

Be it know to all who enter here that CHRIST is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.



SAVE THE DATE:

- **Saturday, July 13, 2019**
Newman Open Golf Outing
- **Monday, August 19, 2019- First Day of School**
- **Saturday, August 24, 2019- Meet the Comets**
- **Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019 - Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019- Homecoming Parade**

Newman News

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SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Celebrating the 100th Graduating Class!



May of 2019 blessed us with a celebration for the Newman Central Catholic High School Class of 2019. This Class was the 100th graduating class of our fine institution. On May 15th we held our Annual Awards Assembly. Many blessings and heartfelt thanks to the 50 individuals, Alumni groups and local organizations that awarded \$1.4M in scholarship money to 38 Newman Central Catholic 2019 graduates.

The NCCHS Class of 2019 is 57 students strong with 7% moving directly into a trade and 93% attending colleges and universities; 44% will be attending 2-year institutions while 49% will be attending 4-year institutions. Sixty percent of the graduates are members of National Honor Society, Sixty-four percent achieved Academic All Conference and 90% of the graduates earned Varsity Athletics Career Letter Awards.

grateful for the unfailing generosity of our Alumni, Benefactors and Corporate Sponsors that make a Christ-centered Catholic Education available to all students.



Principal Jennifer Oetting announcing Salutatorian, Mary Powers and Valedictorian, David Swegle.



Most Reverend Bishop Malloy addressing the NCCHS Class of 2019.

In addition to the Senior Awards, Newman Central Catholic High School Scholarships are awarded annually. Over 50% of the student body received scholarships for the 2019-2020 School Year. We are humbled by and eternally

You may view the Awards Assembly program on our website;

http://www.newmanccchs.org/2019awards_program.pdf

A Note from the Principal



Newman has established a School Improvement Team as well as a Deanery Improvement Team, and we have evaluated the deanery and our schools individually. We are looking for parent/guardian volunteers and community members who would be willing to participate on these teams. If you are interested or would like to know more information, please contact Mrs. Oetting.

Blessings to our graduates and their families! Thank you to all of our students, parents/guardians, staff, sponsors, business partners, patrons and community members for your continued support for Newman Central Catholic High School.

At Newman, the success of our students is our priority and we are actively engaging in ways in which to improve and develop to ensure we meet these priorities. Newman Central Catholic High School was evaluated by AdvancEd this past spring. AdvancEd is an organization that is rooted in continuous educational improvement. Team members interviewed students, staff, parents/guardians, business partners and community members. A total of 69 individuals participated in the interviews. Thank you to all who took the time to be a part and provide valuable feedback in those interviews.

In February, students, staff and parents/guardians participated in a survey for the AdvancEd evaluation. The survey reflected on Newman Central Catholic High School's Catholic Identity. The results of the survey are as follows: Responses: 210 students; 25 staff members; 115 parents/guardians

Strength areas

were: Symbols of the Catholic faith, a school that prays together, Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church is known, and we offer experiences in the arts, athletics, and other extra curricular and service opportunities.

Areas for growth were:

Supports for social, emotional and spiritual growth, working together to build a strong, faith-filled learning environment, fostering self-discipline to build independence, and helping parents/guardians fulfill their role as the primary teachers of the faith.

Feedback from AdvancEd Team

Culture & Climate - These practices exceed expectations and are embedded in the institution's culture.

Curriculum - The process of curriculum development has been initiated without consistently employing the essentials of curriculum design.

Communication - NCCHS receives basic support from its stake holder, but insufficiently engages in two way communication with all the stakeholders.

Evaluation - Newman Central Catholic High School has adopted an evaluation process for teaching staff and is in the initial stages of implementation of understanding the connection between collecting the data relating to instructional strategies, best teaching practices and the impact on the student academic growth.

