



Happy New Year!

A Letter from Our Principal

Welcome 2021!

I would guess that you, like myself, are looking forward to a New Year that is a bit less...hmmmm...eventful? A year of peace, unity, health, and a return to some type of normalcy.

Yet my prayer for all of us is that the lessons learned from 2020 about resetting priorities, and what is really important, such as...Family, Friendship, Health, Faith, Human Decency and Dignity, Looking out for one another, School, and the simple Joy of loving and being loved...remain deep in our hearts. Sometimes the hardest lessons to learn are the ones that are the ones that change us the most. May 2020 have changed you in a positive way that brought you closer to God, your family and your friends.

God Bless you as we start this brand new year. I am so very grateful to have you as students at Newman Catholic, and here's to an amazing 2021!

~ Mrs. McManus Principal



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Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of Newman's High School students for completing first semester and finishing all of your finals. Good luck second semester!

OUR PATRON SAYS:



"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught.....

Therefore, I will trust Him..... If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

-St John Henry Newman

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

Trivia!

Last 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?

A: 1849

This month's question:

Q: This year we have two Newman Alumni teaching High School students. Who are they and in which years did they graduate?



Senior Kyle Lang (22) fights for position during the first half of the boys' Newman-Stoughton game.



Father Martin from Holy Name joins our Chaplain, Father Joe, in supporting the boy's basketball team at the Friday, January 22 game vs. Stoughton.



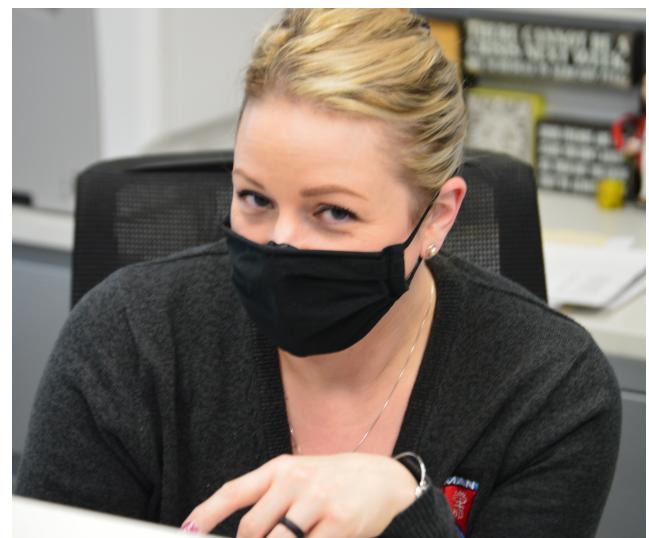
Juniors Nevaeh Nelson and Charlie Shields stop for a picture during seventh period Publications Class.



Mrs. Shields



Mrs. Calo



Senior Charlie McCarty (24) and Junior Jacob Pfiffner (15) celebrate the previous play last Friday night.



Newman students supporting their team.



Junior Peyton Heinz is using his phone to "check the sales" of the 2020-21 yearbook.



Senior Nick Brenner (23) looks to pass ball during the Newman-Stoughton game.

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From the Editor:

New Year's Day marks a time for new beginnings and the opportunity to renew what may have become lost during the preceding year. Only a few days later, we celebrate the Epiphany filled with hope and joy for the baby Jesus. The New Year is a time to look forward to the future. As we look to the future, excitement builds when we make plans and create an "ideal" year, but we cannot ignore the past and all that we have learned from it. If we do, we run the risk of wasting time making the same mistakes again. As the new year begins, remember to cherish the old as well as celebrate the new.

January: the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

By: Fr. Joe Richards

"In the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on Earth, and under the Earth." (Phil. 2:10) There is a lot of power in a name. When you call out "Fr. Joe," I turn around and respond-- in a way, you've got the power over me to get my attention be the simple act of speaking my name. Jesus's name is no different-- when God became a human person, he made himself identifiable by us in a way we would understand and took a name we could speak. What's more, the name the angel Gabriel gives Mary for her son, Jesus (or Yeshua in Hebrew) is itself a prayer of praise--"God saves." All January long, the Catholic Church celebrates the holy name of Jesus, recognizing that our God makes himself accessible to us and listens to us when we speak. To sum up, when we say the name Jesus it does a few things. First, when I say Jesus's name, I raise the prayer of praise-- "God saves." Second, because God loves us enough to give us a name we can call on and to which he will respond, the Holy Name of Jesus is a tangible way we can encounter God through our own speech.

