Supports boys basketball team on Dec. 11.



Junior Jacob Pfiffner (#15) is being introduced before a game against Abbotsford.



"Merry Christmas" to everyone from Mrs. McManus (principal)



Freshmen Ava Sukanen, Hanna Seidl, and Claire Haupt, are glad to start the school day with Mr. Noll's English class.



The Newman Fighting Cardinals beat the Abbotsford Falcons 65-47.

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Editorial . . .

After tomorrow, we will have thirteen days of break to prepare and celebrate Christmas. As we wrap up advent and begin Christmastime, I hope that everyone will be able to safely connect with family and friends. Although this Christmas season will not be the same, the reason we celebrate will always be the same. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

December: The Month of the Nativity

By: Nevaeh Nelson

In the month of December we remember the Nativity as a reminder of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. The first Nativity scene was created by Saint Francis of Assisi in the year 1223. He staged it in the town of Greccio Italy in order to place emphasis on the true meaning of Christmas, and that it is not about giving and getting presents, but about the humble birth of Jesus.

Basketball Begins

The Red Hat Staff is wishing a long, safe, and successful season to Newman High's Boys and Girls Basketball teams!

GO

CARDINALS!!!

Father Joe's Faith Column

Every month, we will ask students to ask us questions about the Catholic Faith. Fr. Joe will read through these questions and will answer some of the questions that he thinks are important. We highly encourage people to send in all of the questions that they have regarding our faith. All questions will be sent in anonymously so do not be shy!

How many confessions do you hear every week?

On an average week, I imagine I'll hear anywhere from fifteen to twenty confessions. Mostly, it depends on if there are any special events going on (Penance services at my parish or other parishes, Advent/Lent, etc.)

How long can you be a priest for?

The cool thing about being a priest is that it keeps going even after death, so really you're a priest forever! Career-wise, most fellows retire at around 70 years old or so. After that, priests can do what they want, whether it's go down to Florida, moving into a parish and taking a few masses, or anything else you could imagine. Maybe I'll move up to Alaska. They need priests up there and it would be a good reason to get a bushpilot's licence.

Who have you looked up to throughout your life?

I am very lucky that my parents have modelled their faith for me. Outside of the family, there are a few priests in particular who have been lasting role models- one that I got to know in college and one I worked with during my FOCUS years.

When translating the Bible into English, did they leave anything out or change anything?

The English Bibles we have today are really translations of translations, meaning that the first official of spiritual texts isn't around today. That's why different versions of the Bible (New Revised Standard Version, New American Bible, Douay-Rheims, etc.) have different word choices and phrasing, but if you look at it verse-to-verse the content of the scripture remains the same. Some meaning is lost in translation, but the whole book itself is fairly unchanged.

If there was a husband and a wife wanting to get married and were unsure if they could get the marriage sacrament because the man's wife was transgender (m to f) could they still get the sacrament?

That's a really good question- in this case, they could not get married. Bear with me, as this is a very short answer to a very big question and a very current hot topic. Accounting for rare outliers, there is a certain God-given dimension to gender on a genetic level. This means that, even if I were to go through gender reassignment surgery and hormonal treatment, I wouldn't be able to marry someone of the gender opposite to my reassigned sexual characteristics. Like I said, a very short answer to a much bigger and much more conversation-deserving question.

Honored Alumni

Ms. Dora Schield



Ms. Dora Schield graduated in 1956 along with the rest of the second class of the newly built Newman High School. Since the building itself was still being built, Newman's Classes were held at St. Mary's High School. Since graduating, Dora has been a poet, essayist, oral historian, archivist, and editor. She has also volunteered for two Wisconsin Journals: the Wisconsin River Valley Journal and Prairie, which is an architectural quarterly, which are both archived in the Marathon County History Society, where she was a docent and an oral historian in the early 1990's. Dora has two daughters and a granddaughter that she loves to spend time with as much as possible. In 2005, Dora retired as managing editor of a national journal. Dora had fallen in love with the written word and Newman seemed to be a big part of that. When I asked about her favorite memories from Newman, Dora sent me a list of stories and experiences from High School in the fifties. Even as American and Newman culture was unfolding into more modern ideas, the dress codes were as strict as ever and, in the eyes of the students, the rules were meant to be bent. She says that the Dominican nuns, Father Cletus, and Father Hensler taught her both an amazing education and character and she is greatful to them and Newman for helping her become who she is today.

