



August 1, 2017

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope your summer has been enjoyable and everyone is ready to begin refreshed from a relaxing summer. I ask that you and your family join me in praying for a successful school year with the following prayer. We have so much to be thankful for and look forward to during this school year.

*God of wisdom and might, we praise You for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Enclosed are several items of importance. As always, if you have any questions please call the school office.

Opening Day is August 23rd with dismissal at 1:30 pm (see schedule below for more information). All students are permitted to be in warm weather dress code on this day. Seniors only, please arrive at 9:30 am and report to homeroom. The regular school day will begin at 7:58am with the Warning Bell. The Tardy Bell will sound at 8am, with dismissal at 2:51pm.

**Freshmen Orientation will take place on THURSDAY, August 17th, from 9 – 11:30 am.
All Parents of Freshmen are asked to attend the Parent Orientation that evening, August 17th, from 6 – 7:30 pm.**

*Open House will take place Wednesday, September 13^h, from 6 – 7 pm.
Please plan to attend our Annual Open House to meet our Faculty!*

Parish Subsidy: Please complete all obligations and information concerning Parish Subsidy with your Parish Pastor so you are eligible for subsidy. A few tuition contracts and first payments have not been received. Please contact the School Finance Office if you have any tuition questions.

Please read the entire newsletter due to pertinent information for your student(s) and family. Good luck in selling your raffle tickets which will be given to each family in the opening day packet. The first drawing is October 3rd. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

May Our Lady continue to bless us.

Sincerely,

Beth Hill

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Principal

Enclosures and Items of Interest:

- 1. NC Raffle Tickets will be sent home on the 1st day of school in the emergency packet with each student**
2. On Opening Day your student will also be bringing home a variety of forms to be reviewed, signed and returned by Wednesday, August 30th, (Emergency card, Harassment Form, etc.). If all forms are completed properly and returned by August 30th, by 3 pm your student will receive a FREE jeans day on Friday, September 1st
3. Student Agenda will be given to students the first day. Please review the handbook portion with your student.
4. School Calendar
5. Monthly Calendars are available on our website

The State of Ohio requires that all students entering 12th must receive 2 Meningococcal Vaccine for the 2017-2018 school year. We will need to have documentation of the required vaccine for your child's medical record from your doctor's office by September 15th, or your child will not be allowed to return to school. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.

FINANCIAL ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT: We appreciate the efforts of those who have responded with their financial/enrollment agreements by the **July 1st** deadline.

Reminder: Financial Agreement payments and any fines due must be current for students to take Semester Exams. Please refer to the Financial Agreement on Tuition Form.

Raffle Tickets: With August comes the NCHS Raffle. Every family participates in this fundraiser in the amount of \$300.00 in sales. Enclosed you will find 12 tickets plus 1 free ticket which are the responsibility of your family. The cost per ticket is \$25.00. Please return stubs and money to the school office on or before **September 29, 2017**. This is **NOT** an Athletic Association sponsored fundraiser. Please make sure checks are made out to **NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**. The first drawing is **Tuesday, October 3rd**. Winning tickets are returned to the hopper for the next drawing the following month. There are 46 chances to win. Families will pay whatever portion of the \$300.00 remains as a balance for unsold tickets. Failure to sell these tickets will result in the transferring of the remaining amount to your tuition account in March.

DAY ONE – Wednesday, August 23rd:

- Warm weather dress code will be in effect. Please follow it as explained below.
- Tardy Bell will ring at 8 am. Students are to report to homeroom. Homeroom lists will be posted in the lower hallway.
- Class Schedules will be distributed to the students during the afternoon homeroom.
- Mass will be celebrated at **11 am**. All families and friends are welcome to attend this and all Masses with us.
- Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen and C-TEC students will have school pictures taken before Mass. All students will be given ID cards. These ID cards will be used as a ticket to all home sporting events. Your Departmental Fee payment enabled you to receive this card. **DO NOT LOSE IT!** You will be receiving a mailing from HR Imaging, our picture company, concerning opening day picture information. Please read it completely so that you can decide on a package before your student arrives on the first day of school. If a student wants to buy pictures, payment is due the first day of school. The exact amount is needed; change cannot be made in the school office.
- Lunch may be purchased for \$3.00. The snack bar will be open or students may brown bag.
- **School ends at 1:30 pm.** Students should make arrangements with their families for transportation home.

Student Schedules: Students will receive their class schedules the first day of school.

As academic policy states:

".....unless there is an error on a student's schedule or an immediate change recommended by the teacher and/or administrator, the student is to remain in scheduled classes. Students will be given the opportunity to meet with the guidance staff at the beginning of the school year, after one week of classes, if they believe they need a course change. Finalization of the student's schedule rests with the school.

Every effort will be made to finalize student's schedules by the sixth school day of the school year (for first semester and full-year courses) or second semester (for second semester courses). Except in special circumstances, a course dropped after this date will be recorded on the student's report card as a failure for the quarter in which the course is dropped. The failure (F) is included in the computation of the student's grade point average for the quarter in which it is dropped. On the permanent record the course title is printed; notice of the student's withdrawal appears, but no grade is given nor is the course figured into the student's cumulative GPA."

