



February 10, 2017

Dear Families,

The Season of Lent, a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for the Easter Triduum, is coming quickly upon us. Again this year, I offer you this *Prayer for Lent* as we begin this journey together:

Good and Gracious God, You call Your people back to You this Lent. May this sacred season renew our desire to live fully the promises of our baptism and to love You with a whole heart. Through more frequent prayer, acts of charity, and fasting, may we remember that loving You and one another is the most important thing we can do. In confidence, we ask these things through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please call if you have any questions after reading this newsletter. Thank you for all you continue to do for NCHS!

Reminders:

1. Progress Reports available for viewing online
2. Conferences are **March 2nd**. Please call the office to set up appointment(s) with your student's respective teacher(s).
3. Junior Guidance Night is **at 6pm** in the Cafeteria
4. FACTS Tuition Assistance flyer located at end of this letter: 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. To apply you must complete a **FACTS Student Aid Form**, online. The processing fee is **\$30.00**. This aid is based on financial need and not all who apply are given the grants. Please get your applications and associated tax verification in BEFORE March 15th to be considered for aid. Also please keep in mind that aid does NOT transfer school to school if, for example, someone marks one school as the school they will be attending and ends up attending a different school. **Forms must be to the FACTS office by March 15, 2017**

Congratulations to Mr. Russ Nelson for being our recipient of the Coughlin Automotive "You Made a Difference" Award. Mr. Nelson was nominated by Charlie Wade.

School Cancellation/Delay: Please listen or look for **Newark Catholic High School** to be stated if school will not be in session. We may have school even if the grade schools or Newark City Schools are delayed or closed. Families always have the right to make the call concerning their child's safety but note that if we are in session then the student must make up all work missed. Please be safe and pray for warmer weather! *If you would like to receive immediate text alerts when Newark Catholic is closed or delayed, please go to www.10tv.com/content/sign-wbns-alerts to sign up through our partners at WBNS 10TV.*

Guidance Department News

College Credit Plus

Students who qualify may receive college AND high school credit for some classes under Ohio's College Credit Plus system. Ohio offers limited funding for these classes or families can opt to self-pay. The process to request funding begins soon. Students have taken advantage of CCP this year by taking courses in our building, online coursework through COTC and the University of Toledo, and on-campus courses at COTC. OSU-Newark also participates in CCP programming.

Students can also earn college credit by taking summer courses at a college or university. CCP credit is available in our building from courses that are taught during the school day:

- 3 semester hours (1 HS credit) for Composition I (formerly College Writing) through COTC
- 3 semester hours (1 HS credit) for Psychology through COTC

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Don't forget to schedule conferences with your son or daughter's teachers! Conferences are held on **March 2nd from 3:15-8:30 pm**. Appointments can be scheduled through the school office. There are a few meetings also being held during this evening:

- **Junior Guidance Night** (6 pm, Cafeteria): We will be discussing graduation requirements, college admissions testing, and the timeline for college applications. Changes in the FAFSA process began in the fall of 2016, so don't miss out on information that will be important to earning financial aid for college.
- **Senior DC Trip Parent Meeting** (mandatory, 6 pm, Chapel)

Senior Parents: Seniors are recognized during our spring Honors Night Evening for merit-based financial aid/scholarships that they have earned for any colleges where they were accepted. Please send in copies of any award letters that you have received from colleges to Mrs. Welch so we can verify the name of the award and the amount for the program. These will also be listed in the graduation program.

2017-2018 Course Selection: Guidance will be discussing scheduling with your students the week of February 13th, 2017. 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 sheets and return the signed form to NC by **February 28th 2017**. 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 28th**. 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.

State Testing for Graduation: State testing for the Classes of 2019 & 2020 will begin the first week of April and continue throughout the month. Students will be given a schedule in March to show when they will be testing. Sophomores and Juniors earning 1's or 2's on any subject will be given the opportunity to retest in that subject. Students participate in any test for a course in which they are currently enrolled or in a subject from last year where they want their score to improve.

Subjects that will be tested: English 9, English 10, Algebra I (including Block), Geometry, Biology, American Government, and American History.

Contact your student's counselor with any questions.

Mrs. Deb Welch, Juniors and Seniors, dwelch@laca.org

Miss Meredith McDonald, Freshmen and Sophomores, mmcdonald@laca.org

Spring Athletes: Mass for all spring sport athletes will be held at St. Francis de Sales Church on Sunday, March 19 at 10am. Athletes are encouraged to sit with their teammates and coaches. Families are welcome to join the teams too!

A reminder to all concerning our school's Attendance and Tardy Policies: If a Newark Catholic student is absent for seven (7) or more class days in a grading period, credit for all classes will be withheld (i.e., failing grades assigned). Any day in which a student is not in school and is not on a school-sponsored field trip is considered a day of absence. Days of absence can be excused when an illness or injury has medical documentation, or when personal circumstances, in the principal's judgment, warrant the absence. Failure to observe this regulation is a serious matter and could lead to expulsion.

Students are tardy when they are not in the classroom when the tardy bell sounds at 8 am. More than three (3) days of being tardy to school per quarter renders a student subject to a school detention. The fourth and each successive occurrence of that quarter will incur another school detention. The seventh and each successive occurrence that quarter will incur an out-of-school suspension and no credit for missed work will be given. The classroom teacher will determine consequences for tardiness to individual classes. Beginning 4th quarter, a reminder letter will be mailed on the 4th, 5th and 6th absence due to the seriousness of these infractions. Thank you for your cooperation!

Seniors: Herff-Jones Graduation information will be emailed to all parents of Seniors soon. Please note, your Graduation Fee includes the purchase of your student's cap and gown. You do not need to purchase this from them. Herff-Jones does offer the official school seal on their Graduation Announcements for you to use but you are not required to purchase anything from them.

Touch of Class Dinner & Auction News: Mark your calendar for April 29th to experience *Cirque Du Wave* with all your family and friends. Invitations will be coming soon.

Prom Reminder: Ladies and gentlemen, please read the Student Handbook located in your agenda on page 14 concerning "School Sponsored Event Dress Code" before purchasing your dresses. Prom is April 22nd at *The Landing* on Waterworks Road in Newark.

Summer Physical Education Session: Summer PE will be offered the following dates (depending on weather related school closings): June 5 through June 8 and June 12 through June 15 from 8 am – 4 pm daily. A completed medical form (available in the rack outside of the cafeteria) and the fee of \$50.00 made payable to Newark Catholic High School are due by May 15th, after May 15th the fee will be \$75.00.

Newark Catholic Athletic Association (NCAA) will be sponsoring the following activities this semester: Lenten Fish Fry's will be held on Fridays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 from 4 – 7 pm. The Annual Green & White Dinner will be on June 1 at 6 pm, tickets are on sale now, which include a Monthly Drawing until this event.

NC RAFFLE WINNERS for February 2017:

\$500 –K. McCarty, \$400 –D. McCarthy, \$300 –B. Richardson, \$200-B. O'Neill, \$100 –S. Steenson

May Our Lady continue to bless us.

Beth Hill

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Principal

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS: You must have your 35 or 50 hours of volunteer work completed by May 1, 2016. If you are working in the cafeteria or bingo during the month of May, those hours qualify for this year. If you fall short of the required volunteer hours to lower your student's tuition, you will be invoiced **\$850.00 per child.**