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Dear Families,

Happy 2016 to you and your family! It is difficult to believe how quickly the school year is progressing as we begin our 3rd quarter. My continued thanks to you for all you do for NCHS. As we begin this new year, I offer you the prayer ***Be At Peace*** by St. Francis de Sales whose feast day is January 24. During these troubling times it is always good to remind ourselves God will continue take care of us:

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen.

Reminders and Enclosures:

- Report cards – view on Progress Book
- FACTS Tuition Assistance Flyer
- Safety Letter from NC Safety Committee Chair Mr. Bob Smith
- New York City Trip Flyer

Tuition Assistance: Families registered in Catholic parishes are eligible for tuition assistance from our diocese. Local tuition assistance for participating Catholics and non-participating Catholics is also available at Newark Catholic High School. Financial assistance will only be given to those who qualify through the **FACTS** application. The **FACTS** form is used for both Diocesan and Newark Catholic grants. To be eligible for a Newark Catholic grant service hours and finances must be in order. This aid is based on financial need and not all who apply are given the grants. To apply you must complete a **FACTS Student Aid Form** only available online at www.factstuitionaid.com Forms **must be completed and submitted online by March 15, 2016**. Applicants can pay using a Credit Card, Debit Card, Electronic transfer from checking account, or Electronic transfer from savings account.

Winter Drama Presentation of *West Side Story* will be held January 29th & 30th at The Midland Auditorium. Tickets are available at NC or at the door for \$15.00.

Annual Red Cross Blood Drive at NC will be held on January 15 from 8 am – 1:30 pm in the gym. Our Blood Drive is sponsored by NC's Student Council. Please contact Mr. Maynard, Student Council Advisor, if you would like to be schedule a time to donate.

Our thanks to the Newark Catholic High School Foundation for the new student lockers located on the first floor that were installed over Christmas Break. The second floor lockers will be replaced this spring. We are very thankful for the continued support of our NC Foundation!

Attached you will find an informative **Safety Letter from Mr. Bob Smith** who heads our school's Safety Committee. I would like to thank Mr. Smith and Mr. Nelson for their continued work in communicating safety procedures that will be used throughout our campus in case of an emergency.

Guidance Department News and Information

2016-2017 Course Selection: Guidance will be discussing scheduling with your students the week of **February 8**. Your student should come home with a course selection sheet for the upcoming school year. Parents and students may view the Academic Handbook on the Newark Catholic web site under the "Academics" tab. You have the opportunity to read about graduation requirements, prerequisites, course descriptions, and fees associated with each course.

Students and parents should discuss next year's electives, mark their requests on the selection sheet and return the signed form to NC by **February 19, 2016**. Core course decisions in math, science, honors/AP courses and foreign language are determined by the student's current grades and teacher recommendation. The student's electives and the teacher recommendations will be sent home with the student on the course selection sheet, and this paperwork is due to the office by **February 19**. Due to course scheduling constraints, any student or parent-initiated request change after March 1st will result in a \$20 fee. If a student drops an elective for a study hall there will be a \$20 fee. Please discuss these decisions thoroughly with your student to avoid additional fees. If you need to talk to your student's counselor, feel free to email them or make a notation in the space provided on the form. Students who fail to turn in their form on time will be scheduled by the guidance department, and electives will be chosen based on class size rather than student preference.

College Credit Plus – There will be an information night for any students and parents hoping to take courses earning dual credit (college and high school) during the 2016-2017 school year on **Thursday, February 11 at 7 pm** in the cafeteria. Mrs. Welch will be discussing the options available to Newark Catholic students and the procedures to register and receive funding from the state. Representatives from participating colleges in the area will be there to explain their offerings as well. This process can be complicated to maneuver, so any family that is hoping to take advantage of this credit should plan on sending a parent and student to the meeting. This program includes college credit earned in Spanish 3,4, & 5, as well as College Writing/Composition I, and other offerings taken on a campus or online.