Except in unusual circumstances, the first day for First Semester changes will be **Thursday, September 7th**. Students should listen to the PA for times of signing the schedule change discussion sign-up sheet.

Masses are offered throughout the year. A monthly calendar is posted on our webpage showing dates and times. All Masses and assemblies are open to the families of NC. Please feel welcome to attend any or all events throughout the year.

Dress Code information as taken from the Student Agenda:

Newark Catholic's Dress Code is designed to reflect the seriousness of purpose, which each student should bring to his/her studies. Furthermore, Newark Catholic believes that parents are primarily responsible for working with a student to make dress and grooming choices appropriate to this code.

The administration of Newark Catholic reserves the right to make discretionary decisions concerning this code and individual cases. The teacher will report violations of this dress code to the principal for disciplinary action. At the principal's discretion, students out of dress code may be sent home to change after parents are called. It is the student's responsibility to approach the subject teachers for assignments, tests or quizzes that were missed with the understanding it is for study purposes only. Credit will not be given for the work. Time missed from classes is considered unexcused.

Dress Code Violations: If a student accumulates five (5) dress code violation detentions s/he will forfeit the privileges of Jeans Days and Warm Weather Dress code for the remainder of the school year.

Shirts/Blouses

- Shirts purchased from the uniform supplier must be tucked in completely at all times exposing the brown belt. Un-hemmed sleeves and or torn or ripped shirts are not permitted.
- T-shirts worn under the uniform shirt must be white and free of illustrations. The sleeve length of the T-shirt must correspond to the length of the outside shirt/blouse. Students not adhering to this policy will forfeit their T-shirts.

Skirts

- The school uniform skirts for girls must be no more than two inches above the knees (that is, the bottom of the hem may not be more than four inches from the floor when a student is kneeling) and be in good condition. Skirts shall not be rolled at the waistband.

Slacks

- Khaki (brown tone) colored dress pants are not to be ripped, torn, slit, or vented at the hem.
- No cargo style pant is permitted
- May be worn by any student

Belt

- A brown or black leather belt is required

Sweaters

- Are to be purchased through uniform supplier.

Jackets

- Jackets, coats, or hats are not to be worn during school hours. They are to be stored in assigned lockers.
- Students wearing or carrying unauthorized jackets will have them confiscated and will pay a fine for their return.

Shoes/Socks

- Socks (or optional hosiery for girls) are always required.
- Socks worn with uniform skirts must be white or black and knee high in length. Hose must be black, white, or beige. No fishnet or extreme style of hosiery is permitted.
- Traditional solid-colored black or brown leather dress shoes must be worn, excluding all athletic styles, sandals, moccasins or extreme styles.
- Shoelaces shall be tied.

Hair

- Hair must be neat, well-groomed with no extreme styles. Boy's hair may not exceed the length of the ear nor go beyond the top of the collar or the eyebrows.
- Eccentric hairstyles are not permitted. Sideburns shall not extend below the lowest part of the ear. Students are prohibited from having a non-natural hair color.

Jewelry/Make-up

- No extremes in style (this includes body piercing).
- Tattoos are never to be exposed during any school activity.
- No body, facial, or tongue piercing is permitted.
- Girls are permitted to wear no more than three (3) earrings per ear.
- No more than three (3) bracelets or necklaces are permitted.

(Boys Only)

- Boys are to be clean-shaven.

- Boys may not wear earrings or other extremes in jewelry.

Warm Weather Dress Code- Girls & Boys

(May 1 until September 30)

- Khaki (brown tone) colored dress shorts are not to be ripped, torn, slit, or vented at the hem
- No cargo style pant is permitted
- Shirts - see above description.
- Athletic shoes with socks that are visible at the ankle are permitted with shorts, excluding sandals or extreme styles.

Interim Progress Reports and Grade Cards: These will be available via Progress Book. Newsletters will also be sent via email. Please be sure your correct email is posted on the Emergency Medical form sent home in the opening day packet.

School Locks: Students are encouraged to use NC issued locks on their assigned lockers at all times. NC cannot be held responsible for damaged or stolen property. Current students have been issued locks. Freshmen and new students will be issued an NC lock at their respective orientation meeting. Locks purchased at department stores may not be used in the academic wings of the building but may be used in the locker rooms with the coach's or the PE teacher's permission. If locks have been misplaced over the summer, students may purchase another NC lock for \$5.00.

Lockers: ABSOULETLY NO CONTACT PAPER OR TAPE MAY BE USED IN LOCKERS – MAGNETS ONLY! Locker doors are not to be decorated on the outside. Students are to keep lockers clean and in proper condition; overcrowding of materials may lead to detentions and possible assessment for damages. ****ONLY ONE INCH BINDERS ARE PERMITTED IN LOCKERS****

School Lunch Program: The cost of a full student lunch is \$3.00, which includes milk. If your family qualified for free or reduced lunch in the past, or your household income has changed, please contact Valerie Koch, Cafeteria Manager by August 12th for more information. A form will be provided to you to determine your eligibility for a reduced lunch price. A detailed letter will be provided to incoming freshman parents with instructions for managing your student's account. We urge parents to update their account to receive email alerts when balances are low. In addition to the online payment method, we accept cash or personal check at the register to be deposited into your student's account. For example, sending in a \$40.00 cash/check payment (made payable to Newark Catholic High School) will eliminate the \$2.00 online fee. Volunteers are still needed to help in the cafeteria. Please call the office if you are interested in volunteering. Please contact Valerie Koch, vkoch@laca.org, with any questions.