Life Advocacy Day

On March, 20, 2019, Thirty-six Students and Chaperones marched on our State Capitol to protest House Bill 2467 (Welch-D) and Senate Bill 1594 (Sims-D) which seek to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act, and House Bill

2495 (Cassidy-D) and Senate Bill 1942 (Bush-D) seeking to establish the Reproductive Health Act. The General Assembly's focus on making it easier to take the life of innocent unborn children is as incomprehensible as it is tragic.

Please pray for our government leaders that they will hear our voices and protect every innocent unborn child.



March for Life

March for Life 2019 was a wonderful pilgrimage for 17 Newman students in conjunction with the Rockford Diocese. They marched on our

Nation's Capitol beside hundreds of thousand like minded groups to change our nation's view on abortion and to give the unborn a chance at life.

We intend to continue this traditional pilgrimage for years to come as the movement continues to grow.



Prayer Garden



“Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God’s handwriting.” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Since our founding by Monsignor J. Burns, hundreds of devoted alumni and benefactors of the Newman Family have given generously to Newman. As we continue providing a quality Catholic Education in the Sauk Valley Area, it is quite appropriate that we recognize Newman’s generous givers and thank them for their faithful and selfless donations. One can also memorialize; friend, coach, team, teacher or family member. To demonstrate our appreciation and to preserve your family’s legacy, we invite you to be a

part of the Newman Prayer Garden. The beautiful garden’s are located on the front lawn circle of the school and next to the main gym entrance. To be a part of Newman’s Prayer Garden, you may purchase a grey granite paver, boulder or bench. These items may be for Baptisms, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Christmas gifts, Graduations, In Honor of, Memorials and/or Celebrations. Visit;

<http://www.newmancchs.org/parents/prayergarden.cfm>

“He will make sure that I always have everything I need with plenty left over to share with others.” - 2 Corinthians 9:8

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Shopping with Scrip is fundraising made easy. If you are not already utilizing this program please consider starting today. With this program you purchase gift cards for business and restaurants that you shop in or frequent. A percentage of every gift card purchased through SCRIP comes back directly to our school!



http://www.newmancchs.org/editoruploads/files/Parents/SCRIP_Order_Form_2018.pdf

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Businesses Give Back

We are fortunate to be able to benefit from businesses who give back to our school when you utilize their donation programs. Please take a few minutes and enroll in these amazing opportunities to enable the businesses to donate a portion of what you spend right back to Newman.

Candlelight Gives Back : <https://candlelightinnrestaurant.com/cgb.html>

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Amazon Smile: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=201365340>

Email development @NewmanCCHS.org with questions.

Students of the Month

Student of the Year and the month of September—David Swegle.

Class of 2019 Valedictorian, Illinois State Scholar and National Honor Society member,

David is the son of Mark and Terri Swegle. He is a member of St. Anne's Parish in Dixon. While at Newman, David



participated in Scholastic Bowl, Golf, Student Council, Model UN, Envirothon, Math Team, Science Club, Key Club and Musical Stage Crew. David is employed at Culver's in Dixon and volunteers at the Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home as a tour guide. He will be attending Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, majoring in Political Economy.

October—Spencer Mauch.

Spencer, the son of Darwin and Martha Mauch, is a member of St. Mary's Parish, Sterling where he participates in alter serving, Eucharistic ministering and communion to shut-ins. He is also a custodian at St. Mary's School. Spencer is an Illinois State Scholar. His school activities included being a Kairos leader, Sacristy Team, Cross Country, Track, Model UN, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Newman Recycling Club, National Honor Society, Key Club and AV Club. Spencer will attend University of Illinois Springfield to pursue a degree in computer science as well as continue his Cross Country Career.



November—Mary Powers.

Class of 2019 Salutatorian, Illinois State Scholar and National Honor Society member,

Mary is the daughter of David and Jeanne Powers. She is a member of St. Patrick's Parish in Dixon. Mary participated in

Envirothon, Key Club, Spanish Club, Scholastic Bowl, Science Club and Student Ambassadors while attending

Newman. She assisted in automating the library at St. Mary's School in Dixon and states that books are the one thing she cannot do without. Mary will be attending Grinnell College focusing on pre-med.