Alumni!

Hey Alumni!

Especially during this confusing and difficult times, we pray for each and every one of you and hope that everything is going well. We would love to hear from you and catch up. If you would like to send us an update, please email

theredhat@newman.k12.wi.us

God Bless!

V.I.P. of N.H.S.

Mrs. Paula Damask



The Red Hat would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Paula Damask for everything she does for our Newman Family. As the Student Services Coordinator and Campus Minister, Mrs. Damask plans masses, class retreats, class schedules, and can answer pretty much any question. After graduating high School, Mrs. Damask worked two jobs while attending Florence-Darlington Tech where she earned her associates degree in business. Starting at St. Marks, she became a substitute for teachers aids and lunch ladies. In 2011, she transferred to the Middle and High School and has worked here since. When asked about how she sees the Catholic Faith in Newman she replied, "I see it in their willingness to help others and work together. I see it in our remote students when they attend online masses or in our in-person students when they volunteer to help. Our staff give up their prep period and any free time to cover for staff who are absent." In her free time, Mrs. Damask enjoys running, cooking, and reading, as well as playing piano and spending time with her family. Mrs. Damask has also given two pieces of advice for Newman Students.

1. God is real so get to know him.
2. You never know what other people are going through so ALWAYS be kind.

English & Grammar Rules of the Month

by Mr. Noll

1. Always avoid annoying and aggravating alliteration.
2. No sentence fragments.
3. Don't use no double negatives.
4. Absolutely all generalizations are bad.
5. The passive voice is to be avoided.
6. When proofreading, make sure that you didn't repeat repeat words.
7. Hyperbole is a billion times worse than understatement.
8. One word sentences? Eliminate.
9. When numbering in a written document, check your numbering system carefully.
10. And never start a sentence with a conjunction.



Seasonal Blessing



Blest be the hearth attuned to its glory, which warms the heart when nights are hoary; invites the child with chilly toes, comforts a toiler at sunset close.

Blest be the shelf for crock and jug, platter, bowl, and cider mug, serviette, silver, goblet, ware, with shelter beneath for seasonal fare.

Blest be the surface whereon is spread the means of making an honest bread; broth with dumpling, a beefy stew, pandowdy, and pie you'll find there, too.

Blest be the table, hearth and shelf. Blest be the family, friends, and self. That which is memory is ne'er to pass, for therein lies riches won't to last.

- Dora Schield (Newman Alumni: Class of 1956)

Order Your Yearbook Early for the Lowest Price!

All yearbook orders must be submitted online. Order at:
jostensyearbooks.com



HELP!! Especially due to COVID, we are short on quality photos for the yearbook. If you have pictures to be considered for placement in the yearbook, you can submit them at images.jostens.com and use the ID: 415465946 or submit them on Newman's Instagram page!

TOP REASONS TO ORDER

2020-2021 NEWMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK!

- Printed pics of all the things.
- Your future self will thank you.
- Pay in 3 easy payments.*
- Signing day is the best day.
- SO. MANY. MEMORIES.
- It's the *lowest* price of the year.

YEARBOOK	\$65.00
SIGNATURE PACKAGE	\$80.00
Includes: Yearbook, Personalization, Autograph Pens, Autograph Section	
PERSONALIZATION	\$6.00
ICONS	FREE!
AUTOGRAPH SECTION	\$3.00
PHOTO POCKETS	\$3.00
CLEAR PROTECTIVE COVER	\$3.00

We Wonder

We have yet again asked our Freshmen to answer one of the most trivial questions of the holiday season, "What is your favorite Christmas song and why?"

"Silent Night because we always sang it at Church and it was so quiet and peaceful."

~Hailey Tlusty

"Carol of the Bells because it was the first Christmas song that I ever heard and remembered."

~ Evan Zubke

"Dominic the Donkey because it is super funny and weird."

