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NEWMAN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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Newman is a Rockford Diocesan Central Catholic High School. As such, it is an educational institution with its own Articles of Civil Incorporation in the State of Illinois and is under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese of Rockford. In the United States, there are three forms of governance for Catholic High Schools – private, parochial and diocesan. Private schools typically are schools operated by religious orders of priests, brothers or sisters. Parochial schools normally are operated by a single parish or two or three parishes. Diocesan schools are operated by a diocese and are directly under the authority of the Bishop of the Diocese. Newman is a cooperative venture of nineteen Catholic parishes located in the Whiteside, Ogle and Lee Counties. These nineteen parishes are each assessed a percent of their income to help support Newman Central Catholic High School. Newman in conjunction with the nineteen Catholic parishes accept this economic burden to provide youth with a faith based education that will prepare them for participation in the Church and the world.

The educational policy making body for the Rockford Diocese is the Diocesan Education Commission. This body has representative members from all areas of the diocese and its policy determinations are applicable to all elementary and secondary schools. The local policy making body for Newman is Newman's Council of Administration. The Council membership consists of representative pastors and lay persons from each of the nineteen participating parishes.

Newman's beginnings started when Monsignor A. J. Burns founded a high school in 1915 on the St. Mary's Parish campus known initially as St. Mary's High School and then Catholic Community High School before the present name of Newman Central Catholic High School. In 1959, Newman was constructed and dedicated by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Loras T. Lane, Bishop of Rockford. In 1960, the student body from Catholic Community High School moved to the new structure known as Newman. The school and convent were built on the 30-acre site. In the early years, the Sisters of Loretto, who served in this community for over 50 years, staffed Newman. Diocesan priests and lay teachers completed the staff.

INTRODUCTION

SCHOOL DATA

Type of School	Diocesan Co-educational Central Catholic High School Founded 1959
Location and	Whiteside County, Sterling, IL, Sterling Township, 73 rd Legislative District 16th Congressional District
Community	Residential and rural
Grades	9, 10, 11 and 12
Accreditation	North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
Recognition	Illinois State Board of Education, National Catholic Education Association
Grading Periods	Four 9 week quarters; two semesters per year
Passing Mark	“D” (70%)
Graduates	Over 99% continue their education at colleges or universities
School Colors	Royal blue, white and silver

Mission:

The mission of Newman Central Catholic High School is an extension of the teaching Mission of Christ and His Church. Newman provides its students with an education in the Catholic faith and offers a secular education within the context of that faith. Within the academic curriculum, there is an emphasis on oral and written communication in math, science, social studies and humanities. Newman strives to develop students spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically. This is facilitated in an environment of faith and Christian service in the Church and society.

Philosophy:

Newman Central Catholic High School is a traditional institution serving students from ninth through twelfth grades in the Sterling Deanery. As a community, we profess faith in Jesus Christ, Our Savior, "...the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE." Our existence is founded on the Gospel imperative; "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Our purpose is to motivate students through knowledge to embody this command of Jesus Christ.

In accordance with the Roman Catholic Church, we continue the teachings of Jesus Christ as a community in an academic setting. Being Christian in nature, we support each student's spiritual, social, moral, emotional, physical and psychological development. As educators, we encourage what will dignify mankind and aid in the process of salvation.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Superintendent/Principal: The Superintendent/Principal serves as the Chief Executive Officer in a role of leadership and service to the total high school community and is responsible with the Council of Administration for the direction of the institution's policies and finances. In addition, the Superintendent/Principal is responsible for all areas regarding maintenance of the plant and grounds and its upkeep and development, the alumni and development programs as well as the recruitment and public relations programs of the school.

The Superintendent/Principal is responsible for all spiritual matters at Newman Central Catholic High School. The Superintendent/Principal serves the pastoral needs of all members of the Newman community and is responsible for all liturgical functions.

The Superintendent/Principal also serves as the Chief Executive Officer of all academic and student activity programs. He provides leadership and is responsible for directing all areas relating to the instructional program. All certified personnel are responsible to the Superintendent/Principal.

Dean of Students: The Dean of Students is the chief disciplinarian of the school. In addition, the Dean of Students is responsible for attendance.

Co-Curricular Moderator: The Co-curricular Moderator is responsible for maintaining and communicating the activity calendar as well as directing, organizing and coordinating all student and school co-curricular activities.

Development Director: The Development Director is responsible for development and alumni activities including fund raising campaigns, donor records, promotional materials, public

relations, parent support groups, alumni communications and records, the alumni association and the like. The Development Office is located three doors west of the Main Office of the school.

Athletic Director: The Athletic Director is responsible for all matters pertaining to the athletic program including scheduling of contests, ordering and maintaining an inventory of all equipment and supplies and arranging transportation for all athletic contests. The Athletic Director is responsible for the Athletic Handbooks. The A.D. Office is located in the Athletic Facility.

Guidance Director: The Guidance Director is responsible for all matters pertaining to guidance and counseling. The Guidance Director is also responsible for building the master schedule, class needs, make-up credits, producing grade reports and maintaining the school's grading system. The Guidance Director is located in the Guidance Office on the first floor across from the Development Office on the southwest side of the hallway.

SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS 7:30 AM to 3:30PM

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Students are eligible to be admitted to Newman Catholic upon successful completion of eighth grade in an accredited school, provided they meet the eligibility requirements for enrollment.

Students who have been educated in Home Study or in a non-accredited school must be fourteen (14) years of age by September 1 in order to be considered for admission to Newman. For such students, eligibility will be based upon an assessment of a student's readiness, (achievement, admission test results, social maturity, etc.).

A student who wishes to transfer to Newman Catholic from a local high school should submit an official transcript of completed academic work to the Principal. After a scheduled interview with the student and the parents, the Principal will determine whether the student will be accepted. Students of Junior or Senior standing are not usually admitted to transfer to Newman unless they are moving into the area. A student will only be granted acceptance into Newman if he or she is under the legal jurisdiction of a parent or guardian. The Diocesan Education Commission policy states, " 'married students' are not permitted to enroll or continue enrollment in Diocesan schools."

RE – ADMISSION POLICY

A student who has left Newman and wishes to return must apply for re-admission. The student's academic, attendance and disciplinary records will be carefully examined in determining if a student will be re-admitted.

NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

Newman Central Catholic High School admits students of any race, gender, color, creed, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at Newman. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin in administration of education, admission, scholarship, loan and athletic policies or any other school sponsored programs.

PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION POLICY

At the start of a given school year, no freshman or transfer student will be issued a schedule, be allowed to attend school or take part in athletic practice sessions until the official Illinois Health Examination form has been turned in to the school office completely filled out, signed, dated and indicating that the student is fully protected and in compliance with all required immunizations.

TRANSCRIPTS

To request an official transcript or unofficial transcript, a student should obtain a transcript request form from the Registrar or the Guidance Office and complete the form by supplying the appropriate information. There is no fee for students enrolled at Newman. To obtain a subsequent transcript(s) attach a \$5.00 fee for each transcript requested and return both to the registrar. Colleges require official transcripts be mailed directly from the school (usually along

with the application). A student's transcript will not be issued to an employer, another high school, a college or trade school until all financial obligations to Newman have been satisfied. Likewise, an unofficial transcript will not be issued to the parent or student until all financial obligations have been met. Grades and credits earned in summer classes taken at other schools are typed on the transcript records, but are not calculated in the student's grade point average. Additional report card copies may be purchased for a \$2.00 fee.

GOOD STUDENT DRIVING APPLICATIONS

Some insurance companies give a reduced insurance premium for students who maintain a particular grade point average. Students who have obtained these applications from their insurance agents should complete the form and submit it to the Registrar in the Main Office. If the student is eligible, according to the guidelines set by the insurance company, the form will be completed and signed by the Registrar.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Driver Education is a ½ credit program at Newman. Students may take the classroom learning as well as the driving practice at Newman. The cost of the program at Newman is \$125.00 plus the price of the license permit. The course may also be taken during the summer at a public high school or during the year through a private driving school. Newman will recognize both.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency information is to be provided on the Registration Form sent each year. The school needs an accurate record of parent's home, cell and work phone numbers and phone numbers of two adults who will serve as "emergency persons" in the absence of the parents. The form is also to include any medical condition that might affect your child's education. During the school year, any changes that occur to the information must be reported to the school's Dean of Students immediately. (815-625-0500, ext. 20).

ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE CHANGES

To insure accuracy in mailings and to receive school communications in a timely manner, parents need to inform the school office of any change in a mailing address or telephone number. This information should also be reported to the school's Guidance Secretary. (815-625-0500, ext. 19).

TELEPHONE

Students may not use the phones in the offices or teacher's lounge. Only emergency messages will be relayed to students. Students will not be called to the office to answer telephone calls personally. If there is an emergency, office personnel will make the phone call.

LOST AND FOUND

“Lost and Found” is located in the Main Office. Any article found by students or staff members should be turned in to the Main Office. The lost article may be claimed by description or identification. Lost items should be reported to the Main Office.

WORK PERMITS

The State of Illinois has established the following requirements for minors seeking employment:

1. Students over 16 years of age must present a statement from their employer stating the type of work for which they are employed.
2. Students under 16 years old must present a statement from their employer stating the type of work and the hours they will be working, a doctor’s statement indicating they are physically fit and a statement from their parents giving them permission to work.