December—Isaac Blaney.

Isaac, the son of Saad and Ashwaq Blaney, is a member of St. Patrick's Parish in Dixon. Isaac works as a tennis instructor at the Emma Hubbs Tennis Courts during summer, serves as a tour guide at the Ronald Reagan

National Boyhood Home, volunteers at KSB Hospital and is the Secretary of the

Auxiliary Board at KSB Hospital. During his time at Newman, he participated in Key Club, Science Club, Sacristan Team, Math Team, Scholastic Bowl, Envirothon, Golf, Musical, Chess Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Spanish Club, Newman Recycling Club, Kairos, National Honor Society, A/V Club, Student Council and Tennis. He will be furthering his education at Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, in the Fall.



January—Michael Frank.

Michael is the son of Gary and Regina Frank, and is a member of St. Andrew's Parish in Rock Falls. His

favorite memory of high school is managing the football team and everything about it. In addition to managing the Blue

Machine, Michael was involved in the Musical, Key Club, Student Council, Scholastic Bowl, Tennis, Newman Recycling Club, Model UN, Chess Club, Kairos, Crusaders Club and National Honor Society. Michael will be attending University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

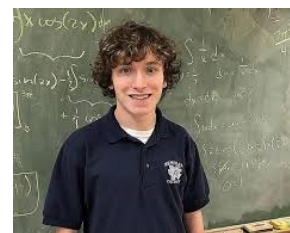


February—Shay Hafner.

Shay, son of Craig and Beth Hafner, is an Illinois State Scholar who states that Calculus is his favorite subject. He participated in Cross Country, Track, Model UN, Math Team, National Honor Society, Student Council and Newman Recycling Club during his time at Newman. Shay is a member of and alter server at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He also volunteers for PADS Homeless Shelter and the Let's Feed Our Children summer lunch program. Shay will be attending

Monmouth College in the fall and continuing his athletic career

running Cross Country and Track.



Celebrating the Class of 2019

March—Hannah Dixon

Hannah is the daughter of Luke and Lisa Dixon. She attends St. Patrick's Parish where she is involved in

Liturgical committee, pastoral council, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, child care, youth group, lector, Eucharistic

minister and she is a church cleaner. Hannah also participates in Knights of Columbus, Rock River Valley Shamrock Club, and Newman Parent Association Board. Her involvement at Newman includes: President of the Spanish Club, Vice President of Ambassador's Club, Secretary of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Model UN, Science



Club, Key Club, Yearbook, National Honor Society, and Volleyball. Hannah works part time at Shoe Sensation in Dixon, and full time at Willett Hofmann & Associates. She will be attending Knox College in the Fall.

April—Breann Rosengren

The daughter of Gene and Sherry Rosengren, Breann is a member of St. Andrew's Parish in Rock Falls. Bree played Volleyball and ran Track at Newman as well as participated in



Science Club, Spanish Club, Key Club, Envirothon,

Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society. Bree will attend Northern Illinois University majoring in Special Education.

May—Madison Craft

Madison is the daughter of John and Tanya Craft and attends St. Mary's Church in Sterling. Madi played Softball, Basketball and Volleyball at Newman as well as participated in KEY Club, Science Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

She will continue her education and athletic careers at Sauk Valley Community College pursuing a career in Radiology while playing Softball and Volleyball.



Illinois State Scholars 2019

It is with pleasure that we announce that 8 students in the Class of 2019 have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Illinois State Scholars possess strong academic potential and

are chosen based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT scores and sixth semester class rank.

Congratulations; **Shay Hafner, Madaline Jacobs, Spencer Mauch, Meagan Moore, Brady Moran, Mary Powers, Emily Schaab and David Swegle.**

St. Timothy Award

The St. Timothy Award is a national recognition award given to youth by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in collaboration with the Diocese of Rockford Catholic Education Office. Each year, Newman Central Catholic High School recognizes a senior girl and a senior boy for this honor.

