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April 14, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff:

It's snowing as I am writing this letter! Where has spring gone? It was nice last week to be able to go outside and enjoy the weather through this pandemic. I pray the temperature begins to rise.

### **Remote Learning Planning Days**

On Friday, April 24th and May 1st, Newman will be using these days as Remote Learning Planning days for our teachers. What this means is that these will be non-attendance days for the students. Teachers will use these days to design and develop lesson plans as well as grade assignments/assessments. However, there is one exception, Driver's Education. Driver's Education class has to meet every day to meet the 30-hour requirement from the state of Illinois. Driver's Education will meet on April 24th and May 1st.

### **Library News**

We understand that students are getting overdue notices for books and items from the library through email. Please know that Mrs. Vorhees is waiving all late books and fees.

### **Reminder to Students**

Students make sure you are checking in and completing your work. All work is being graded. If you are having difficulty with any of your classes, please reach out to your teachers; they are willing to assist in any way that they can.

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for parents who would be willing to be a "Big Brother/Big Sister" so to speak, to a brand new family at Newman Central Catholic High School. These individuals will reach out to the new family and welcome them to Newman. They will be their point of contact for any questions that the new family may have and will share the ins and outs of Newman. If you are willing to volunteer for this, please contact me at [joetting@newmancchs.org](mailto:joetting@newmancchs.org).

### **Rosary**

We will be doing the Rosary on Friday, April 17, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. If you are interested in leading a decade, please email me.

### **Exciting Class News**

Mrs. Verdick's Forensics class is going to have a virtual guest speaker this week. Bruce Goldfarb is the executive assistant to the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maryland. He is the author of *18 Tiny Deaths: The Untold Stories of Frances Glessner Lee and the Invention of Modern Forensics* released in February of 2020. How exciting for our students! Way to go Mrs. Verdick!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter. Please take care and I am looking forward to the day when we can all be together again.

God Bless,  
Jennifer Oetting  
Principal