These certificates should be brought to the school office where the work permits are issued. No student under the age of 14 may receive a work permit.

EXIT PROCEDURES

Before transcripts and records will be released, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

1. A completed exit form must be filled out and filed in the main office.
2. Bring all outstanding accounts up to date. Please note: student registration fees are not refundable. Once a student has completed two weeks of a quarter’s work, he or she will be responsible for the entire quarter’s tuition.
3. Clean out hall and physical education lockers and remove student locks.
4. Return all loaned athletic equipment and uniforms.
5. Return loaned books and classroom supplies that belong to the school.

SCHOOL WEB SITE: www.newmancchs.org

The school web site contains detailed information about the school; information is posted about school activities, lunch menus, etc. Please use our web site to stay informed about the numerous activities going at Newman Central Catholic High School.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The celebration of the Holy Mass is central to the Catholic faith. Mass is celebrated daily at 7:00 AM in the Newman Chapel for anyone wishing to attend. All School Masses are celebrated regularly. Respectful and attentive participation is mandatory for all faculty and students.

RECOLLECTIONS OR RETREATS

Recollections or retreats are scheduled for students each year. Participation in these spiritual activities each year is a Newman High School requirement for graduation. However, a student may be exempt from retreat or a recollection with permission of the Superintendent/Principal.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a parish event in the Rockford Diocese. Newman supports the expectation of the Diocese of Rockford and the parishes of the Sterling Deanery regarding sacramental preparation.

TUITION RATES FOR 2010 – 2011

Student(s)	Participating Parish	Description	Non-Participating
ONE	\$3,800.00	STANDARD	\$5,300.00
TWO	\$6,600.00	REDUCTION	\$9,100.00
THREE	\$7,900.00	REDUCTION	\$11,300.00

Newman has two tuition rates – the **standard** rate and a lower **participating** parish rate. The **standard** tuition rate budgeted is determined in relation with the cost of education per pupil. The **participating** parish rate is a lower rate offered to practicing Catholics from one of the Sterling Deanery parishes.

To receive the **participating** rate, the Pastor must certify a parishioner is **participating**. Certification criteria include:

- A) A family is active in their parish
- B) The family is registered at the **participating** parish
- C) The student and members of the family participate in parish stewardship through consistent attendance at Sunday Mass at the participating parish;
- D) Contributes to the **participating** parish in a discernable way (use of envelopes and active involvement in parish activities)
- E) Pastors validate their parishioners via a list provided to them. If there is a discrepancy in your status at the parish, please consult your pastor to rectify the matter.

TUITION PAYMENT FOR 2010 - 2011

Newman’s Council of Administration determined the following tuition options for the 2010 – 2011 academic school year.

1. Families who prepay their entire tuition by June 25, 2010 will receive a 5% discount in their tuition charge.
2. After June 25, 2010, families must choose a quarterly, monthly, semester or 10 month payment plan. In each of the payment plans, a minimum of one-half of the tuition must be paid prior to the first semester exam dates in December and tuition must be paid in full before final exams dates in May. After two weeks of a quarter are completed, the full quarter’s tuition is required.
3. Families may opt to contract with the school to make their payments by automatic bank transfer from a family account to the school’s account. Doing so will result in a 2% discount

in the tuition charge in the last monthly payment in May, providing all other payments are received by the school in accord with the contract.

TUITION & EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT CONTRACT

All parents are required to sign a tuition contract and turn it in to the Bookkeeper at the time of Registration. Families identify on the contract the tuition payment plan they will follow for the school year.

TUITION/FEES PAYMENT POLICY

No student will be allowed to take final exams unless tuition and fees for the first and second semesters are current or some financial arrangement has been made with the principal. Report cards, transcripts and all other official school records will not be released for students of families whose accounts are in arrears at the end of a semester.

PAYMENT

If making payments for tuition and other fees by check, please make your checks payable to Newman Central Catholic High School. Newman Central Catholic High School also accepts MasterCard and Visa. Payments should be delivered to the bookkeeper at the school address. Registration and course fees are non-refundable. The bookkeeper's office is open from 8:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. The bookkeeper is available to assist parents with questions regarding finances.

FEES AND OTHER COSTS

FEE	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	REASON
Registration	\$ 75.00	April 3	Scheduling, report cards,
Late Registration	\$175.00		
Bus	\$400.00	(2 way) Yearly	maintenance, driver
	\$250.00	(1 way)	
	\$ 40.00	Pass (Dixon)	\$2.00 a ride
Retreat	\$175.00 seniors	August	Spiritual Development
	\$ 45.00 others	August	
Art	\$ 50.00	August	Supplies
Science Lab	\$ 60.00	August	Supplies
Activity	\$125.00	August	Athletic Events, Locker
Driver's Ed.	\$125.00	August	Rental and instructor
Graduation	\$ 75.00	August	Cap/gown/diploma
Sat. Detention	\$ 10.00	Week Before	Supervision
Locks	\$ 7.00	At Purchase	Security
Books	\$145.00	April 3	Class usage
	\$200.00	After Mar. 16 th	
Yearbook	\$ 55.00	August	Optional
Explore Test	\$ 25.00	August	Freshmen
PLAN Test	\$ 25.00	August	Sophomore
Service	\$1500.00	School Year	Buy out

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Those needing to apply for tuition aid must fulfill these requirements:

1. **Class Registration** must be completed and paid
2. Your **Education Investment** form must be completed
3. **School Registration** forms must be completed
4. Parent must complete Tuition Aid form and submit to address on Form with required fee.
5. When the Tuition Aid form is completed, evaluated and returned, each applicant will be informed as to the financial aid received.
6. The deadline for financial aid application is April 1st
7. The amount of aid is limited, please file early
8. Each applicant for financial aid **must also complete a Scholarship application**

ACADEMICS

The Curriculum guide explains the educational program offered at Newman Central Catholic High School. Newman shares with parents and parishes the teaching mission of the Catholic Church in the Sterling Deanery. In light of Gospel values and Catholic beliefs, Newman encourages students to pursue excellence through available curricular opportunities.

SCHEDULE PLANNING

Participation of concerned parents, students and school staff is crucial to student success in selecting appropriate courses. When parents take a pro-active role in helping their child make good curriculum choices, they share with the school's staff in the responsibility of directing students towards satisfying their needs. The more informed students become, the better they will be enabled to make decisions about their futures.

Newman's Guidance Department and Administrators will assist students in making appropriate class schedule choices. When planning a program, please note there are courses in the curriculum designed for specific levels of instruction and some demand certain backgrounds in order to perform at an expected level.

Parents and students should keep a record of the number of credits a student has already earned. The semester report card indicates the number of cumulative credits the student has earned. Each student is responsible for scheduling arrangements to make up failed required courses. The students' program should include those courses necessary to meet graduation requirements (29 credits) and post-high career plans.

TIME SCHEDULE

The educational schedule for the school is on an eight block system. Eight courses are offered each semester. These eight courses are broken up into an A Day and a B Day. Each day contains four of the eight courses which alternate day to day. Each class is 82 minutes in length. Each day contains a homeroom, which lasts for half an hour.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Newman offers A.P. U.S. History. Also offered is **Ill. Virtual High School (IVHS)** as a service to help schools expand AP offerings using the Internet. This service is being developed in close cooperation with the College Board and features innovative technology and 150 hours of course work designed to challenge and engage students while preparing them for the AP exams. **IVHS Online Learning** course offerings may be obtained from the Guidance Office. A student may

also apply for an **IVHS** course in the Guidance Office. There is an additional cost to take any **IVHS** classes.

GRADE WEIGHTING

All courses are on a value scale for weighting. The current weighting is as follows: Regular

A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0. T.A.P.: A .50 will be added to grades ranging from A+ to C-.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Students, who need to make up credit, can take correspondence courses for the most part. No more than two credits of correspondence work will be counted toward graduation. The Guidance Director must approve all correspondence courses prior to enrolling,

GRADE CLASSIFICATION

A student must have 7 credits for sophomore standing; 14 credits for junior standing; and 21 credits for senior standing. Since 29 credits are required to graduate, it is recommended that students attain 8 credits per year to fulfill graduation requirements.

COURSE CHANGES

After the official registration in March, final decisions will be made as to the number of sections needed for courses as well as adding or reducing staff. The Administration makes decisions at this time, so they can locate and hire the most qualified individuals for the upcoming school year. Sometimes because of student enrollment patterns, the student's original course selections may need to be altered and new course selections made. Because scheduling information and staff needs are based on the student's original registration, we discourage students from adding or dropping courses. However, a student who wishes to drop or add a class after registration must contact the Guidance Department. After obtaining permission of the Guidance Director and/or Superintendent/Principal a course may be dropped or added.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CREDITS

Newman requires twenty-nine (29) credits for graduation;

REQUIRED COURSES

CREDITS

English	4
Writing Skills	.5
Speech	.5
Foreign Language/Art/Music	2
Mathematics	3

Physical Education (incl. Health)	1
Drivers Ed. (Classroom)	.5
Religious Studies	4
Science (incl. Biology)	3
Social Studies	
World History	1
American History	1
American Government	.5
Social Study Elective	.5
Business	
Intro to Business	.5
Electives	7

All required courses must be taken at Newman Central Catholic High School. The minimum course load for each student, each semester, is eight (8) credits. Elective courses may be taken in an approved summer school program. All students must complete a minimum of seven (7) credits per year. Failures in required courses may be repeated in an approved summer program. Failures in elective courses may necessitate the student making up the deficient credits in an approved summer program. A student lacking these requirements will be placed on academic probation and may not be allowed to continue their education at Newman Central Catholic H. S. Students may earn only two credits toward graduation through correspondence courses.

COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS

Appropriate academic preparation for college-level studies is important. Students who enter with a strong college preparatory curriculum have a better chance to succeed academically and are more likely to be admitted to the programs of their choice. Most colleges and universities have set these minimum high school requirements for the admission of freshmen to public universities:

- 4 credits of English
- 3 or 4 credits of Mathematics
- 3 or 4 credits of Laboratory Sciences
- 3 credits of Social Studies
- 2 or 3 credits of the same Foreign Language

TALENTED ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Talented Academics Program (T.A.P.) is a series of academic courses that provide a weighted grading procedure for upper level classes in the areas of Science, Mathematics, Foreign Language and English. Students participating in these courses receive an enhanced grade of 1/2 a point except for a grade of D. T.A.P. classes are primarily available to juniors and seniors. The purpose of this program is to encourage students to enroll in demanding academic courses without putting their grade point or class rank at a serious disadvantage. The faculty and/or Superintendent/Principal determine admission to or withdrawing from T.A.P. courses.

T.A.P. CLASSES

The following course study is calculated as a TAP class: Anatomy, Chemistry II, Physics, T.A.P. English III, IV, Algebra III/Trig/ Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and Spanish III, IV.

TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Teacher Assistants aid teachers in their respective courses. The independent studies course is intended to give students a firsthand experience and insight into the educational process. A student can only become a teacher assistant with the approval of the teacher and the Administration. The teacher's assistant elective is worth ½ a credit.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is a group of selected students who display the qualities of leadership, scholarship, character and service. By improving the environment of the school as a whole, the Society achieves its ultimate goal, the virtuous development of its members. The election procedure is as follows: Juniors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and seniors with a cumulative average of 3.50 receive letters inviting them to apply for membership by listing their qualifications in the areas of character, leadership and service. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics and cooperation with both students and faculty. Leadership is demonstrated by positive behavior in the classroom and during school activities. Such activities are intended to inspire an active contribution to the improvement of the Christian and civic life of the school. To meet the service requirements, candidates must have been active in service projects in both the school and the community. Filing N.H.S applications is completely optional. National Honor Society membership is both an honor and a responsibility. Students selected are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, character and service by which they were selected. A chosen five-member committee determines membership in the National Honor Society.

GRADING PROCEDURES

Grade reports can be found on Ed-line. Each grading period will count 40% of the final grade for each semester. The final semester exam may not exceed 20% of the final grade. For a student to pass a course she/he must pass two of the three segments that make up the semester grade.

LETTER	PERCENTAGE	4-POINT	WEIGHTED GRADE*
A+	100 – 99	4.25	4.75
A	98 – 95	4.00	4.50
A -	94 – 93	3.75	4.25
B +	92 – 91	3.25	3.75
B	90 – 87	3.00	3.50
B -	86 – 85	2.75	3.25
C+	84 – 83	2.25	2.75
C	82 – 79	2.00	2.50
C -	78 – 77	1.75	2.25
D +	76 – 75	1.00	1.00
D	74 – 72	1.00	1.00
D -	71 – 70	1.00	1.00

F

69 – BELOW

0.00

0.00

*Weighted grades are given for TAP and AP courses.

HOMEWORK

Short – term absences: If a student is too ill to attend school, Newman prefers the student spend time recuperating and resume regular school work when he or she returns to school. Therefore, the office usually does not provide homework assignments.

Long – term absences: For absences of two days or more, parents may request the teacher to provide assignments through the Attendance Office. It is also helpful for a classmate or sibling to obtain homework assignments from teachers.

Make – up work: Students who are absent from classes are required to make up work missed in each class. **It is the student’s responsibility to make arrangements with teachers or other students to obtain all make-up work.** Make-up tests are taken at times other than the regular class session so students do not miss another class period. **Students who have permission to leave on a vacation, college visit, athletic event, field trip, funeral or other pre-arranged absence are obligated to obtain their assignments before their departure.**

SEMESTER EXAMS

All courses at Newman Catholic High School require a semester examination in written or oral form. These exams are required for all students.

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

The Honor Roll will be published at the end of each grading period. High Honors is 3.75 and above and Honors is 3.74 to 3.00. No students may be placed on the Honor Roll if a grade of D, F or an Incomplete has been received. I, D or F in Physical Education can affect Honor Roll status.

GRADUATION PARTICIPATION

Participation in the Baccalaureate/Graduation ceremony is reserved for those seniors who have completed the academic and other graduation requirements of the school. Students who have not met these requirements due to course failures, incomplete work, outstanding tuition/financial obligations, disciplinary issues, etc. may not be allowed to participate.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

A student whose credits fall below the required number of credits because of multiple failures in a given semester may be placed on academic probation. Students demonstrating an inability to adequately progress towards graduation may be dismissed.

COURSE SYLLABI AND OUTLINES

During the first week of classes, each student will receive a course outline and syllabus for each of his or her classes listing the procedures and requirements and stating the course objectives and the evaluation measures used to determine the student’s grade. Students should retain these syllabi and outlines for the duration of the course.

EDLINE

Edline publishes grades, attendance and homework. Edline also allows for interactive communication between parents, students, teachers and school administration. Any problems with Edline, please contact the Dean of Students.

GRADING PHILOSOPHY

Grades are an evaluation of what the student has learned, reflecting both on the mastery of the course objectives and the total effort and enthusiasm expended by the student in this process. In accordance with the concepts of motivation and reinforcement as well as in cooperation with the Illinois Board of Education, Newman requires a letter grade evaluation for each class. Grades are a part of the student's transcript and are important for entrance into institutions of higher learning and to potential employers. We at Newman Central Catholic High School only keep a student's records; students achieve their grades.

CHEATING

One of the most important aspects of classroom procedures is the integrity of each student's own work. Looking at someone else's answer sheet, plagiarism or giving or receiving inappropriate assistance are examples of cheating. If a student is found cheating or assisting another on a test or assignment he or she will receive an "F" for that work and a Saturday Detention will be assigned. Subsequently, the teacher will notify the parents about the cheating incident.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parents may request a parent/teacher conference whenever the need arises. At the end of the first quarter, after report cards have been distributed, days have been set aside for parents to schedule a conference. The Main Office Secretary will help you schedule those conferences. Any message to a particular teacher may be left on their voice mail or e-mail.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are issued each quarter. Only the semester grades are recorded on student's transcripts. If an error appears on a report card, the student is responsible for discussing the matter with the teacher who issued the grade. If an error is deemed made, the teacher will complete a grade change form and turn it into the Main Office. Information contained on the report card will become a part of the student's official record unless within ten (10) days the curriculum assistant is notified of the error.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

GPA is computed at the end of each semester. Course and grade values are used for GPA computations. Full year courses have a 1.0 course value. To compute the GPA, multiply the grade point value for each course by the course value. Then, divide the total grade point values by the total course values.

The cumulative grade point average is the sum of the total grade point values divided by the total course values. Only Newman authorized courses are included in the cumulative grade point average. It is the cumulative GPA, which is recorded on each student's transcript.

RANK

Class rank is based on the cumulative grade point average at the end of each semester on all classes taken at Newman whether passed or failed.

HONORS

The following awards and honors are presented at the annual Honor's Day Assembly:

Senior Scholars are honored in the following categories:

1. The Illinois State Scholarship Commission for achievement on the ACT Test designates Illinois State Scholars.
2. Senior members of the National Honor Society are awarded tassels.

National Merit Scholars are named in the following categories: commended students, semi-finalists and finalists. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation names its scholars based on achievements made on the PSAT/NMSQT Test taken during the junior year.

Newman Central Catholic High School Awards are granted in the following areas:

1. The Valedictorian Medal is awarded to the senior student ranking as number one after eight semesters. In the case of a tie in rank for this position, the student with the greater number of honor points will be the valedictorian. In case of a tie in honor points, the honor will be bestowed on both students.
2. The Salutatorian Medal is awarded to the senior student ranked number two after eight semesters. In case of a tie for this position, the student with the greater number of honor points will be the Salutatorian. In case of a tie in honor points, the honor will be bestowed on both students.
3. To be eligible for class valedictorian or salutatorian the student must have completed his or her entire junior and senior years at Newman Central Catholic High School and have a minimum of 29 credits.
4. Academic awards are awarded to the two students in the freshmen, sophomore and junior Classes who have maintained the highest academic average in each of their respective class years.
5. Students earn co-curricular awards whose participation and achievements have been noteworthy.
6. Individuals and teams who compete for Newman in conference events and national competitions and earn contest awards.

University Scholarships and Awards are granted to senior students based on criteria established by the particular university.

Special Scholarships and Awards are given by various clubs and organizations.