It is the highest recognition from the NFCYM for a diocese to confer to a senior high school youth who:

- Lives as a disciple of Christ, setting a positive example for other youth;
- Witnesses to their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity;
- Demonstrates Gospel values through service to others; and
- Exhibits Christian leadership in parish, school, and or community settings.

Congratulations David Swegle and Breann Rosengren!



Fr. Bruce Ludeke and Mrs. Bobbie Hannan with David and Breann.

Annual Golf Outing

The Annual Golf Outing is an amazing event to raise funds for our tuition assistance program. We are proud to be able control our tuition costs and to be affordable for all students. The proceeds from this event make all of this possible. Go ahead and grab a foursome and register for a day of fun in support of Newman Central Catholic High School. If you are unable to attend on July 13th and feel called to assist with this cause, you may visit

www.newmancchs.org and click on Giving/ Payments in the upper right of the navigation bar or by contacting us via email: development@newmancchs.org



2019 ANNUAL
NEWMAN OPEN
SATURDAY, JULY 13
DEER VALLEY GOLF CLUB

\$100 Per Golfer or \$400 Per Team
 Includes 11 AM Registration & Lunch
 12 PM Shotgun Start - Hole Contests
 4:30 PM Steak Dinner & Auction
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"It is only in America that we have enough of the material gifts of God to be able to meet like this and plan our fund-raising to endure for our children a Christ Centered Education."
 Rev. Monsignor Wahl at the initial meeting of Newman High School Planning Committee 1958

NHS Presents

Please join us in one of our most fabulous fund-raisers of the year. Whether you are committed to working the event or are looking to enjoy a fabulous party, Venetian Nights will be a night to remember!



SAVE THE DATE:
October 19, 2019.

NHS Presents Venetian Nights

United Action Campaign II

Newman Central Catholic High School has re-launched our United Action Campaign II to continue the Newman Strategic Plan which was developed in 2007. It was said by Rev. Monsignor Wahl at the initial meeting of the

Newman High School Planning Committee in 1958 that, "It is only in America that we have enough of the material gifts of God to be able to meet like this and plan our fund-raising to ensure for our children a Christ Centered Education."

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Rev. Monsignor Wahl
Initial Meeting of Newman High School Planning Committee 1958

Envirothon



These Envirothon winners placed 2nd at State in May! Pictured L-R: Isaac Blaney, Bree Rosengren, David Swegle, Mary Powers and Patrick Powers

Envirothon is an environmentally themed academic competition. Two teams from Newman competed at the Regional Competition in March. Newman Team 1 won the Regional Event and went on to place 2nd at the state level. Both competitions consisted of 5 category presentations and quizzes. State level also consisted of a three hour preparation time for an oral presentation for each team to present to 3 judges. After placing in the top 3 for the oral presentation, our team then had to present to

another set of judges. The overall score earned them 2nd Place out of 16 state qualifying teams.

As their advisor, Beth Verdick states, "I have had the proud pleasure of seeing these 5 grow and learn over their years of participation in Envirothon."

Each student earned a \$500 scholarship from our Whiteside Soil and Water Conservation District.

Math Team

Math Team had a successful run this year, including a trip to State.



L-R: Front; Joselyn Reed, Avery Meyer, Julia Ardis, Isaac Blaney, Patrick Powers, Shay Hafner, Advisor Mr. Sotelo. Back; Dean Ellorando, Nate Neubauer, Kyle Tunink, Nate Ahlers, David Swegle. Third Row; Jonathan Rhodes.

Pictured to the left are the students who were awarded ICTM State Finals Participation.

Recognition of Achievement Awards are presented to the highest scorers from each team for each grade level at either the Regional or State Competition. Those students are Alicia Ardis, Nate Ahlers, Shay Hafner, Brady Moran and David Swegle.

Four NCCHS student were honored with the Exemplar Award. These students have participate on the Math Team and qualified for State Competition all 4 years of their high school career. Congratulations to David Swegle, Brady Moran, Shay Hafner, and Isaac Blaney.

