



August 1, 2018

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 am pleased to announce that we have been given a substantial donation from Mr. and Mrs. Herb Murphy that will allow us to place ductless air conditioners in every classroom in the original part of the building. We are making history at NC this fall when all classrooms will be air conditioned for teacher and student comfort. The cafeteria is getting a makeover thanks to Bishop Campbell and the annual Diocesan BAA campaign fund. You will appreciate the work the Maintenance Department, including Mr. Nelson, and the Office Staff, have done to get us to opening day. We welcome Mr. Ryan Aiello as our new Health/PE teacher and head football coach and congratulate Mr. Tom Pickering as he assumes the role of Athletic Director this summer. We have so much to be thankful for and look forward to during this school year. I ask that you and your family join me in praying for a successful school year with the following prayer:

*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 22nd 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 16th, from 9 – 11 am.

All Parents of Freshmen are asked to attend the Parent Orientation that evening, August 16th, from 6 – 7:15 pm.

Parish Subsidy/Grant: Please complete all obligations and information concerning Parish Subsidy/Grant with your Parish Pastor so you are eligible for subsidy. 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 2nd. 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 29th, (Emergency card, Harassment Form, etc.). If all forms are completed properly and returned by August 29th, by 3 pm your student will receive a FREE jeans day on Friday, August 31st
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
6. ***Parent Tips to Know!*** from the Ohio Department of Education

The State of Ohio requires that all students entering 12th must receive 2 Meningococcal Vaccine for the 2018-2019 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 14th, 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 through FACTS. **Reminder:** Financial Agreement payments and any fines due must be current for students to take Semester Exams. Please refer to the Financial Agreement on the Tuition Form.

Raffle Tickets: With August comes the annual 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 28, 2018**. 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 2nd**. 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 22nd:

- 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.

SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

- **Student Schedules:** The school counseling office will be mailing student schedules out on August 9. Students who want to make changes to that schedule will need to do so **the week of August 13**. A letter will be included with the schedule that provides office hours for students to meet with their counselor if changes need to be made (Miss McDonald-grades 9-10, Mrs. Welch-grades 11-12). If there is an error in the schedule, such as missing a core class, or if a student wants to drop a study hall to take a class, they can do so for free during that week. If a student is hoping to change or drop an elective class, there is a \$20 fee. Schedule changes are expected to be made that week. Dropping a course after school has started may result in a withdraw/fail grade. Please see the Academic Handbook on the NC webpage for information about dropping a course after school has begun.
- **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.

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:

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 17th 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 or in the school office 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 sign up at www.newarkcatholic.org 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 your student(s) after school, please move into a marked parking space to wait for them in order for the pick-up lane to move efficiently.

Custody Papers: These are requested at the time of registration for students to whom this applies. This is a Diocesan requirement with and we must comply with the policy and 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, where they will receive a badge, before going to any part of the building. 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 financial accounts must be current for information to be released to colleges. Information concerning the senior class trip will be published 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 16th from 9 - 11 am. Our meeting for all parents of Freshmen will be that same day from 6 pm until 7:15 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 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

We welcome Coach Tom Pickering as our new Athletic Director. .The AD office number is 740.344.5553

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

All athletic forms and team schedules may be found on our website at www.newarkcatholic.org.

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 through Nationwide Children's Hospital in June, please turn this into the NC Office, Attention Athletic Director as soon as possible. Other forms needed for athletic participation (Lindsay's Law/Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Trip Permission Form, Parent Driving/Transporting Information Form) can be turned into the office, mail to the AD's attention or given to their head coach.

NCAA Festival will be held August 3 and 4 at Newark Catholic from 6 – 11 pm. Please join the fun and enjoy food, beverages, live music, games and rides.

Fall Sports "Meet the Team" will be Thursday, August 16th at 7:30 pm.

NCAA Golf Outing will be August 24 at The Trout Club with a shot gun start at 1 pm. Please contact Kevin Spearman, #740.627.1148, if you would like to participate.

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 Athletes Locker Decorating Day is August 18^h from 9 am – 11:30 am. (No decorating outside of these dates is permitted.) ABSOLUTELY NO CONTACT PAPER OR TAPE IS TO BE USED IN LOCKERS – MAGNETS ONLY. Thank you!

Pancake Breakfast – join the NC Cross Country Team for a Pancake Breakfast with Chris Cakes on Saturday, August 18, from 7:30 – 11:30 am in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from a CC runner or at the door.