~Molly Lang

"The Twelve Days of Christmas, it is very nostalgic."

~Ben Moua

"It's Beginning to Look a lot like Christmas by Michael Buble. It's a classic and it's catchy."

~Claire Haupt

"Last Christmas because it reminds me of a movie."

~Hanna Seidl

"Silent Night because it is very popular."

~Adam Sikora

"Welcome Christmas, The Grinch is my favorite movie of all time."

~Kaylee List

"Run Rudolph Run, it's a fun way to start Christmas."

~Alexis Repinski

"Last Christmas, because it is a vibe."

~Aiden Spychalla

"Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas, because it's a good song."

~Taylor Lemanski

Alumni We Lost in 2020

(Deceased Alumni)

Dear Lord,

May the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

Class of 1955

Joan (Whippler) Erdman
Rodger Beeber

Class of 1966

Dennis Sattler

Class of 1975

Susan (Bliss) Richards

Class of 1979

Ann (LaPorte) Lewandowski

Class of 1980

Charles Hirn
Daniel Cyrs

Class of 1981

Michael Urmanski
Paulette (Wanta) Domask
Rita Bauer
Karen (Medvecz) Klay

Class of 1982

Scott Sargent

Class of 1958

Beatrice (Kopotek) Jagodzinski

Class of 1961

Lori (Teuke) Baker

Class of 1962

Christine (Cortright) Gibberd
Bruce Brecht
Ella Molina

Class of 1964

Elaine (Salzman) Lang

Class of 1965

Gregory Johnson

A New start to Newman News

Interviewer: Alexa Huff
Writer: Madelyn Seidl

Almost four years ago, Seniors Connor Wulf, Erick Klein, and Jerry Buntin created a Youtube sensation known as "Newman News." With weekly videos, this was a way to keep students updated and informed on all things Newman. Newman news, however, did not continue into the following school years. This year, co-president Elise Rashke led the team of National Honor Society members to restart and continue these updates. I was able to sit down with Elise and ask her about her new role as anchor.

Elise is excited to pave the way of Newman News. When asked why she wanted to restart Newman news she responded, "When I was a freshman and I watched my first episode of Newman news, I felt a connection and felt an inner calling, a vocation if you will, to continue the legacy of illustrious news broadcasts to Newman." This calling has inspired her to rally the National Honor Society to help in her endeavors. Due to COVID-19, it has been difficult for nhs to do many club activities but Elise hopes that Newman news will help the new members to get involved. Students had high expectations as Elise was working on something that was practically untouched since it's first reign in 2017, but there have been a lot of positive responses to the first two episodes. Elise hopes that after she graduates, this years Juniors will step up and continue Newman news on it's path to glory.

"Newman News is not a snooze" ~ Elise Rashke, 2020

All episodes of "Newman News" will be sent to students and staff as they are released so make sure to check your school emails so that you do not miss an episode!

Fanmail and suggestions can be dropped off in the office!

At this time, Newman news is not accepting monetary donations but is in need of hand-made crafts

On This Day...

By: Hanna Seidl

December 21

1958- Charles De Gaulle was elected president.

1967- The film, "The Graduate" opens at Broadway in NYC.

1968- Apollo 8 departs for moon's orbit.

1971- The United Arab Emirates is formed.

1988 - Pan Am flight 103 explodes over Scotland.

1996 - "Curious George" co-creator Margaret Rey dies.

2012 - "Gangnam Style" becomes the first Youtube video to hit one billion views.

Liturgical Ministry

Father Joe and our campus minister, Mrs. Damask , are looking for any and all volunteers to help with our weekly masses. There is no experience needed, just a willing servant heart!

Announcement

Scholarship submissions are due for 6th-11th by March 31, and College scholarship submissions are due bby January 29 for our Seniors.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of this years Seniors on finishing your Senior Capstone!

Trivia!

Last month's question:

Q: In 1958, Newman history was made by welcoming Illeana Gonzalez as our first foreign exchange student. Where was Illeana from?

A: Guatemala City, Guatemala

This month's question:

Q: The first Catholic Mass in Wausau took place in the home of Walter McIndoe. During what year did this take place?