STUDENT SERVICES

Newman Central Catholic High School has high expectations for all students and provides a challenging course of studies with an emphasis on a core curriculum. Within this defined curriculum of regular and TAP courses, Newman strives to meet the needs of students.

A tutoring program is also available for students through the National Honor Society. Students may also obtain help from teachers before or after school by making an appointment with the individual teacher with whom they need help. To assess the NHS tutoring program, parents are to contact the NHS moderator. Although we respect the individuality and personal needs of each student, we do so within our curricular standards. Newman offers a challenging curriculum that provides students with opportunities to reach their educational goals. Ultimately, however, it is the student's responsibility to put forth the needed effort to achieve success in the school's program.

LIBRARY – RESOURCE CENTER

Students are encouraged to use the LRC for reference and research work. LRC hours are from 7:45 to 3:30. Most materials in the LRC circulate for a specific time period. The borrowing period is two weeks. Students will be issued an overdue notice if the material has not been returned on time. A fine will be assessed for overdue library materials. All library privileges will be revoked until fines are paid. Any lost or damaged materials must be replaced at the expense of the borrower. Students needing to use the LRC during study hall must procure a pass from the LRC Director before study hall and present it to the study hall teacher.

COMPUTER ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

To safeguard appropriate, ethical and legal use of the school's computer equipment, Newman has adopted a Computer Acceptable Use Policy which all families must sign and agree to prior to utilizing the school's equipment in the lab, the classrooms and the library.

STUDY/ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY PERIOD

Homeroom is intended to make available a time for students to study, get extra help in their studies or participate in organizational meetings and activities. Students otherwise should be in their assigned homeroom. The demeanor of homeroom should be conducive to an academic environment. Consequently, the following requirements need to be met:

All students must report to their assigned homeroom at the start of the period. Students are to remain quiet and seated in their desks until all the announcements have been read.

1. After announcements, only those students with passes or slated to go to organizational activities may leave.
2. Pre-arranged passes are necessary for going to math, the library, and choir
3. Five minutes after the beginning of homeroom, no one should be in the halls without an official pass.

ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Students becoming ill during the school day should report to the school's Dean of Students. The parents will be notified and appropriate procedures will follow.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

With the written parental permission (located on the back of the Family Registration Form), the Dean of Students will administer Tylenol. Parental authorization for special needs, including

prescribed medication, must be presented in writing to the Dean of Students. The required medication form must be completely filled out and on file before any medication can be distributed. Medication is to be brought to the Dean of Students. It should be in an appropriately labeled container with the student's name and required dosage. A student's safety necessitates accurate communication between home and school.

LOCKERS

Students are assigned lockers. Students may occupy only that locker assigned to them. Newman maintains the ownership of the lockers. Students are granted use of lockers according to the following regulations:

1. Only items such as clothing, school books or supplies relating to school use, lunches and personal items, which the student is legally entitled to have, are allowed in students' lockers.
2. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
3. Students must keep their hall and gym lockers locked. Only locks purchased from the school are to be used. Unauthorized locks will be removed from the lockers. Students will be issued a detention if a non-school lock is found on the locker.
4. The student is financially responsible for the replacement or repair cost if damage is done to the locker.
5. Students are to keep lockers in good order at all times. There are to be no markings on either the outside or inside of the lockers nor are any items to be permanently attached to the inside of the locker. Any locker decorations are to respect the academic and Christian nature of the school.
6. Lockers may have an organizational identifier. However, sports identifiers are to remain only during that sport season. Posters for individual event must be taken down immediately after the event is over.
7. Students are not to share their combination with anyone.
8. Beverages are not to be kept opened in the lockers.

INSPECTION POLICY

Individuals entering upon the premises of Newman High School – whether students, employees and guests – are expected to conduct themselves in keeping with established norms for personal conduct. To provide students and employees with a safe and health-filled environment, Newman reserves the right and discretion to conduct inspections of school property as well as the property of students and visitors on the school's premises. Included within this policy is the right to inspect:

1. Lockers
2. Knapsacks, briefcases, bags, gym bags or such devices brought onto school premises
3. Vehicles on school premises
4. Clothing (with appropriate safeguards for the individual's personal privacy)
5. Desks
6. Other property (whether school, student or visitor) on school premises

A student's failure to cooperate with such an inspection may lead to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

HALL POSTERS

Any posters, advertisements or other displays in the hallways and cafeteria must be of high quality and appropriate to the nature of Newman's philosophy and mission statements. Permission must be obtained from the Superintendent/Principal or the Dean of Students. Posters may only be displayed in designated areas for a certain time limit.

ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Cell phones, iPods and all electronic equipment are to be kept in a student's locker and turned off. No cell phones or electronic devices should be on a student or used from 7:55 am to 2:39 pm during a school day. All phone calls are to be made from the Attendance Office or the Main Office. Any confiscated cell phone or electronic device will be turned over to the Dean of Students and a \$15.00 fee must be paid before the item is returned to a parent/legal guardian of the student. A parent/legal guardian must claim the confiscated item in the Front Office.

AFTER SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Students are to leave the premises after the conclusion of the school day unless they are involved in a school sponsored and supervised activity, staying for additional academic assistance or waiting for a ride. Students are not to loiter in the hallways or other unsupervised areas after school. When waiting for rides, students are to wait at the designated exit for their ride.

WACC STUDENTS

When returning from WACC, students are to wait in the Cafeteria until the bell rings that ends the school day. Attendance at WACC is required whether Newman is in session or not.

STUDENT AUTOMOBILES

All students who drive automobiles and wish to park in the school parking lot must purchase a Newman parking permit. Permits must be **visible** through the rear windshield inside the vehicle. The front side of the permit must face outward in plain view of any person looking through the rear windshield. Students are to park only in the designated areas for parking. Violators will be subject to the following: 1st offense – \$20.00 fine; 2nd offense - \$25.00 fine and suspension of parking permit; 3rd offense - loss of parking permit.

1. Students' cars are to be parked in the marked spaces in the south parking lot. The circle drive is for faculty and visitors only.
2. Students are not to leave the grounds during the school day or enter cars without the permission of the Superintendent/Principal or the Dean of Students.
3. No student is to be in the parking lot except for arrival and departure during the school day or at night during any school activity.
4. Permits must be transferred if another vehicle is driven to school.

NEWMAN BUS

Newman operates buses for the purpose of transporting students to and from school. The bus route accommodates students from the Dixon & Oregon area. There is a charge for riding the Newman bus. For information regarding the Dixon & Oregon route's time and fees, please contact the bookkeeper.

1. The bus driver is in full charge of the bus and riders at all times and may make necessary rules for the safety and welfare of riders. Students, who ride the bus, are responsible to the bus driver.
2. Students are not to move about the bus while the bus is in motion
3. Students must not carry on unnecessary conversation with the bus driver.

4. Students are not allowed to throw waste paper on the floor of the bus or scratch the paint or mark the seats.
5. Students are not to extend their arms or heads out of bus windows.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Emergency school closings are announced on radio stations WSSQ – 94.3 FM; WSDR 1240 AM & 102 FM; WLLT – 107.7 FM; and WINX – 101.7 FM. School officials will notify these stations before 6:30 am in the event of a closing. Athletic contests and practices will be determined based on weather conditions.

DEAN OF STUDENTS INFORMATION

Attendance is part of the student's permanent school records and is recorded on their transcript. All absences are classified as excused or unexcused. Medical appointments, early dismissals and college visits are included in this regulation. A student who misses one to two class periods will be marked absent for a half day. A student who misses three or four class periods will be marked a full day absent.

ABSENCE – TYPES

EXCUSED: an absence with the consent of the school and the parents is considered an excused absence.

Examples:

1. Illness on the part of the student.
2. Serious illness or death in the immediate family.
3. Emergency medical or dental appointment (office should be notified by phone as soon as possible).
4. Special cases (trips, doctor, dentist, etc.) in which an excuse has been **secured in advance** of the absence.
5. Other absences are to be determined by the Dean of Students.

UNEXCUSED: an absence, which has the consent of the parents but not the school, is considered an unexcused absence. The Dean of Students assigns detentions for unexcused absences. In the event of unexcused absences/tardiness, students will be assigned a detention immediately unless a parental note is provided to the office within 24 hrs. Examples:

1. Trips not approved in advance by the Dean of Students.
2. Individual or group skipping school.
3. Over sleeping.
4. Gainful employment.
5. Hunting, fishing and other recreational pursuits other than approved vacation time.
6. Shopping.
7. Other absences to be determined by the Dean of Students.

TRUANCY: an absence without the consent of the school or parents is truancy. Leaving during the school day without the consent of the school is also truancy. Truants will serve an in-school suspension and the absence will be recorded as an unexcused absence. A second truancy will result in an in-school suspension and a Saturday detention. A third truancy will necessitate going before the Board of Discipline.

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

PHONE CALL: when a student is going to be absent, the parent must report the absence by calling the school prior to 8:30 am. Parents must call every day the student is absent, even when the illness continues for more than one day.