Freshman Guidance Night with Miss McDonald will be held **6:30-7:30 pm on February 22** in the cafeteria. All parents of freshmen are encouraged to attend.

Second Semester Rule (from page 2 in the Academic Handbook): All students are reminded that "in order to pass a full year course in which a final exam is given, the student must also pass at least one of the following: the 2nd semester exam or the 2nd semester of the course."

Save the Date – There are several events planned for **Thursday, March 3**. Please mark the date on your calendar for the following events:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3 – 8:30 pm
- Junior Guidance Night, 6 pm, cafeteria
- Senior DC Trip Parent Meeting, mandatory, 7 pm, NC Chapel

State Graduation Testing: The state graduation testing will begin for freshmen and sophomores on **April 5, 2016** and will include testing in English 9, English 10, Algebra 1, Geometry, American Government, and Biology. Additionally, sophomores who earned a 1 or 2 on any of the subjects last year will sit for a retest (In English 9, Algebra 1, Physical Science, or American History). A more specific calendar for testing will be published in March. All testing will begin at 8 am and the conclusion will depend on the subject being tested, but will occur by 11:45 am. Check in frequently with our web site to stay updated with times and dates. Students have the best success when they take the test as a group. Please schedule appointments so they do not conflict with testing.

Senior Class Trip: The remaining payment dates for the Senior Trip to Washington DC are:

January 6, 2016 (\$150.00)

February 10, 2016 (\$200.00)

Please make checks payable to **Newark Catholic High School** and write your son/daughter's name on the "memo" line. Contact Mr. Schaefer (dschaefer@laca.org) with any problems or concerns. Also, please plan on attending the Senior DC Trip Parent Meeting on March 3 at 7 pm in the NC Chapel.

On **April 23** the Junior Class will be hosting our annual **Prom**. As always, Prom is a beautiful and memory-making event. All juniors and seniors are expected to attend Prom for it is an important part of their high school experience. **As before, juniors are expected to pay a Prom Fee of \$40.00 that covers both junior and senior year before February 1.** After February 1st, the fee will increase \$5.00 for every month not paid. Juniors & Seniors will be receiving more information from Miss Browne and Miss Bogner, Prom Advisors, as the prom gets closer. (Students are reminded to adhere to the Dress Code for dances found in the Student Handbook.)

Parents of Current 8th Grade Students: If you have decided to enroll your student in Newark Catholic for the **2016-2017** school year, the green registration form (which was in the packet you received) needs to be completed and returned to the NC office as soon as possible. Guidance Counselors are currently meeting with in-coming students and parents for course selection for the next year. The green registration form must be received before a scheduling appointment can be made.

New York City Trip: All students, parent and friends of NC are invited to our NYC Trip information night to be held on **January 13** at 6:30 pm in the Art Room. A flyer is attached with an overview of the trip, including the price.

AUCTION News: Our Annual Auction will be **April 30** at Newark Catholic. This year's theme is *An Aspen Affair*. Please mark your calendars now to join us!

SERVICE HOURS: A sincere thank you to all of you who are working with so many of our fund raising activities. A reminder to all of you who are not currently volunteering but signed a contract agreeing to volunteer 35/50 hours per year - please call Mrs. Julie Snider at 344-3594 for information on your hours to fulfill your obligation. Also, if you can be so kind as to exceed the 35 hours, it is truly appreciated. **Remember you must sign up on the NC web site to volunteer.**

Athletic Association Fish Frys start February 12th in the school cafeteria from 4 – 7:30 pm. All you can eat - every Friday during Lent!

NC Raffle Winners for January 2016: \$500-K. Gibson, \$400-J.Roberts, \$300-S.Paublos, \$200-K.Roesink, \$100-A.Choberka

Please continue to keep us in your prayers, as you will remain in ours.

May Our Lady Continue to bless us.

Sincerely,

Beth Hill

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Principal