Fr. Joe's Faith Column



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

If God doesn't like to see us hurting or suffering, then why does he let us get hurt and suffer?

When we hurt or suffer, it comes from the fact that, in some sense, sin has consequences. This doesn't mean every instance of suffering is the result of sin (such as natural disaster, diagnosis with a disease, etc.), but that we live in a world that's been made imperfect. This points to the fact that we're not made for this world -- we're made for what's to come. All that being said, even while God doesn't want us to suffer, he does work through our hurt and suffering to bring out good, such as how the Resurrection only came after the Crucifixion.

Is every detail in the Bible true?

Yes, but maybe not in the sense we might expect -- every detail in the Bible carries truth, which is not the same thing as saying every detail is historically accurate. In much the same way that Captain Planet and the Planeteers (I was a kid in the 90's) taught me moral lessons at the end of every episode, some of the stories in the Bible might not have happened the way they are written, but still carry the power to reveal God to his people.

What was the lowest point in your life?

I won't go into terribly much detail in this forum, but during the last few years of college I had a few years of wondering what purpose my life was supposed to serve. It took a good bit of time and work getting to know myself to really see what it was that gave me life, and, just as importantly, what I valued that didn't give me any life at all.

If a Pope donates his organs and then he dies, will the person who got his donated organ be a relic?

Great question! No, I'm afraid that's not quite how that works. That being said, if you were to receive a Pope's kidney, in a transplant I would be fascinated to hear the story.

What is your favorite part about working as a priest at Newman?

It's been a difficult year to start priesting with all the 2020 going on, mostly because it's been tougher to get to know people. My favorite part has been actually getting to know some of the students -- that's why I became a priest!

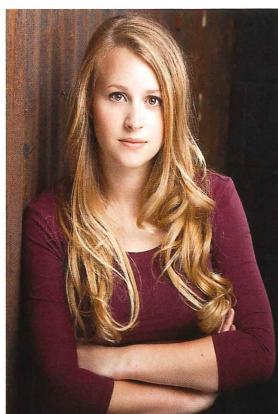
God's Word for January

29 As for you, do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not worry anymore. 30 All the nations of the world seek for these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Luke 12: 29-30, NABRE

Honored Alumni

Miss Marne Boehm



Marne Boehm

"The point is not to know the answer but to always be looking for it."
-Anonymous Jimmy John's Employee



Miss Marne Boehm graduated from Newman in 2016 and started college at Viterbo University as a biology major. Last May, Marne graduated from Viterbo with a Bachelors degree in Science and a double major in biology and philosophy. After graduation, she began a year-long service program in San Francisco, California called Mercy Volunteer Corps.

Miss Boehm is working in a social services organization called The Healing WELL. The healing well is a community center that focuses on the facilitation of growth and healing. This community offers yoga, meditation, poetry and art, and 12 step programs for those who suffered and are suffering with poverty, prejudice, mental illness, substance abuse, and addiction. Marne helps to facilitate some of those classes and with produce distributions to the food insecure. She says that "it brings me joy to know that I am a part of a community filled with a great love and compassion for one another." Her time at Newman has taught her that in life our greatest purpose is to take care of one another. Marne says that she learned this the most on the yearly retreats Newman schedules for all of their students. These are also her favorite memories from Newman. Even through the struggles, her senior retreat felt like a time where everyone could be there for each other. "I believe that to be a Christian is to recognize that we have a responsibility to one another as we are all God's children and each of us is worthy of love and acceptance."

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

Miss Macie Zurfluh



The Red Hat would like to send a big welcome to Miss Macie Zurfluh. Miss Zurfluh has joined Newman's faculty as the new girl's basketball head coach. While she began during the middle of the season and in the middle of a pandemic, we wish her the best of luck and a great rest of the basketball season!



Coach Zurfluh graduated from Assumption High School and attended St. Norbert College with the intent of majoring in biology. She later changed her major and graduated with a degree in business finance. After graduating from St. Norbert, Coach Zurfluh started a position with Wipfli and then transferred to Wipfli Financial. She says that basketball has always been a really big part of her life, "I have learned a lot about the game, but basketball and everything that comes with it has taught me a lot about life."