Medication: Details found in the Parent-Student Handbook. Students may NOT obtain aspirin or other over-the-counter medication from employees of Newark Catholic.

Transportation: Please contact your local district's bus garage for information. When picking up students after school, please move into a marked parking space. We ask that you not wait for your student in the driving lanes in front of the school building.

Custody Papers: These are requested at the time of registration for students to whom this applies. This is a Diocesan requirement with which we comply. It is for the safety of the student. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Registration of Visitors: In order to ensure the safety of our students and to help maintain the security of our building, we ask that **all** visitors to NC register in the school office before going to any part of the building, where they will receive a badge. Visitors must display the school "visitor" badge at all times. DO NOT enter the building through the cafeteria service door. Please use the lobby doors or the doors by the front office to enter during the school day. Lobby doors are locked from 8:15 -2:50 pm daily so any visitor must use the entrance by the front office during this time.

Senior Parents: Please be aware that accounts must be current for information to be released to colleges. Information concerning the senior class trip will be given out during the school year. Senior Class Composite photographs should be taken by this time; if not, please contact Don Pound Studios, 740-345-9818.

Freshmen Orientation and Parent Meeting

Our Freshmen Orientation program will be on Thursday, August 17th from 9 - 11:30 am. Our meeting for all parents of Freshmen will be that same day from 6 pm until 7:30 pm. These meetings are a requirement for the following reasons:

1. It will give us a chance to meet each other and several of our faculty and staff members.
2. Our Code of Academic Integrity will be reviewed
3. It offers an opportunity to clarify philosophy and day-to-day requirements for students and parents.
4. It offers us a chance to encourage and facilitate voluntary activities necessary to keep NC going strong.
5. Students will receive their schedules and be able to follow them while locating lockers and classrooms during the Orientation. Upperclassmen will be assisting them on these days.

Student dress code for this meeting will be relaxed. Torn jeans or torn shorts, bare midriff or tank tops are NOT permitted.

The meeting will begin on time and end on time. If there is a serious conflict in your schedule, please call the school office in advance. We will do our best to work with you.

Athletic Information

Any student interested in participating in a fall sport program who has not been contacted by the head coach please call **Scott Harris, Athletic Director, at 740-344-3594 ext.248**. Leave your name, phone number and a brief message.

Fall Sports "Meet the Team" will be Thursday, August 17th at 7:45pm

Sports Physicals. All students planning to participate in athletics at Newark Catholic need to turn in a sport physical prior to their season's start date. For football and volleyball, this was July 31st. For all other sports, this was August 1st. If your child took the free sports physical at Licking Memorial Hospital in June, please turn this into the NC Office, Attention Athletic Director as soon as possible.

NCAA Ticket Policy Letter. The Newark Catholic Athletic Department has instituted a policy, recommended by your Newark Catholic Athletic Association (NCAA), which requires the family of every athlete participating in a sport to purchase 2 tickets, a total of \$100, for an NCAA-sponsored event during the 2017-2018 school year. For families with a student or students in a sport each season, that equals 6 tickets. The dates for these events are listed on the website under "Athletics," an "NCAA Home Organization." Ticket money will be due at the initial parent meeting for each sport. Checks should be made out to the NCAA with the athlete's name, sport and ticket request in the memo line. Checks will be collected by the athletic director or NCAA team liaison for each sport. This is a policy that was entered into following discussion among the Newark Catholic Administration, the Athletic Department, the NCAA and other interested parties. For those who already attend these NCAA-sponsored events, this will not be an extra expense. Parents can also sell their tickets to others to reduce their out-of-pocket expense, but we hope you will be able to attend and even win some money. You are not only supporting your athlete(s), but also fellow and future Newark Catholic athletes. A large part of what makes Newark Catholic such a special place is our sense of "family". NCAA events are a great way to socialize and get to know other parents, coaches, alumni and community leaders.

Athletic Banners/Signs. Advisors, parents, and enthusiastic NC backers are asked to contact the athletic director for approval before they construct and hang any banners or decorations in the building or school grounds.

Team Meetings, dinners, snacks, etc. Please be sure your coach is aware of these types of events. If the meeting or meal is to be at NC, approval from the athletic department is needed to verify the availability of the building. **Clean-up**, as always, is your responsibility.

Fall Locker Decorating. All locker decorating for fall athletic teams is to be completed on a designated date established by the school. No decorating outside of these dates is permitted. The **Fall Sports Locker Decorating Day for this year is August 12th from 9 am – noon. ABSOLUTELY NO CONTACT PAPER OR TAPE USED IN LOCKERS – MAGNETS ONLY. Thank you for your cooperation!**