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Scholastic Bowl

The Varsity Scholastic Bowl team finished the regular season undefeated at 12-0, repeating as Conference Champions and also winning the Regional title. Non-conference matches included a Fourth Place finish at the Peoria Area World Affairs Council Tournament, Third Place at the Riley Memorial Kickoff, Third Place at the Masonic Sectional and winning the Rock Falls Opti-

mist Bowl. Overall totals were 31 wins and 9 losses. Three individuals were cited as both all-Conference and all-sectional this season. All three of the students are Seniors at NCCHS; David Swegle, Liam McDonnell and Patrick Powers.

The Fresh/Soph team experienced a shortened season due to many

weather related cancellations but enjoyed the matches they did attend as well as two non-conference tournaments; one in Moline and one in Maple Park.



Wrestling



State Champion, Brody Ivey.
Son of Dan and Katie Ivey

Newman Wrestling ended their season with a 20-9 record. Individually this tallied to 239 wins and 110 losses. The team qualified 3 wrestlers for state. Freshman Will Rude, Junior Kyle Tunink and Senior Brody Ivey. Ivey brought home the State Champion hardware in his 152 pound weight class. Academic Honors were awarded to Freshmen Cody Donna and Mason Glauzel, Sophomore Brady

Stevens, Junior Kyle Tunink and Senior Brody Ivey.

Other awards for the season presented at the Wrestling banquet include:

Most Improved-

Riley Wescott

Most Pins-27 Pins

Mason Newman and Brody Ivey

Fastest Pin-10 seconds

Mason Newman

Most Takedowns- 92

Brody Ivey

Jim McBride Hustle Award-

Brody Ivey

M.V.P.- Brody Ivey

Darrell Holbrook Award-

Dr. James Sanders

In addition the team was awarded the White Pines Official Association 2019 Sportsmanship Award.

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Boys Basketball

The Newman Boys Basketball team finished 31-4 for the season and 12-0 in the Three Rivers East Conference. In addition to a 1st Place Conference finish, the Comets finished

3rd in the Oregon Thanksgiving Tournament, 1st in the Forrester Holiday Tournament and 1st in the Erie Warkins Holiday Tournament. The Comets won their 6th Regional Championship in the last 8 years and finished in the 2A Sweet 16.

Stand out performances were rewarded as follows: Devon House was voted 1st Team Associate Press All-State, 1st Team Illinois Basketball Coaches Association All-State,

Sauk Valley Media Player of the Year, 1st Team Unanimous All-Conference, Oregon Thanksgiving Tournament, Forrester Holiday All Tournament and MVP Erie Warkins Holiday Tournament. Marcus Williams was voted 2nd Team All-Conference and Sauk Valley Media All Area. Jake Terveer, Brycen Bartel and Ethan Behrens were voted Honorable Mention All-Conference and Sauk Valley Media All—Area .



Girls Basketball

The Lady Comets had their best record in 9 years with an 18-12 performance. They took 2nd in a closely contested game to Eastland, the 3rd ranked team in the state at the time, in the Championship game of the Polo Tournament.

A first place finish was earned by the ladies in pool play at the

Dixon Christmas Tournament.

The Lady Comets season ended with a loss to Stockton in the Regional Championship game.

Special recognition was awarded to the following athletes:

M.V.P.—Jenna Johnson and Madison Craft

Defensive Award—Alejandra Padilla

Hustle Award— Savannah Skinner

Blocked Shot Award-Chloe Klein

6th Player Award-Josie Rank



Boys Swimming



L to R: Gabe Fiorini, Jacob Rude, Antonio Gassman and Rhett Oetting

The Newman High School Boys Swim Team consisted of four swimmers this season. Coach Ryan Oetting reports that all of them worked very hard. They were led by Senior Jacob Rude and Junior Gabe Fiorini. Underclassmen Antonio Gassman, Sophomore and Rhett Oetting, Freshman, rounded out the team. The boys improved all year long and had a lot of fun.