Miss Zurfluh has always wanted to be around the game and she feels that she has positive things to bring to the teams and many things to learn from the team as well. She says that while coaching during a pandemic is interesting, she has never coached outside of this new environment. The girls basketball team has been in quarantine for the last week and will return in February due to a close contact, but will be ready and excited to play on February 1st against Auburndale. She hopes that during the rest of the season, the team is able to grow. New plays have been put in and all of the girls. Coach Zurfluh is excited to build off of what was started when the girls return.

Students!

If there are any teachers or other members of Newman High's faculty that you would like to learn more about in our VIP of NHS column each month, email the newspaper staff: theredhat@newman.k12.wi.us



CARDINAL SPORTS SCORES JANUARY 2021



Boys Basketball (6-4, 3rd in Marawood South) :

Fri, Jan 8	Win	Newman 66	Phillips 61
Tue, Jan 12	Loss	Newman 53	Auburndale 71
Fri, Jan 15	Win	Newman 71	Marathon 69
Fri, Jan 22	Loss	Newman 72	Stoughton 79
Mon, Jan 25	Win	Newman 66	Lakeland 48
Tue, Jan 26	Loss	Newman 49	Stratford 56

Girl's Basketball (0-9, 6th in Marawood South) :

Fri, Jan 8	Loss	Newman 16	Assumption 53
Mon, Jan 11	Loss	Newman 26	Edgar 65
Thu, Jan 14	Loss	Newman 35	Marathon 46
Sat, Jan 16	Loss	Newman 19	Phillips 71



SCIENCE BASICS BY MRS. GASPER

Fun Science Fact for the Ladies:

While your commitment to future generations of students snacking in the restroom is admirable, sowing fruit snacks on the floor of the ladies bathroom will **not** result in a crop of fruit snack trees. It is a scientific impossibility.



Announcements

Liturgical Ministry

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

No School!

There is **no school**:
Friday, February 12
Monday, February 15.

(Please do not come, there will be nobody here to let you in)

Catholic Schools Week

While it will not be quite the same, Catholic Schools Week is still planned for February 1st - February 5th. On Wednesday, we will have a joined middle and high school mass in the morning.

Mass

We are looking for High School students to play music for the introduction, Eucharist, and recession during the High School Mass. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Joe or Mrs. Damask.

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On This Day...

By: Hanna Seidl

January

41- Claudius is accepted as Roman Emperor.

1802- Napoleon Bonaparte is elected president of the Italian Republic.

1817- Gioachino Rossini's opera "La Cenerentola" (Cinderella) premieres in Rome.

1881- Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell form the Oriental Telephone Company.

1924- The 1st Winter Olympic Games open in Chamonix, France.

1941- Pope Pius XII elevates the Apostolic Vicariate of the Hawaiian Islands to the dignity of the diocese.

1959- Pope John XXIII proclaims 2nd Vatican Council.

1961- The first televised presidential news conference with JFK.

1989- Michael Jordan scores 10,000th NBA point.

Writing & Grammar Rules of the Month by Mr. Noll

1. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
2. Don't overuse exclamation points!!!
3. Proofread carefully to see if you any out.
4. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
5. What if there were no rhetorical sentences?
6. Puns are for children, not groan readers.
7. A dash - can be used effectively - but it is overused.
8. It is wrong to ever split an infinitive.
9. Be more or less specific.
10. Do not use apostrophe's incorrectly.

AVANELLE'S CLASSIC QUOTATIONS BY AVANELLE WILSON

"You know, crows can speak Chinese."

"I wonder what happens if you put your headphones in upside down and backwards."

"Mr. Noll, you should sing your name to the theme of Jurassic Park."



We Wonder

To mix it up this month, we have asked all of Newman High's students a question. Since many of them are now driving and now have control over what music they listen to on their way to school, "What is your most listened to song on your drive to school?"

"Clair de Lune"- Claude Debussy
~Becky Larrain '22

"Drivers License"- Olivia Rodrigo
~Zongcha Lo '22

"Fool"- Cavetown
~Laj Ntxiag (Andy) Lor '22

"Drivers License"- Olivia Rodrigo
~Ashley Jankowski '24

"Can't Hold Us"- Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
~Ava Sobolewski '23

"Good News"- Mac Miller
~Alexis Repinski '24

"Believer"- Imagine Dragons
~Haily Tlusty '24

"Dance her Home"- Cody Johnson
~Amber Blaschka '21

"Down the Line"- Beach Fossils
~Anna Brown '22

Did you Know?