Mr. Noll's Meme of the Month

**-Is there anything I can do to improve my grade?
-Sure, build a time machine and do better the first time.**





Symbols of Season Key to True Spirit

The Christmas tree with its shining star and twinkling lights, and the miniature crib beneath it are intimate signs and symbols of Christmastime. Christmas is at present so surrounded by commercialization that often the symbolism is lost in today's fast pace. It may, therefore, be profitable to pause for a while and take a brief look at the meaning and origin of these symbols.

The most universal symbol of this Feast is the Christmas tree. One story attributes its origin to Saint Boniface. One day while he was instructing some heathens, he started to chop down a huge oak tree which they considered sacred. As it fell to the earth, it split into four pieces, and from the center a young fir tree sprang up. "This is the sign of endless life," he told them, "for its leaves are ever green. Let it be called the tree of the Christ Child; gather about it, not in the wildwoods, but in your own homes."

Another legend gives credit to Martin Luther for originating the custom of using lights on the Christmas tree. One Christmas Eve as he walked in the woods, he noticed the abundance of stars in the heavens. He then chopped down a small fir and took it home. He placed numerous candles on it to represent the stars that shone over Bethlehem that first Christmas night.

Another intimate part of Christmas is the Star of Bethlehem. Everywhere at Christmastime one sees a shining four or five-pointed star. Tradition relates two meanings for the star. The first is that it serves as a symbol of the enlightenment Christ brought to the world. The second is that it serves as a "pointer" to show the place where Christ abides whether it be in the heart of a small farm home or the heart of a huge city. It attempts to lead others to the love of Christ.

This leads us to another symbol of Christmas, the Christmas Crib. Saint Francis of Assisi is the originator of this tradition. Wishing to inspire the people with religious fervor, he obtained permission to set up a reproduction of the Nativity, complete with live animals. Quickly the appeal of this spread throughout Europe and reproductions were created everywhere.

Eventually, Saint Francis began to surround his pageant with joyous singing of songs other than hymns. Hence we find Saint Francis is also the originator of Christmas carols. Years of development and change have brought the Christmas Crib into the home at this season and spread the Carols throughout the world.

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OUR PATRON SPEAKS

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Strapless or off the shoulder "kitchen curtain" prom dresses were all the rage and were often passed down and borrowed.



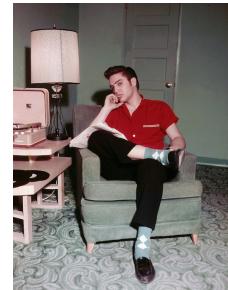
Pin curls and roller-dos were a must. Guy's hair said exactly who they were. Crew-cuts = good boys; ducktails = bad boys; waves = still deciding.



Black and pink combos were necessary for any student when they weren't wearing Newman's green gabardine uniforms.

FASHION

THEN AND NOW



Celebrities like Elvis were key contributors to every-day fashion.

With letterman jackets becoming popular, schools profitted off of both jackets and class rings.

As we look back on the 70 years that Newman has been open, many things have stayed the same but one thing that has constantly been changing is fashion. When talking with Newman alumna, Dora Jean Schield, she mentioned how the way people dressed gave an idea as to who they were. She was kind enough to give her insight and transport us back into the fashion of the 50's. The 1950's were filled with elegant dresses and many hours dedicated to perfecting one's hair. In contrast, 2020 fashion sends most people back to the 90's and early 2000's. If the cast of FRIENDS would have worn it, you will most likely see it back in style. 2020 has also ignited movements of breaking down the barriers of fashion.



Yes, poodle skirts were truly worn and were a big deal for the teenagers in the hall of Newman High.



Harry Styles became the first solo male on the cover of Vogue and started a conversation of fashion barriers.



Curtain bangs were resurrected from the 70's and 90's.



Short pleated skirts paired with a collared shirt under a sweatshirt was another comeback trend from the 90's.



A new fad of knitting argyle socks for boyfriends became increasingly popular



Matching sweats became popular during quarantine mandates that spread throughout the world.



COVID-19 brought a necessary new fashion trend. MASKS!