ABSENCES – HOMEWORK: please refer to page 15.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCE

Once a student has accumulated seven absences from any single class, the student will be required to sign an ATTENDANCE/BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT and the parent/guardian will receive a letter advising them of the attendance concern. If a student accumulates a total of 11 absences, the parents and student will be required to meet with the administration. In the event a student accumulates 18 absences, the student may no longer be allowed to continue enrollment at Newman Central Catholic High School.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL

Tardiness to school is part of the student's permanent school record and is recorded on the transcript. If the student arrives late for school (after 8:00 am), he/she is to report to the Attendance Office for an admission slip. Unexcused tardiness to school will result in a school detention. After a student has accumulated 3 tardies to school (excused or unexcused) any additional tardiness will be unexcused. Should a student accumulate 5 tardiness to school, the student will be required to sign a TARDINESS/BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT and the parent/guardian will receive a letter advising them of the attendance concern. Any additional tardies will result in a Saturday detention.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Medical and dental appointments should be made after school or on days when school is not in session.

ABSENCE FROM CLASS FOR SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Any student, wishing to be absent from class for a school-related activity, will be required to have a voluntary absence form signed by each teacher of any class missed. This completed form must be submitted to the Dean of Students two school days prior to the planned absence. A "no" from any student's teacher will prevent the student from participating in the planned activity. In addition, the student must be academically eligible. An F or more than one D will prevent a student being absent from a class for a co-curricular activity.

REQUEST FOR EARLY DISMISSAL

Early dismissal permission may be obtained from the Attendance Office upon written request from the parents. Any time a student leaves school for any reason, he or she must receive permission from the Attendance Office and sign out and sign in when he or she leaves and returns. Early dismissals are to be obtained in the morning before 8:00 am. Such excused absences will be recorded as a minimum of one half-day absence.

TARDINESS TO CLASS

Students are expected to be on time for classes and study halls. Unexcused tardiness will result in a school detention.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students are to remain on school grounds at all times during the school day unless special permission to leave is obtained by the Dean of Students, Main Office or the Attendance Office. Before a student leaves school grounds, parents will be notified. Any student leaving with special permission must sign out with the Main Office at the time of departure. If returning the same day, he or she must sign in at the Main Office. If a student leaves the building because of illness without checking out in the Main Office, the student will be truant for the time period missed.

FAMILY VACATION POLICY

Attending classes is important. Any intrusion to the educational process is detrimental to a student's academic progress. Newman does not advocate students missing school. However, any students who will be absent for a vacation or trip with parents must present notification to the Dean of Students. Such written parental notification must be presented a minimum of ten school days in advance of the planned vacation or trip stating the days of school that will be missed. The student bears the responsibility for all work missed during the time of his or her absence. The school will excuse a student for this purpose a maximum of five school days each semester. **NEWMAN WILL NOT EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR FAMILY VACATIONS OR TRIPS DURING THE WEEKS OF QUARTER AND SEMESTER EXAMS. STUDENTS NOT PRESENT FOR THESE REQUIRED EXAMS DUE TO VACATIONS WILL RECEIVE AN "F".** Final exam schedule will be posted on Edline.

COLLEGE VISITS

Seniors will be excused from school for two planned college visit days. Written notification by a parent of intent to visit a college must be presented to the Attendance Office or the Dean of Students in advance of such a planned absence. The student bears the responsibility for schoolwork missed during such an absence. There will be no excused absences for college visits during the weeks of quarter and semester exams and during scheduled retreats. A college visit on any other day is recorded as an excused absence on school records. Note – many colleges and universities schedule evening and weekend opportunities for student visits. A verification form must be obtained from the Attendance Office and returned signed by a college representative.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

College representatives visit the school regularly throughout the school year to recruit potential students. Seniors are allowed to meet with these representatives during the fall semester. Juniors and seniors are allowed to meet with representatives during the spring semester. Advanced notice of college visits is announced in the daily bulletin. To schedule a meeting, the student must procure a "College Representative Visit" form from the Guidance Office. This form must be presented to the classroom teacher and/or Superintendent/Principal at the beginning of the period for which the appointment is scheduled. The classroom teacher has final authority to grant or not grant such permission. The signing of the form by the classroom teacher indicates the student is granted permission to miss class to attend the meeting with the college representative.

SCHOOL VISITORS

Parents, alumni, eighth graders and prospective high school age students are welcome to visit Newman. All visitors must register in the school office immediately upon entering the building. The following procedure is required:

1. Telephone contact by the parent of the 8th grader or prospective high school student must first be made with the principal at least 2 days prior to the intended visit.
2. A parent-written note requesting a Visitor's Pass must be given to the Attendance Office. This note should be presented two days in advance.
3. Visiting students must be in the company of a Newman host or hostess and attend all classes and activities as part of a regular school day.
4. Visiting students should be attired in accordance with the Newman's dress code.
5. No visitors are permitted on Fridays before quarter and semester exams or on the days before scheduled school holidays or vacations.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria is the school dining room. Each student's conduct should be courteous and cooperative. Places should be left clean and cleared. Carelessness or deliberate untidiness will be subject to disciplinary action. Students are to return trays, etc to the assigned place. Students are encouraged to give thanks to God before and after meals. All food purchases are to be paid in cash. **DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, ORDERING OUT IS PROHIBITED. FOOD AND DRINK IS NOT TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE CAFETERIA.** Students should ask permission to leave the cafeteria during their lunch hour. Students should not be roaming the hallways while classes are in session.

DRESS CODE

PHILOSOPHY – Dressing for school reflects a positive image of our uniqueness and lends dignity to our most important task at school, teaching and learning. It also allows us to recognize the demands of society regarding professional dress and makes a distinction between work and recreational activities.

The responsibility of dressing within the Newman dress code is that of the **parents and the students**. The responsibility of checking for and reporting dress code violations is each faculty member. **Teachers** have the responsibility to issue detentions for infractions of the dress code.

The Dean of Students has the final responsibility for interpreting and enforcing the dress code. Any questionable matters concerning the dress code should be referred to the Dean of Students. **MODESTY IS ALWAYS EXPECTED. DISTRACTING OR DISTASTEFUL CLOTHING AND JEWELRY IS NOT PERMITTED. ALL CLOTHING IS TO BE PROPERLY SIZED AND WORN.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

SHIRTS

The Newman dress code for girls and boys requires the navy blue or white polo shirt with the Newman emblem which can be purchased from the Spirit Shop.

1. A dress code shirt may be long or short sleeve.
2. If a T-shirt is worn under the polo shirt, it must be solid white.
3. The Dean of Students will determine what an appropriate emblem is.
4. The dress code is in effect from the first bell, at the beginning of the school day, until school is dismissed.
5. All shirts must be tucked and remain in the slacks, shorts or skirt.

SLACKS

1. Only navy blue (not royal) or light khaki dress slacks may be worn.
2. Denims, jeans, leg pockets, leg zippers, cargo, stretch, stirrup, canvas, rivets, sweater, sweats, baggy, painters or capri pants are not permitted.
3. Corduroy pants may be worn.
4. If slacks are designed for a belt, a black or brown belt must be worn.
5. Slacks must come to the top of the shoes and may not drag on the ground.
6. Slacks may not be worn below the hips.

SHORTS

1. Only dress shorts may be worn before Oct. 15 and after Apr. 15. Administration approval is needed to wear dress shorts at any other time.
2. Uniform shorts must be navy blue or light khaki.
3. Shorts must be long enough to accommodate modesty. **(No more than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap and not below the kneecap.)**
4. Dress shorts with two pockets in the front and back are preferable.
5. Shorts fall under the same rules for slacks.

SKIRTS

1. If girls choose to wear a skirt, only a plaid uniform skirt will be allowed. Skirts are to be worn at the waist to accommodate modesty and **No more than 3 inches above the top of the kneecap.)**

SWEATSHIRTS

1. Only approved Newman sweatshirts, purchased from the school will be allowed.
2. Sweatshirts are to be solid white or navy blue **with the Newman emblem**.
3. A dress code polo shirt with a visible collar is required under a sweatshirt.
4. No hooded apparel or sweaters may be worn during the school day.

SHOES

1. Dress shoes or tennis shoes predominately white, blue or black must be worn and cleanly maintained. (No more than 2 colors)
2. Students may not wear sandals, hiking shoes, boots, slippers or work shoes.
3. All footwear must have a heel or heel strap and a sole.
4. Shoes with eyelets must be laced to the top and tied.

SOCKS

1. Students must properly wear socks that are visible at all times.

HAIR

1. Hair must be neat and properly groomed at all times.
2. Hair for boys may be no longer than the eyebrows in the front and top of the collar in the back.
3. Hair for boys must be cut above the ears.
4. Boys may not have ponytails, shags or multi-layered cuts.
5. Girls may not have shags or multi-layered cuts, be one color and appropriate to the nature of education at Newman
6. Boy's hair styles must be one color and appropriate to the nature of education at Newman.
7. Hair styles unduly drawing attention are not allowed.
8. Girls hair must be one color and appropriate to the nature of education at Newman

FACIAL HAIR

1. Boys must be clean-shaven.
2. Beards and mustaches are not allowed.
3. Sideburns lower than the bottom of the ear and flared sideburns are not allowed

JEWELRY

1. Boys are not permitted to wear pierced jewelry on any part of the body.
2. Boys with pierced ears are not to wear earrings while on school grounds during the school day, at any school-sponsored event or when representing the school for any occasion.
3. Girls are not to wear excessive jewelry (necklaces, rings, etc).
4. Girls may wear pierced earrings. No more than three piercings are allowed for each ear. No other visible body piercings will be allowed.
5. Chokers, choke chains, spiked collars and wallet chains are not allowed.