Did you know that Wisconsin was the first state to hold an American Kindergarten?

Thats right, thanks to German native, Margarethe Schurz, childrens in Watertown, Wisconsin could start attending Kindergarten in 1856.

School at Home By Ashley Lo

Because of COVID-19, Newman students were given the option to learn at home remotely or in-person. The concept of joining classes online while still receiving the education from in-person learning is a new concept for Newman students and faculty alike. Ashley Lo (remote student) writes about what it is like to learn from home.



Doing virtual schooling this year has definitely been interesting. It has not necessarily been bad or good, but different. At the beginning of the school year, most teachers and virtual students didn't really know what they were doing from setting up cameras and microphones to making sure everyone had a working computer. It was a process for all of us but we eventually got used to it. In a way, it became the new norm, at least for me. I do have to admit, there are some advantages of being online. For example, I don't have to be in such a hurry when I wake up to eat and go to the car since I can get to school in three minutes by just turning on my computer. But I have found that getting up early and creating a daily routine has helped me to focus better. Also, I do find it nice that when classes end a couple of minutes before the next class or there's study hall or lunch, I can easily do my own stuff. Whether that be doing other homework, eating, going outside, or spending time with my family. Having that kind of accessibility has been great, not gonna lie.

Now going on to the actual learning experience of being online, personally I find it pretty easy. All you have to do is join the Google meets for your classes, pay attention, and check the classrooms for assignments. Although that does sound straightforward, virtual learning comes with some struggles like learning how to be responsible. For me, I had to learn how to be more self-disciplined and use my time wisely rather than taking the easy route and being lazy, I mean sometimes that happens. However, I've really learned the importance of staying on top of things, whether that is asking questions when needed, checking in with teachers on material i don't understand, or making sure that I have all the necessary information on tests, quizzes, etc. With classes, homework, and a bunch of other stuff going on, I've found that staying close to Christ has truly been a blessing. Thanks to Mr. Noll, us online kids get to watch mass. Yay! Sometimes it doesn't work or the screen is super staticy but it's alright, it's the effort that counts, right? Anyway, online mass is obviously very different from attending in person. Still, it is nice to attend Wednesday's weekly masses.

One of the biggest setbacks for me in virtual learning schooling is that I don't have the normal social school experience such as; walking the halls with friends or laughing in classes when someone says something funny. But, catching up with friends, asking them questions about homework, and hearing about their day has helped me to keep somewhat of a social life during this pandemic. I do miss that social normalcy but at the same time, not really lol. Having to wear face masks and doing all procedures doesn't sound fun. Hoping next school year will be better.....Bye!

MEME OF THE MONTH



The Red Hat is looking for any and all students, staff, or alumni who would like to participate in the next edition of The Red Hat. If you are interested, please talk to Mr. Noll or Madelyn Seidl or email The Red Hat at theredhat@newman.k12.wi.us



TIME CAPSULES FROM 1960 AND 1967

November 10, 1967

CALL GOES OUT FOR RESPECT TOWARD SCHOOL SYMBOL

When Newman High School was being constructed, a special place was set aside for an inlaid "N" in the floor of the main lobby. This letter, in the school colors, was held in great respect and honor, as representing the spirit and loyalty of Newman. The punishment for stepping within the borders of the letter were passed on to each new freshman class. The sentence faced by the intruder was said to be the scrubbing the entire letter with a toothbrush.

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From 1960



Peppermint Ball

--by Vicki Bachmann

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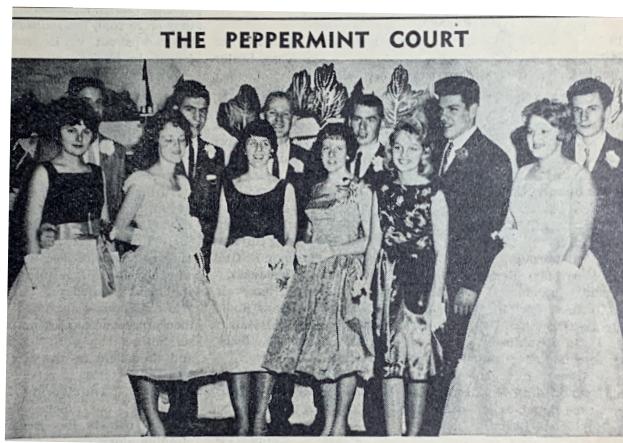
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The 1960 Peppermint Court