The relay team of Rude Fiorini and Oetting finished in 6th place as well as scored team points at the Rockford Auburn Varsity Relays. The swimmers finished their season by competing at the Sectional Meet in Byron and although no one advanced on to state the boys did a fine job of representing Newman Central Catholic High School in a positive light.

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Basketball Cheer

The Basketball Cheer had a fun season. Coaches Annette Velasquez and Amber Bianchi shared the following recap; We started out with a few new cheerleaders that have never cheered before but as the season went along they improved a lot. We performed only 2 half-time dances due to the weather cancellations this winter. In these dance performances, they did flip stunts, big pyramid stunts and

tumbling. They also did big basket tosses in the air. They perform our Loyalty School Fight Song before every home game. The post season was exciting as the cheerleaders really got the student section to step it up. The student section responded to many crowd cheers, dances and different themes for each post season game. Our very own cheerleaders, Mattea Bianchi and Sierra Williams sang the Na-

tional Anthem at every home game. It was an awesome season! Let's Go Blue!



Footloose the Musical

The cast and crew of the Spring Musical put on quite a show with Footloose the Musical under the Direction of Heather Hartzell and Mitch Lauer. The musical is a

wonderful way for our students to be able to work together along with parent volunteers to entertain audiences while building character

and enhancing educational experiences.



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Girls Softball



2019 Lady Comets Varsity Softball Team

Coach JD Waldschmidt writes "What a great season! Things started out a little slow, Mother Nature did not want to cooperate with our schedule, and we were a little slow out of the gate. But once the weather improved, so did we. The seniors did an outstanding job being leaders and getting the reset of the program accustomed to how we do things. This year's team finished 2nd in Conference and

was the second team in the school's history to win a Sectional Title (2015 —4th Place State.) Playing in the Super-Sectional is something this group will never forget." All-Conference teams this season included; 1st Team—Madison Craft, Elle Koerner and Jenna Johnson. 2nd Team—Hailey Frank, Jordan Morthland, Mattea Bianchi and Maggie Oswalt. Honorable Mention went to Josie Rank. Representing the Lady Comets on

ICA All-State Teams were; 2nd Team— Maddison Craft who is a 4 time All-Stater and Jenna Johnson. 3rd Team— Hailey Frank, a 2 time All-Stater and Elle Koerner.



2019 Lady Comets Fresh/Soph Softball Team

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Boys Baseball

Coach Dan Crawford reports that the Comets Baseball Team finished up the season with a record of 16-7 and advancing to the Sweet 16 for only the 2nd time in school history. The previous Sweet 16 achievement was in 1994. The Comets won the Eastland Class A Regional Championship game by defeating Eastland 9-4 and advanced to the Lena Class A Sectional where New-

man defeated Dakota 5-2 before losing to Hanover River Ridge 4-2 in the Sectional Championship. Individual performances include: Drew Ackman was 7-1 as a pitcher. Luke Olson was Unanimous 1st Team All-Conference for the 2nd year in a row. Chase Graham and Brycen Bartel were 2nd Team All-Conference. Luke Olson and Ethan Behrens signed to

play baseball at Sauk Valley Community College.



2019 Varsity Boys Baseball Team

Boys Tennis



L-R: Kyle Tunink, Jonathan Rhodes, Brady Moran, Isaac Blaney, Marvel Zhang, Jake Terveer

Coach Frannie Jacobs recaps the Boys Tennis season as follows: We had a few rain outs, few reschedules, and some straight up cancellations but luckily Mother Nature was kind enough to allow the 22 Comets some playing time on the outdoor courts this spring. The boys finished the 2019 tennis season with an overall

record 7-9. The team took 2nd place at three Saturday Invites-Camanche, Freeport & Mendota and then finished with a great showing at Sectionals. They more than doubled their points from last year. Prior year was 6 points. This year the team scored 14 points at Sectionals placing them 4th. Playing at Sectionals for the Comets were Jonathan Rhodes

(Singles), Brady Moran (Singles), Isaac Blaney/Jake Terveer (doubles) & Kyle Tunink/Marvel Zhang (doubles). Blaney/Terveer took 2nd place at Sectionals qualifying the duo for their first state berth. Blaney/Terveer have been doubles partners since their freshman year. The duo finished their senior year going 2-2 at the state tournament.

