



# NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## QUARTERLY ACADEMIC NEWS

### FROM MRS. TIBERIO'S DESK

Happy St. Patrick's Day! This is the first edition of our quarterly communication about all things related to academics at NC. I will be creating this in my role as Vice-Principal here at Newark Catholic to keep families abreast of updates and initiatives therein and to share resources.

We've had a strong start to quarter 4 as students embark on learning new content. When I walk the halls once the bell rings, I hear a great deal of questioning and discussion and see a great deal of collaborative learning among peers as well as elements of project-based learning. As a complement to these instructional practices, our faculty

has worked this year to utilize learning targets/goals which are communicated and referenced in the course of the lesson to guide the day, this practice anchors instruction, providing a natural reference point for our students to be able to measure their progress as a learner with a given concept and then consider their own evidence of learning.

It has been an absolute privilege to engage faculty in goal setting and the evaluation process this year-- we are most certainly blessed here at NC to have such driven, faith-filled members of our teaching faculty. Here's to finishing the year strong!

**Quarter 3 grade cards are accessible in Progress Book as of March 17th.  
Per our school policy, if a tuition account is in arrears, grades are not available.**

### FAITH IN ALL WE DO

This school year has been the first for use of the newly revised course of study for theology courses; it is extremely well done both in its alignment to the USCCB framework and in its integration of the Theology of the Body which examines what it means to be human in light of Scripture.

All schools in the Diocese of Columbus have been charged with the call to re-examine how we imbue the faith in every aspect of our school. Faith is modeled by all faculty members in their roles as lay ministers of the church, and we will deepen examination of the Faith in every course's content purposefully next school year alongside theology.



This school-wide initiative will give faculty time for small group faith formation and collaborative planning within and across departments to examine each content area of instruction in light of Catholicism; this will lead to new experiences for our students in addition to theology class, Mass, Adoration, and rosary.

## SUPPORTING FAMILY LIFE

In all aspects of our students' lives, we have a commitment to walk with them as well as their parents/guardians during these pivotal years of development: adolescence. Our children face a great deal today. Driven by data, trends, and needs voiced by our community, this newsletter will share resources quarterly to support strong family life in our world today.

This quarter, the focus area is the Domestic Church (how we model and live a life for Christ in our homes). Newark Catholic encourages you to take a few moments to check out a short video

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resource by scanning the QR code. This video has been shared by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) for parents to consider what it might look like through our own families to "be the church in the world." Questions for reflection are included in it. If this video piques your interest, NFCYM's website has a collection of resources to support parents in their family lives today in light of everything going on in the world.

## OTHER ACADEMIC UPDATES

We completed a week of testing for IOWA and ACT. Thank you to our faculty and our students for all of the hard work. Our seniors and juniors continue on their graduation pathway with EOC tests later this semester. All students will take the ARK, Assessment of Religion Knowledge, in March or April depending on their class.



We've formed a textbook committee at NC which will meet this Spring. In its service to our mission, the committee will review and select textbooks as a team comprised of parent, student, and faculty representatives.

This year, we shifted from eight to nine periods. Continuing this multi-year initiative, many new elective and other course offerings will be made available to students for the '23-24 year. Class meetings take place next week for students to receive a comprehensive explanation of the scheduling process, resources, and new course offerings.



Newark Catholic High School is committed to creating an environment for students to grow in their Catholic faith, expand their knowledge, and extend their talents in service to others.