Pictured left to right:

Bob Cornish, Jim Britten, Ron Straub, Jon Blume, Russ Heil, Bob McMullen, Ruth Richards, Shirley Stencil, Monica McCarrier, Margaret McCarrier, Shelley Stenz, and Janice Schopf

A New Chapter



In American History

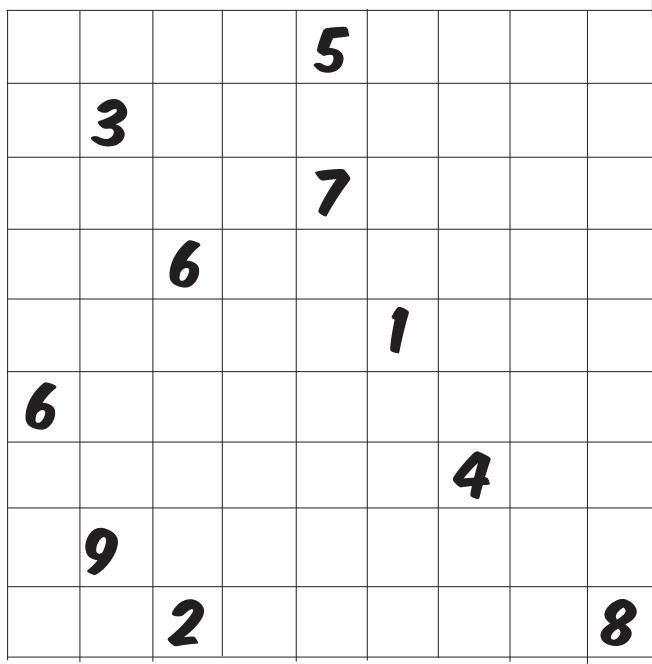
INAUGURATION DAY 2021

On January 20, Joseph Robinette Biden Junior became the 46th President of the United States of America.

In April of 2019, Joe Biden announced his candidacy in the 2020 presidential election with Kamala Harris as his running mate for Vice President. On December 11, all states had officially certified their elections votes and confirmed that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris would be taking over as the new President and Vice President of the U.S.

Former president Donald Trump became the first president in 152 years to skip his successor's inauguration. However, former vice president Pence and his wife did attend. Also in attendance were former presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, along with their wives.

In D.C., Andrea Hall, a firefighter, became the first African American woman to recite the pledge of allegiance, which she recited in both English and American Sign Language.



Horizontal and Vertical squares must equal 45

Sudoku Fun

Lady Gaga sang the National Anthem and Amanda Gorman was the Inaugural poet and the youngest person to do so. Jennifer Lopez followed with a performance.

At noon, President-Elect Joe Biden was sworn into office by Supreme Court chief justice, John Roberts. Biden took his oath with his hand on his family's 127 year old Bible, which was held by his wife, Dr. Jill Biden. Just after, Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris was sworn in by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the first Latina member of the Supreme Court. Vice President Harris swore on two Bibles and became not only the first African American vice president and first Southeast Asian American vice president, but also the first woman to become vice president.

President Biden's inaugural theme was "America United" and spoke about healing. During his inauguration, only about 2,000 were able to attend and 200 VIPs. Washington D.C. was surrounded by 25,000 National Guard Troops after worries arose due to the attacks at Capitol Hill just two weeks before.

On President Biden's first day in office, he signed seventeen executive orders, nine of which directly reversed President Trump's policies.



President Biden and first lady Dr. Jill Biden during the president's inauguration.

Among these executive orders, Biden has launched a "100 day masking challenge" along with extending pause on student loans and the moratorium on eviction notices. He has also rejoined the Paris Climate Accord, and rescinded the 1776 commission.

Vice President Harris also went straight to work after the inauguration. While she was in many meetings and worked with President Biden on fifteen of the seventeen executive orders that he signed, she also swore in three new senators and read her own resignation.

There was also an inaugural "concert" instead of a ball. The night ended with Katy Perry singing "Firework" in front of the Washington Monument.



Vice President Kamala Harris and second gentleman Doug Emhoff during the vice president's inauguration.



Former president Donald Trump leaves office.