Girls Track

Coach Brandon Kreczmer, also known as Coach K, had the following to say about the girls track season. The 2019 Girls Track team build off of successes from last year



to continue their achievements this season. Joining the ranks were several Freshmen who were ready to make their mark on the program. They did not disappoint!

Throughout the season the ladies trained hard and were rewarded with several new personal records. The season concluded with a trip to state for two athletes. Kiley Sanders in long jump and Karlie Hey in 1600 and 3200. Both ladies represented the team well at the state level. As always, the ladies have

proven themselves not only on the track and field but also in the classroom, truly exemplifying the title of student athlete. With the close of the season we sadly say goodbye to our seniors, Maddy Jacobs and Bree Rosengren. These ladies have proven themselves as role models and leaders to the team and underclassmen, for that we cannot thank them enough. We look forward to building on our strengths and are eager to return for another season of success.



Coach Kreczmer with state qualifiers Kiley Sanders and Karlie Hey.

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Boys Track

The boys Track Team had another successful season. They finished 3rd at the Rock Falls Invite, and 5th out of 24 teams at the Oregon Invitational. Three individuals qualified for the State Meet.

Spencer Mauch in the 1600 and 3200, Shay Hafner in the 3200 and



Connor McBride in the 100 and 200. Shay placed 5th in the 3200 and Connor placed 8th in the 200. Spencer ran a personal best in the 1600 and just missed making the finals. Everyone on the team improved on their performances throughout the season. The year ended with

having to say goodbye to our two seniors Shay and Spencer. MVP went to both Connor McBride and Spencer Mauch. Most Improved was awarded to Antonio Gassman and the Rosenberry 3D award for Desire, Dedication and Determination went to Spencer Mauch.



Bass Fishing

The Newman Bass fishing team coached by Dave Noble had 6 members; Jacob Donald, Connor Simpson, Jacob Kolb, Kory Mullen, Lauryn Nardini and Sarah Tunink. Two of the anglers went on to

compete in the IHSA State competition. Jacob Donald on the Left and Connor Simpson pictured on the right finished a great season and two day State run in 6th place.



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In Memorial

Theresa E. Smith, 89, of Rock Falls died Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Rock River Hospice Home. She was born on December 14, 1929 in Arlington, IL the daughter of Joseph R. and Ferrier M.(Urban) Smith. She had taught at St. Andrew Catholic School and Newman Central Catholic High School where she served as their Development Director. Memorials to the Theresa Smith Educational Memorial Scholarship at Newman Central Catholic High School or Rock River Hospice and Home.

Mary A. Dieterle, age 92, of Sterling died Monday, March 4, 2019 at CGH Medical Center in Sterling. Mary was born May 19, 1926 in Sterling the daughter of Charles and Lucile (Bartel) Vogelsang. She graduated from Community High School in 1944 and was also a 1947 graduate of St. Anthony Nursing School in Rockford. She married Aloysius J. Dieterle on November 29, 1947

at Sacred Heart Church in Sterling. They farmed 2 ½ years north of Sterling then moved to Sterling. Mary was an active member of Sacred Heart Church where she was a Eucharistic Minister, assisted with cleaning, Meals on Wheels, food for funerals, Catholic Charity Board, and was a member of the church council. As an RN, she worked at CGH Medical Center, Colonial Acres Nursing Home, was a private duty nurse and also worked with children in need. Survivors include her husband, Al Dieterle of Sterling; six daughters, Cheryl Gardner of Sterling, Carol (Gary) Bardin of Morris, Okla., Mary (John) Rahm of Versailles, Ohio, Donna (Gary) Robbins of Adkins, Texas; Helen (Frank) Kappmeyer of San Antonio, Texas and Julia (Charley) Kashou of Mequon, Wis.; three sons, William (Norma) Dieterle of San Antonio, Texas, Daryl Dieterle of Sterling and Aloysius (Rebecca) Dieterle of Sterling; eighteen grandchildren; and 31 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Kathleen Dieterle. Memorials in

honor of Mary have been established to Sacred Heart Church, Newman Central Catholic High School and Home of Hope.