HATS, CAPS, SUNGLASSES AND BANDANAS

NO HEADGEAR OF ANY TYPE IS TO BE WORN IN THE BUILDING AT ANY TIME.

TATTOOS

1. Tattoos are highly discouraged.
2. If a student has a tattoo(s), it must be covered at all times so it is not visible.

DRESS CODE INFRACTIONS

1. Students will be referred to the Dean of Students only when the dress code is questionable or confusing.
2. For the first violation, the student will be issued a detention and she or he must conform to the dress code before being allowed to return to class.

GUM CHEWING

A \$10.00 fine will be assessed each time a student is found chewing gum.

STUDENT CONDUCT PHILOSOPHY

The rules and regulations pertaining to student conduct are designed to create an orderly environment, which encourages excellence. Such an academic environment is intended to allow each individual to maximize his or her potential in academic, social, spiritual and co-curricular pursuits.

BOARD OF DISCIPLINE

The Board of Discipline is convened at the special request of the Dean of Students to consider a student's serious or repeated behavior. The Board of Discipline also serves as the appeal board for athletic and co-curricular code violations. The Dean of Students will notify parents of any students under Board of Discipline review. The Board of Discipline meets during closed meetings attended only by the student, parents, members of the Board, Administration and a student advocate, if the student chooses one. Once a judgment is determined, the Board of Discipline will give the Superintendent/Principal their recommendations. The Superintendent/Principal will then make the final determination.

CONDUCT AT CO-CURRICULAR EVENTS (Sportsmanship)

Students attending home and away athletic contests or any other co-curricular functions are to maintain the standards of behavior identified in the Student Handbook. School pride, loyalty, sportsmanship and proper respect toward the opponent and the opponent's school must always be observed.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Good behavior, which reflects the school's philosophy, is expected from all members of the Newman community. Students are to treat others with respect, dignity and courtesy. These attributes are to be exercised in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria and all school activities. Teachers may detain students after school with a 24-hour notice as a means of improving conduct or behavior. **A student who interferes with the teaching procedures and hinders the learning process is to be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action or is to be assigned a teacher detention. Likewise, students may be penalized for public behavior deemed unacceptable. Included in this regulation is off-campus behavior, which reflects poorly on the Newman Community. Penalties may take the form of exclusion from Newman's co-curricular activities, teams, dances, programs, etc. Appropriate disciplinary action is solely an administrative decision.**

DISRESPECT TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL

In the judgment of the Administration, any student who is disrespectful to a faculty or staff member is subject to suspension and possible expulsion. Verbal or physical abuse of a faculty or staff member is cause for automatic suspension and probable expulsion. Any student who utters or writes abusive, insulting or threatening language to or about any member of the Newman faculty or staff will be referred to the Dean of Students and possibly to the Board of Discipline. At the next occurrence of such language, the student will definitely be referred to the Board of Discipline for probation or expulsion.

EJECTION FROM CLASS

Any student ejected from a class for disciplinary reasons is to report immediately to the Dean of Students. School detentions will be assigned. Failure to report to the Dean of Students will result in further disciplinary action. If a student is ejected from a class a third time, the student may be suspended from that class until parents and the Dean of Students schedule a conference to resolve the difficulty.

HALL PASSES

Students are to be in their assigned classroom each period throughout the academic day. Students are not permitted in the hallways during class unless they have an official school pass. Passes should be obtained only for emergencies and to keep appointments with school officials. Any student found in an area not designated by the pass is subject to a school detention.

ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are designed to be entertaining as well as educational. Courtesy demands the student body be attentive and respectful. Talking, whispering, booing, etc. are discouraged; yelling is appropriate only at pep rallies. Inappropriate behavior may result in the assigning of a school detention. When assembled, students should report directly to their assigned area and be seated. Students will be dismissed from assemblies by class.

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE/BEHAVIOR

Good manners and common courtesy are the norms at school and school sponsored activities. Vulgar, inappropriate or abusive language or gestures will be subject to disciplinary action. Inappropriate behavior such as marking each other with pens, mock fighting and booking someone is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

FORGERY

Forgery includes changing the time or date on a pass, forging the name of school personnel or parents (guardians), or altering a pass in any way. Students engaged in such activities will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

FIGHTING

Because of serious and permanent injury, anyone involved in a fight on the school campus or at a school-sponsored activity will be assigned disciplinary consequences up to a three-day suspension. If there are damages, either to persons or property, the parties concerned will be held liable. Repeat offenders will be referred to the Board of Discipline.

INTIMIDATION

Intimidation includes hazing, bullying, harassing, etc. others by various means of horseplay, practical jokes or tricks resulting in humiliation or physical injury. Such intimidation is contrary to the philosophy and mission of Newman and will NOT be tolerated in any form. Anyone engaging in such action may receive a detention, suspension or expulsion at the school's discretion depending on the severity of the act or because of repeated acts.

VANDALISM

Newman students are to demonstrate pride in their school and a concern for the maintenance of the building and grounds. It is the responsibility of all individuals to help maintain the good appearance of the buildings and grounds.

Students, who destroy, deface or commit other acts of vandalism on or against school property may subject themselves and parents to civil or criminal liability. **All acts of vandalism to a school are classified as a felony by law.** School disciplinary action may be in the form of

detentions, suspensions or expulsion. Restitution of the damaged property is the responsibility of the student and the parents.

POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

It is a violation of school policies for a student to bring or possess a weapon on school premises or at any time in connection with school-related activities. Included in the prohibitions of this policy are the possession, sale, distribution, manufacture, receipt, seeking the sale, trade or use of any firearm, knife, martial arts device or other object which may reasonably be considered a weapon. Violations may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school.

GAMBLING

Gambling is not permitted. This includes playing cards, flipping or matching coins, rolling dice for money or any other form of gambling. Students found engaging in such activities will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

GANGS AND GANG – RELATED ACTIVITIES

The school is a gang-free environment. Gangs include individuals who associate with each other primarily for criminal, disruptive activities prohibited by law or by school rules and regulations. Gangs, gang-related activities and secret societies are not permitted at Newman. Their presence interferes materially and substantially with the educational process and the maintenance of appropriate discipline and may foster anti-social behaviors, attitudes and practices which may endanger the health, safety and welfare of other students or personnel. Students are prohibited from participating in any activity related to gangs or secret societies while on school property or in conjunction with school-related activities. Activities prohibited by this policy, but not limited to, the following:

1. Soliciting and/or recruiting others for membership.
2. Participating in or inciting physical violence.
3. Extorting or soliciting money or services by requesting any person to pay for protection or the payment of dues.
4. Coercing, harassing, intimidating, threatening or causing harm to any person.
5. Wearing, possessing, using, displaying in any manner, distributing or selling any clothing, jewelry, emblems, badges, symbols, sign or other items associated with membership or affiliation with a gang or a secret society.
6. Using any verbal or non-verbal communications (gestures, handshakes, etc.) suggesting or showing membership or affiliation with a gang or a secret society.
7. Engaging in any activity where the intent is to promote or further the interest of any gang, gang activity or secret society such as distributing literature, drawing or displaying gang-related symbols on any surface, etc., and teaching others to “represent” or act like a member of a gang or secret society.

8. Any other activity which violates any law, policy, rule or regulation of the school or the Catholic Diocese of Rockford when such act or activities is taken to further the interests of gangs or secret societies.

The school may also consider gangs and gang-related activities in which a student engages **OUTSIDE** of the school as part of this policy because of potential repercussions to the school. Violation of the policy may result in discipline up to and including expulsion from the school.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUGS

Students are prohibited from using or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while at school or any school related functions. Included within the prohibitions are the following:

1. Use, possession, manufacture, distribution, dispensation or sale of drugs, paraphernalia or alcohol on school premises or during school related functions;
2. Storing in a locker, desk, automobile or other repository on school premises or in connection with any school event any drugs, drug paraphernalia or alcohol;
3. Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol on school premises or in connection with any school related activities.
4. Being known to be present at a location when drugs and/or alcohol are being used.

A student's failure to cooperate in testing required by this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from school. **The Newman Drug Policy is cumulative over the student's academic career.**

NEWMAN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DRUG TESTING POLICY

NEWMAN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL recognizes the importance of security and stability in order to establish a healthy learning environment. To enhance the development of our student's physical, mental, emotional, psychological and spiritual well being, the following policy is set forth:

1. Every student at Newman is subject to drug testing.
2. General testing will be done in a random and confidential manner.
3. Testing will also be done if there is "reasonable suspicion" of alcohol or drug abuse. "Reasonable suspicion" is when a school official witnesses or can verify alcohol or drug abuse as well as the observation of behavior that may reflect drug usage.
4. Results of any drug testing will be shared with student, parents and principal.
5. Initially, Newman will pay for any **random** drug testing.
6. Other drug testing will be paid for by the particulars involved.
7. Procedures from the National Institute of Drug Testing will be utilized in testing.

Dealing Drugs

Anyone caught dealing illegal drugs according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse or with the intent to deliver illegal drugs will be immediately expelled from Newman Central Catholic High School.

