



March 15, 2019

Dear Families,

My thanks to you for your continued support of Newark Catholic. We are truly blessed with dedicated faculty, staff, and families who work very hard to make Newark Catholic a very special place. A Happy St. Patrick's Day to you and yours as we share this prayer together from *St Patrick's Breastplate* (an excerpt from this famous prayer, attributed to St Patrick - patron Saint of Ireland):

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

Reminders:

1. 3rd Quarter Grades may be viewed on Progress Book
2. All financial responsibilities must be taken care of by **May 1, 2019**. If you have not met your Academic Volunteer Hours you will be notified of additional tuition due to Newark Catholic. Final exams will not be given if tuition is not paid in full.
3. Parish subsidies/grants for participating Catholics are currently being paid by your Parish. Please consult your Parish Priest if you have any questions concerning your "participating" status. **All NC parents expecting Parish sponsorship from St. Francis** should complete the attached form and sign up for *Track it Forward*. St. Francis grants will be awarded by May 30th.
4. If you have any questions concerning account balance, please call the school office and ask for Mrs. Jodi Snider.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for our *Touch of Class Dinner & Auction* and *Bingo!* If you need hours and are able to assist, please go to our website to volunteer. This is a great opportunity to complete your volunteer hours for this year. Please help us help you raise the funds to offset tuition expense.

On April 5 we will be hosting a Faculty Professional Development Day – there will be no school for students.

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."

School Lunch Program: As of 4th quarter, students will no longer be able to charge their lunch or snack bar items due to an outstanding number of charges that have occurred. If your student chooses to buy lunch, please be sure the funds are placed in your account prior to purchasing. There are 2 primary ways to deposit money into your child's account:

1. You can send a check or money order to the school office. Please make the check payable to Newark Catholic High School. Include your student's name and ID number on your check or money order. **PAYMENTS WILL NOT SHOW ON ACCOUNTS UNTIL THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS DAY** so please plan accordingly.
2. You can make a payment with a transfer of money from your checking account to the student's lunch account via ACH draft through the Food Service Solution's website (www.myschoolaccount.com). You will need to create a parent account the first time you visit the site. You will also need your child's student ID number to list them under your account. There will be a \$2.00 bank fee applied for this method of payment. Please note that you may sign up for low account reminder emails as well.

You always have the option to bring cash or a brown bag lunch. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Prom 2019: A reminder about school policy concerning school-sponsored event dress code from the handbook: No tight fitting or midriff exposing clothing is permitted at any school function, including dances both formal and informal. Girls are not to wear excessively short length or bareback dresses. Boys are to wear appropriate shirts and pants. No T-shirts are to be worn at formal dances. It's a wonderful evening so don't lose out if you have to go home to change.

Annual Touch of Class Dinner & Auction: Enjoy *A Night in Old Havana* with us on **Saturday, April 27th**. Please join us to enjoy a wonderful evening of great food and entertainment. This includes gift viewing before the Auction, cocktails, and dinner. There will be a Silent Auction and of course, the Grand Auction. All profits are returned to Newark Catholic. You will be receiving an invitation to the event in the mail very soon.

St. Joseph the Worker Day and May Crowning: Information, including permission form, will be emailed to you on April 1. We are in need of parents to help with our **May 3rd** Community Service Day at Newark Catholic. If you are available, please call the office or send a note to **Mrs. Julie Waggoner**. Your help is needed to assist in transporting and chaperoning our students. This is a day all of us can give back to our community by helping with various jobs around the homes of those in need or a community area. Thank you for your assistance. Students and those adults who assist that day will be given a free lunch and then dismissed at 1:15 pm. **Please join us for our May crowning at 12:30 pm on that day too.**

Mark your calendar for our ***Festival of the Arts* weekend at NC on May 3rd and 4th**. Our annual Dinner and Cabaret will be performed both evenings along with displays from our Visual Art Classes.

Annual Honors' Evening is May 16th at 7pm. Invitations will be sent in early May to those who have earned honors throughout the year.

Seniors: All seniors who have earned merit-based scholarships (based on GPA, test scores, service or talent) should turn in a copy of this financial aid to Mrs. Welch. These will be a part of the Honors Night and Graduation programs. The last date that this paperwork can be turned in May 1st at noon.

Seniors will also need to specify in Naviance their final college decision as soon as they know it. Directions for this have already been posted in Google Classroom. After you submit your deposit to the college, you will be notified (repeatedly) by the college to submit final transcripts. Final transcripts are not sent by NC until after graduation (when grades are final) and they show the date of the graduation. These are sent to the colleges by the third week of June. This is not "too late" for any of the schools. Colleges like to encourage the transcripts as soon as possible, but they cannot be processed by NC until grades, GPA and rank are finalized. Please do not request that they are sent earlier; they are sent when they are done being processed. Students will be shown how to request the final transcript in Naviance in a few weeks.

Seniors will also be pushed by the colleges to begin signing up for freshman orientation. Do not schedule this during school time. There are available slots after graduation. Some high schools graduate in early May and those students attend the earliest orientation dates; you will have a date offered to you after you have completed all requirements of NC.

College Credit Plus: Any student wanting to receive college credit through the College Credit Plus Program should have: (1) turned in an "Intent to Participate" form and CCP Plan to Mrs. Welch, (2) forwarded this form on to ODE by April 1, (3) applied to COTC or other college that you are considering, (4) made an ODE SAFE Account in the parent's name, (5) applied for funding and uploaded the acceptance to the college through the SAFE account by April 12. Email Mrs. Welch with questions (dwelch@newarkcatholic.org).

State Graduation Testing (EOCs) will begin on April 2. Please refer to the schedule that was mailed home for students participating in testing and avoid absences during scheduled tests. Please eat breakfast on test days and get plenty of sleep the night before and be sure your iPad is fully functional and charged.

Summer PE 2019: Current freshmen and any sophomores who need to take Summer PE – the cost is **\$75.00 through May 15th, after May 15th**, the cost is **\$100.00**. The registration form is available in the rack by the cafeteria. Summer PE is scheduled for June 3-6 and June 10-13.

NC Scholarship Opportunity: The Mary (Kane) Lefever Donor Advised Fund (DAF), funded by Chad, Rich and Katie (Fisher) Gummer who are Grandchildren of Mary (Kane) Lefever, are pleased to announce the availability of the Mary (Kane) Lefever Scholarships to financially assist students from Catholic Parishes in Newark and Heath, Ohio who wish to attend Newark Catholic High School. A minimum of 5 grants at \$500 each will be sponsored this year.

The objective is to first assist students from St. Leonard's Church, St. Francis de Sales Church, and the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Special consideration will be given to those students from St. Leonard's Church. Mary and Chuck Kane were founding members of St. Leonard's Parish.

CRITERIA:

1. Member of a Catholic Parish
2. Regularly attends Mass
3. Actively involved within the Parish and community
4. Demonstrates financial need through the submission of the FACTS Tuition Assistance Form with the Diocese of Columbus (information for this can be obtained through current Catholic school or Newark Catholic)
5. Submission of an essay of no more than 350 - 500 words (Times New Roman, 12-point font) on one of the below topics:
 - Why a Catholic education is important to me
 - Why I want to attend Newark Catholic High School

Please submit the above information along with student name, address, phone number and current school attending to Miss Beth Hill, Principal, at Newark Catholic High School by April 12, 2019.

May Our Lady continue to bless us.

Sincerely,

Beth Hill

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Principal