Marion M. Passini, 87, of Sterling Illinois, died on March 26, 2019 peacefully at home surrounded by family. He was born June 3rd, 1931, in Spring Valley, Illinois, the son of Mario and Lena (Borrelli) Passini. He was active with Newman Catholic High School and served as President of the School Board for 10 years. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Bernice Passini of Sterling; two daughters, Susan (Arlen) Gattis of Midland, Michigan. Paula (Jeff) Lamberth of Houston, Texas, Three sons, Greg (Cameo) Passini of Sheridan, Wyoming, Barry (Nancy) Passini of Wausau, Wisconsin and Martin (Paula) Passini of Rock Falls, Illinois. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bud Passini Memorial Scholarship at Newman High School or Rock River Hospice and Home.

Class Notes

This section of Newman News contains notes by Class. Please submit notes and information about reunions, anniversaries, births, deaths, career moves, retirements and any information you would like to share with our Newman Family! You may email this information to: development@Newmancchs.org Please use Class Notes and the graduation year in the subject line.

1952

Shirley J. Berge passed away on September 26, 2018.

James Daniel Harrison passed away peacefully at Presence St. Anne Center on March 16, 2019 at the age of 85.

1959

The Class of 1959 will hold it's **60 Year Reunion** on Saturday, June 22, 2019 beginning at 11:00 a.m. Festivities begin at Msgr. Jerry Kobbeman's residence, 12795 Edgewater Pointe, Winnebago, IL 61088, and will last for about 1 1/2 hours with drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Then will continue at Pat Powers residence, 12797 Bayside Point, Winnebago, IL 61088, one block away from Jerry's. Transportation will be provided between residences or anyone can walk along the lake from Jerry's to Pats. Pat and Jan Mohr will provide the meal but anyone can donate a few dollars to curtail expenses for Pat and

Jan. For more information contact; Sharon Mckenna (815) 815-625-8053 or Bob Meyer (home) 815-716-8994 or (cell) 702-528-3949 If anyone needs directions from Sterling, Rock Falls or Dixon please contact Bob Meyer.

1964

The Class of 1964 will hold their **55th Reunion** on September 13th & 14th, 2019. Friday night the classmates should meet at Nick's Tap in Rock Falls. Saturday's festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel in Sterling.

1967

Michael Cunniff passed away November 6, 2017 at Good Samaritan in Prophetstown, Illinois.

1969

The Class of 1969 will hold their **50 Year Reunion** Friday July 26th and Saturday July 27th, 2019. Friday July 26th @ 6pm Champs Banquet Room, Appetizers and Buffet Dinner with Entertainment by Tim Possley. \$25.00 per person. Saturday 6/27 -call Greg Thome for golf (815)-499-5129. Saturday evening July 27 Mass at Sacred Heart 5:30pm with festivities following @ Greg Thome's house, more food and entertainment. RSVP and payment to Sue McDonnell Olson 1112 Crestview Road Sterling 61081.

1973

Michael Dale Huebsch passed away April 1, 2019 at his home.

1974

Mark Wiker passed away peacefully on August 20, 2018, at Vero Beach Hospice.

1979

The Class of 1979 Reunion is tentatively scheduled for October 11th, 12th and 13th. Details will be posted on the Alumni Web page.

2015

Rachel Heiderscheit and **James Nelson** graduated from Loras College on May 19, 2019.



2021

Trevor Dreissens, was featured in the Paint Horse Journal May/June 2019 issue as #2 in the YOUTH SIX PAC TOP FIVE for 2018. Trevor trains with his horse It's SimpleShezAwsum.





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