Consequences for Drug and Alcohol Abuse

1st Offense: Two-day suspension, Saturday detention; parent notification and conference with principal; enrollment and completion in a Newman approved Drug Abuse Program by a date determined by the principal and paid for by the family; refused participation in co-curricular activities for a minimum of 1 month. The Student Athletic Policy will be added where it differs from the Student Handbook. The student will also be dismissed from student government or any other position of leadership for the remainder of the school year.

2nd Offense: Board of discipline will review the incident for either probation or expulsion.

Consequences for Tobacco Abuse

1st Offense: One-day suspension; Saturday detention; parent notification; refused participation in co-curricular activities for a minimum of two weeks. In athletics, the Student Athletic Policy will be added where it differs from the Student Handbook.

2nd Offense: Three-day suspension; parent notification and conference with the principal; enrollment and completion in a Newman approved Drug Abuse Program by a determined date and paid for by the family; refused participation in co-curricular activities for one month. In athletics, the Student Athletic Policy will be added where it differs from the Student Handbook; dismissal from any student government or other position of leadership.

3rd Offense: Serious consideration for expulsion from Newman Central Catholic High School.

Self-Reporting

Self-reporting is meant for students who wish to seek help for possible drug and/or alcohol usage. Those students, who self-report, will not be suspended from competition or participation as long as there are no impending violations from previous actions. If usage of alcohol or drugs takes place after the self-report, the 1st Offense for alcohol and drug abuse will be enforced. Second instance of abuse after a self-admission will be reviewed by the Board of Discipline for probation or expulsion.

Appeals

Appeals from the random drug test are to be made to Newman's administration.

DETENTIONS

1. Teacher Detentions; students may be assigned Teacher Detentions to be served before or after school at the discretion of the teacher. Students will have 24 hours to make necessary arrangements with parents, coaches or employer. Any student who fails to report for an assigned Teacher Detention will be referred to the Dean of Students Office and assigned a school detention.
2. School Detentions; students may be assigned, depending on the violation, a one-half hour or hour detention. These detentions are served in an assigned room starting promptly at 7:25 am on Tuesday and Thursday every week.

Students will be informed and parents will be notified when a school detention is issued and when it has to be served. Every student is obligated to be in attendance for the detention on the day and time assigned. The only excused absence from a school detention is an excused absence from school on the day assigned. Excused absence from an assigned detention will be a rescheduled detention. Athletic games, practices, co-curricular activities, out-of-school appointments, etc. are not excusable reasons for failing to serve an assigned detention. A student who absents him or herself from a school detention will be considered truant and assigned a Saturday Detention. Parents will be notified of the truant situation and the consequences

Half-hour Detentions (Served on Tuesday and Thursday)

Below are samples of minor behavior violations. However, these offenses are no longer considered minor offenses when repeated.

1. Use of electronic equipment prior to 7:55 am – 2:40 pm
2. In hallway without a pass
3. Dress code violations
4. Improper parking
5. School phone use without pass
6. Tardy to class
7. Non-school lock on locker
8. Using any locker other than the one assigned
9. Untidy lockers
10. Littering in hallways, cafeteria or classrooms

11. Any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Administration

Hour Detentions (Served on Tuesday and Thursday)

Below is a list of major offenses. **These offenses are no longer considered ordinary major offenses when repeated or judged to be of a serious nature.** Consequences will include Saturday Detention or possible suspension.

1. Repeat of a minor offense
2. Disrespect – all students are expected to give all staff members the courtesy and respect due an adult professional person. Disrespect or intimidation to a staff or faculty member (or fellow student) is considered a serious breach of discipline.
3. Rudeness, harassment, verbal abuse
4. Insubordination, disobedience, defiance or disrespect for authority
5. Disorderliness, physical or verbal abuse
6. Not reporting to designated area when told to do so
7. Leaving class early
8. Lying
9. 1st ejection from class
10. Misuse of school pass
11. Unsafe or reckless driving
12. Destructiveness and vandalism, including damage or disfigurement of desks or lockers
13. Throwing food or objects in cafeteria
14. Truancy from required school function
15. Any behavior on or off school grounds which harms the reputation of the school
16. Gambling
17. Inappropriate language/behavior
18. Any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Administration

THE ACCUMULATION OF SIX (6) CLOCK HOURS OF SCHOOL DETENTIONS DURING ONE SEMESTER WILL RESULT IN THE PARENTS BEING REQUIRED TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE WITH THE DEAN OF STUDENTS. IF ADDITIONAL DETENTIONS ARE ASSIGNED, THE DEAN OF STUDENTS MAY SCHEDULE A BOARD OF DISCIPLINE MEETING.

SATURDAY DETENTION

1. Saturday Detention will be scheduled as needed
2. There is a \$15.00 fee which must be paid to the bookkeeper
3. Repeat of a major violation
4. Accumulation of minor offenses
5. Skipping a Tuesday or Thursday detention
6. Theft
7. Harassment of student or staff
8. Cheating
9. Forgery
10. Leaving school building or grounds
11. Continued acts of disrespect
12. 2nd ejection from any class

13. Any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Administration

The Saturday Detention Program will allow students to remain in school and go to regularly scheduled classes although they have violated school rules. Students will be able to attend classes on a regular basis providing they meet the regulations and procedures provided for the Saturday Detention Program. This procedure is intended to help students improve their attitudes and behavior while still being able to attend classes.

The procedures and guidelines for the Saturday Detention Program is as follows:

1. Saturday Detention will be from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
2. Students assigned to the Saturday Detention Program will be supervised by a certified staff member.
3. The Dean of Students will notify students and parents or guardians by written notice of the date and time of the Saturday Detention. The Dean of Students must approve all changes after the written notification.
4. Students will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate fashion. Failure to comply with this directive will result in the student being sent home and serving a one-day out-of-school suspension and will be reassigned another Saturday Detention and charged another fee.
5. The student will be responsible for his or her transportation to and from school.
6. Failure to report promptly at 8:00 a.m. will result in a one day out-of-school suspension.
7. Students who fail to serve an assigned Saturday Detention will be suspended from school for one day and assigned another Saturday Detention, Saturday Detention fee and a parent conference will be required prior to the student's return to school. Missing a second Saturday Detention will result in a three-day suspension.
8. Missing a third Saturday Detention will be reviewed by the Board of Discipline for probation or expulsion.

SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL

For any act deemed unacceptable in a Catholic School setting, students may be suspended from school for up to five days. The Superintendent/Principal will make these decisions. Students will be informed of the suspension. Parents will be apprised of the disciplinary action to be taken. Serious situations may be referred to the Board of Discipline for possible expulsion. Any second suspension, in the academic year, will necessitate a meeting with the Board of Discipline concerning possible expulsion. During school suspensions, students are not permitted to attend classes, be in the building, on school grounds, or participate in any school functions.

IN - SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

With some unacceptable student behavior, students may be given an in-school or out-of-school suspension.

STUDENT PARENTHOOD POLICY

The Diocesan Education Commission Policy states, "Schools shall be committed to the guidance and pastoral support of all students, especially those facing parenthood. Each school shall establish a procedure to address the situation of unmarried pregnancy within the parameters of any applicable diocesan regulations. When the school becomes aware that a male or female student is involved in an unmarried pregnancy, the circumstances surrounding each case shall be assessed on an individual basis. The medical, psychological, spiritual well being and continued

educational development of the student shall always be the major consideration.” The final decision concerning the student’s educational program will be determined by the Principal, Dean of Students, Guidance Counselor, parents, student and any medical professional as deemed necessary in accord with Diocesan policies.

NEWMAN’S CO – CURRICULAR PROGRAM

PHILOSOPHY

At Newman, learning and scholarship are central and all other endeavors flow from this central purpose. The co-curricular program is offered as subordinate enrichment. Academics come first. Although the co-curricular program is an integral part in the educational process, the ultimate goal of Newman Central Catholic High School is to educate and provide our students with opportunities for leadership in the school community. The co-curricular program is intended to encourage students to become involved in as many activities as possible. However, the importance of dedication, attendance at practices, fairness, teamwork and doing the best they can is intended to assist the educational process.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Student Council: Student Council helps to prepare students for leadership roles and gives them a voice in the governing of the school. The Student Council facilitates many school activities.

Membership in Student Council is by student election. Interested students are required to attend all Student Council meetings, activities and serve on committees for the various activities. Student Council officers include president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Each spring the Newman Students elect the officers for the new school year. To be eligible for these positions, candidates are required to have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average, display qualities of leadership, have a good disciplinary record, have no outstanding accounts (academic, financial, athletic, library, etc.) and file a petition with all required signatures. Candidates for president must have senior standing. Specific duties for all officers are available from the Student Council Advisor. Failure of any members of the Student Council to comply with the responsibilities, duties and/or expectations for their positions could result in being removed from the Student Council. All class officers are automatically members of the Student Council.

Class Officers: Each class has the following officers: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The members of the class elect these positions. To be eligible for these positions, candidates are required to have a minimum cumulative 2.5 grade point average, display qualities of leadership, have a good disciplinary record, have no outstanding accounts (academic, financial, athletic, library, etc.) and file a petition with all required signatures.

Elections for senior, junior and sophomore class officers are held in May of the previous school year. Freshmen class officer elections take place in September. Class officers are responsible for

attending Student Council meetings, conducting class meetings, and facilitating class activities such as forming committees, obtaining chaperones, organizing set-up and clean-up crews, etc. A brief review of some of the specific activities for each class is as follows:

- Freshmen Class: Organize float building for Homecoming.
- Sophomore Class: Organize float building for Homecoming and sponsor Levi Leap Dance.
- Junior Class: Organize float building for Homecoming, sponsor the Junior/Senior Prom and football concessions.
- Senior Class: Organize float building for Homecoming, Homecoming Dance, assist in Homecoming activities, select graduate announcements and assist in the planning of Baccalaureate Mass.

The specific duties and responsibilities for all class officers are available from their respective advisors. Failure of any officer to comply with or fulfill the responsibilities, duties and/or expectations could result in removal from office.

Other Clubs and Organizations; Scholastic Bowl, Fine Arts/Musical, BLIND, National Honor Society, Key Club, Enviro-thon, and KAIROS (Senior Retreat).

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Newman Central Catholic High School adheres to the rules and regulations of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), Big Rivers Conference (BRC) and Three Rivers Athletic Conference (TRAC 8). With the exception of golf, Newman Central Catholic High School offers no co-ed sports. The following is a list of the interscholastic sports offered at Newman during the course of the school year.

	FALL	WINTER	SPRING
BOYS	Cross Country Football Golf	Basketball Wrestling Swimming	Baseball Tennis Track
GIRLS	Cross Country Tennis Cheerleading Volleyball Swimming Golf	Basketball Cheerleading	Softball Track

NCAA, IHSA AND NEWMAN ELIGIBILITY RULES

An Athletic Handbook is published each year and distributed to each athlete.

ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

A student is required to attend a minimum of the last two periods of the school day (by 10:50 a.m.) to be eligible to participate in a practice, an athletic contest, rehearsal or school activity sponsored by Newman Central Catholic High School. All performance activities (drama, music, dance teams, school dances and IHSA events) are affected by this regulation.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR CO-CURRICULARS

Eligibility is determined on a weekly basis. The weekly grade check is the grade the student would receive if that student were to transfer to another school. Students failing a course in a given week shall be placed on participation probation. Students failing more than one course in a given week are ineligible to participate for the following week. Eligibility lists are under the jurisdiction of the Athletic Director. 4 pts make a student ineligible. An F is worth 2 pts and a D is worth 1 pt.

DANCE REGULATIONS

Students from other schools may attend dances if accompanied by a Newman student. The following are regulations concerning all student attendance at dances:

1. Students who do not attend school during the day cannot attend a dance the same evening.
2. No student will be allowed to enter a dance one hour after the event has begun. The only exception to this regulation includes members of a team who have a scheduled game.
3. Students who work may be excused from the one hour regulation if they have done the following: (a) notified the advisor of the dance in writing one day prior to the dance; (b) brought a note from their employer on letterhead stationery stating their work hours.
4. All students are to enter and exit the building at the same entrance.
5. Once a student enters the dance, he or she must remain inside the building.
6. Should a student leave the building, before the event has ended, he or she will not be allowed to re-enter.
7. All Student Handbook regulations apply for co-curricular events.
8. Inappropriate dancing including sexually explicit forms of dancing will not be tolerated:
 - A. inappropriate touching of any type is not allowed
 - B. dancing partners must face one another when dancing
 - C. hands around partner's waist or neck is acceptable
 - D. no body surfing, gyrating with sexual connotations, or straddling is permitted.
9. Any student leaving the dance early is required to sign out with a faculty member.
10. Some activities are not open to participation by all students. The Junior/Senior prom is open only to juniors, seniors and guests of juniors and seniors through the age of 20 – individuals 21 years of age and older are not eligible to attend this event. No freshman or sophomore students from any school are allowed to attend Newman's prom.

STATE CONTESTS

Students who are members of an athletic team may be excused from school when their team, or a member of their team, is playing/competing in a State Contest (IHSA). Athletic coaches will assume supervisory responsibility only for those team members designated for competition in the athletic contests. Non-participating members are required to have parent permission and parents assume full responsibility for travel, lodging and supervision.

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR NEWMAN EVENTS

Students who leave early because of athletic or co-curricular events are required to get their assignments from teachers before they leave.

SUMMER FUNCTIONS POLICY

Newman Central Catholic High School Council of Administration and the school’s administration encourage and promote student and staff participation and attendance at coaching schools, music clinics, athletic camps, dance/cheerleader camps and other such events that may be held at or away from Newman during the summer months. **All Newman summer sport’s activities are strictly on a voluntary basis.**

Newman shall not, however, incur any liability for any of these aforementioned summer activities nor does it assume responsibility for transporting, collecting funds, or payment of any fees related to those activities unless they are officially sponsored activities of the school. All Newman sponsored activities need prior approval from the school principal and only those sponsored by Newman shall be known as such. Staff, students, parents and sponsors entered in summer activities under the name of Newman shall conform to all of the Newman Central Catholic High School codes of conduct.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Normal Schedule		Liturgy I	
Detention	7:25 – 7:55	Detention	7:25 – 7:55
Opening Bell	7:55	Opening Bell	7:55
1 st Period	8:00 – 9:22	1 st Period	8:00 – 8:57
2 nd Period	9:26 – 10:48	2 nd Period	9:01 – 9:58
3 rd Period		Mass	10:02 – 11:02
A Class	10:52 – 12:14	3 rd Period	
A Lunch	10:48 – 11:13	A Class	11:07 – 12:14
B Class	11:17 – 12:39	A Lunch	11:02 – 11:27
B Lunch	12:14 – 12:39	B Class	11:31 – 12:39
4 th Period	12:43 – 2:05	B Lunch	12:12 – 12:39
Study Hall	2:09 – 2:39	4 th Period	12:43 – 2:05
		Study Hall	2:09 – 2:39

SYMBOLS OF NEWMAN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

John Henry Newman became famous as an Anglican priest and a faculty member at Oxford University. He founded the Oxford Movement, which tried to reform the Anglican church by steering a path towards a “High Church” restoration of ancient doctrine and practice. For years, he was accused of leaning toward Rome. He vehemently denied it. His dead-serious intellectual approach with his perception of the supernatural world, made him famous within Oxford and outside it.

In 1845, after many years of subtle and obscure research into fifth-century heresies, he had an acute religious crisis. “In the middle of the fifth century, I found Christendom of the nineteenth century reflected. I saw my face in that mirror and I was a Monophysite.” Newman explained his conversion, “Still so it is; we need a relief to our hearts, that they may be dark and sullen no longer, or that they may not go on feeding upon themselves; we need to escape from ourselves to something beyond.” Newman became a Catholic and was ousted from the University. He found a new place for himself at the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, a community of priests living under a rule but not under vows, which would allow him to continue his research and writing.

In 1879, Pope Leo XIII elevated John Henry Newman to the status of Cardinal. In his later years, he was to be an influence on the next generation of Oxford undergraduates and counseled many (including the great poet Gerard Manley Hopkins) through their own religious crises. He tended to advise caution to those who expressed an interest in going over to Rome. “You must be patient; you must wait for the *eye* of the soul to be formed in you. Cardinal Newman died in 1890. He chose for his memorial, “*Ex umbris ex imaginibus in veritatem.*” - “From shadows and images to the truth.” Cardinal Newman is our patron saint and his feast day is celebrated on January 5.

Newman’s Crest symbolizes Christ in the middle of Newman’s life and effort. The cross, in the middle of the crest, is the same as the wooden cross above the tabernacle in the Chapel.

Newman Chapel Stained Glass Window depicts Christ the Teacher standing on top the globe. His arms are outstretched to the young and old. Right of Christ is Cardinal John Henry Newman, with a bible in his hand and his finger pointing to Christ, teaching four students kneeling to the right of the center figure. Left of Christ are four adults representing various phases of the Community; the mailman, demonstrates the Newman is an American School; the steel worker pictures the dominant industry in the community; the housewife kneeling portrays women’s role in Christ’s plan; a man at the far end, depicts white-collar workers and professional men and women of the community. Right of Christ is a T-square, ruler and a hoe designating vocational work. There is an atomic cloud, test-tube and butterfly designating Science. Left of Christ is a music staff and notes calling attention to the Music Department; numerical equations denote the Math department; and a scroll and pen signifying Literature and English. The Newman Alumni Association in 1959 donated the 17 ft. by 10 ft. stained glass window.

Newman’s Comet represents our energy and effort as being out of this world.

Newman Loyalty Song

N.H.S. N.H.S. WE SALUTE THE BLUE AND WHITE
N.H.S. N.H.S. FOR OUR COLORS, WE WILL FIGHT.
EVERY LOYAL 'TIL WE DIE
FOR OUR VICTORY, WE WILL FIGHT.
COME ON TEAM, LET'S WIN
FOR THE GOOD OLD NEWMAN HIGH.
FIGHT TEAM FIGHT, FIGHT TEAM FIGHT
AS WE MARCH ON DOWN THE FIELD
FIGHT TEAM FIGHT, FIGHT TEAM FIGHT
CHARGE A FOE AND MAKE THEM YIELD.
GALLANTLY, WE NEVER FAIL
FOR OUR VICTORY, WE WILL CRY.
COME ON TEAM, LET'S WIN
FOR THE GOOD OLD NEWMAN HIGH.