

Principal's Report

Dear Alumni,

We are extremely excited to share with you our comprehensive Master Plan that will lead us through the next decade. We have looked at all aspects of Newport Central Catholic's mission (soul, mind, and body), and we believe this plan will allow us to provide for our students and families at the highest level. As our reputation continues to grow regionally, the improved facilities will allow us to compete with any school. To the right is a diagram of our plan. The one piece of the first phase that cannot be seen in the plan is the total renovation of the existing facilities including the chapel, classrooms, gym, kitchen, cafeteria, library, offices, and locker rooms. All of these areas will be state of the art mechanically, technically, educationally, and aesthetically. (Also not shown is the Synthetic Surface Field that will be located at the present practice football field site.)

To help us achieve this tremendous plan, we have been strengthening our development staff. Two years ago Mary Rawe Ciafardini '82 joined Tessy Bankemper Krebs '87 in the development office, and this year we have brought Eddie Eviston '97 on board to coordinate our efforts to bring the Master Plan to life and see to its' completion. The plan is a large undertaking and it will take several phases and 10 to 15 years to complete but we hope to see drastic changes in just a year or two.

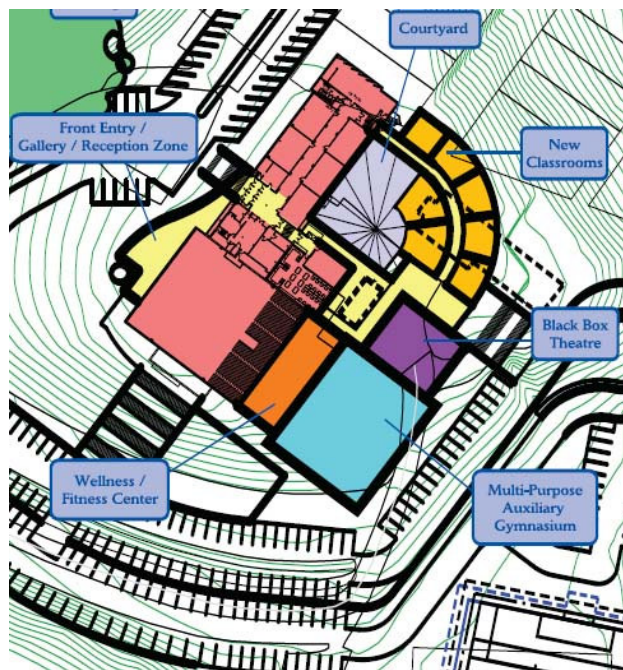
Our development staff, in working closely with Diocesan Officials to take the necessary steps to make the dream a reality. This is truly an exciting time for our school community and for all members of the NCC family.

Just recently I was presented with information that showed the public schools of Kentucky are educating students with approximately \$8,700 per pupil allotment. This year's budget calls for us to allot approximately \$5,000 per young boy and girl at Newport Central Catholic, yet our tuition is \$4,300. Catholic institutions have been educating young people in the best manner possible for much less money for hundreds of years. However, for us to continue to provide the great NCC education we have come to know and love at an affordable tuition we must all respond to our children's needs.

We are especially going to need the generosity of our alumni to allow us to continue our successful Annual Appeal and to build our dreams. As has been said around this school for many years, "To Succeed We Must Believe. We Believe.", and we need all of the NCC family to believe as well. Please feel free to contact the Development Staff or myself anytime with questions or comments as we move into this very exciting future.

God Bless,

Bob Noll,
Principal



<p>Phase I</p> <p><u>New Classrooms</u></p> <p>7 New Academic Classrooms Black Box Theatre/Performing Arts Classroom Academic/Student Courtyard</p> <p><u>Health Center/Athletic Upgrades</u></p> <p>New Weight Room & Equipment Expand and Upgrade Training Room Renovate Locker Rooms & Coaches Offices</p> <p><u>Renovation to Present Facilities</u></p> <p>Ventilation Upgrades, Full Air Conditioning Asbestos Abatement Fire Protection & Alarm Upgrades Electrical/Lighting Upgrades Computer Hardwire/Wireless Upgrades</p> <p>Phase II</p> <p><u>Revised Entry/New Signage/New Lighting</u></p> <p>Increase to 4 Lane Driveway Add Parking and Improve Remaining Lots</p> <p><u>Extracurricular/Administrative</u></p> <p>New Front Entry/Gallery/ Reception Area/Offices Multi-Purpose Auditorium/Auxiliary Gym</p> <p><u>On-Site Athletic Complex</u></p> <p>New Synthetic Surface Soccer & Football Field Bleachers & Lighting</p> <p><u>Endowment</u></p> <p>Tuition Assistance and Maintenance</p>
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Hall of Fame Induction

You are invited to the 7th Annual NCCHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on **Saturday, February 24, 2007. The evening will begin at 6 PM with a social hour followed by dinner and the induction ceremony at 7 PM.**

Please join us as we honor these fine graduates for their athletic accomplishments and dedication to our NCCHS community. The following will be inducted into the Hall of Fame: **Jody Klare Rodriguez '93, John Wehage '73, Mark Krebs '73, Tom Bankemper '49, Ken Gallichio '71, Gary Gabbard '87, and John Brannen '92. Also being honored as the "Team of Distinction" is the 1954 Newport Catholic State Champion Baseball Team.**

NCCHS will be awarding the **Coach Jim Connor Award** to **Charlie Fredrick '55**. In addition, the **Fr. John Hegenauer Community Service Award** will be given to **Bob "Big Stef" Steffen '55**.

Tickets for the event cost \$25.00 and can be purchased in the Alumni/Development Office. Sponsorships for the event are available for \$250.00 and include 10 tickets and your name in the program. We ask that tickets be pre-purchased. All proceeds directly support the Athletic Programs at Newport Central Catholic.

A Bit Of History... Last year, we published an article regarding the re-dedication of our Mary Grotto. The statue that was restored is the statue of Mary that was placed at Newport Catholic when the school on the hill was built in the early 1950's. The dome that was built and placed above Mary is a replica of the dome that sits atop the Our Lady of Providence Academy building. The statue of the Blessed Mother that was inside OLP at the top of the staircase is now at St. Anne Convent.

Alumni Volleyball Tournament

Team Reckers does it again!!! The alumni volleyball tournament was held in November and Team Reckers won it again! Special thanks to **Erica Ziegler '01** for organizing the tournament. Pictured from left to right: **Doug Reckers '80, Jennifer Thiem '02, Jessica Thiem '04, Eric Reckers '91, Angie Boden**



Repeat Class A State Football Champs

The (10-5) Thoroughbreds defeated Danville, 37-34 in a dramatic comeback fashion at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville to earn a second consecutive Kentucky Class A Football Title. During the fourth quarter of the state championship game the team scored three touchdowns in 5:13 to take the lead. They came back from a 34-17 deficit. The game was Coach Bob Schneider's 312th career win and his third state title. The team started the season with a 2-5 record before winning 8 straight games to claim the championship.

The 2006-07 school year has been a banner year for NCC athletics thus far:

- Football Class A State Champs
- Girls Soccer All A State Champs
- Volleyball 10th Region Champs
- Boys Basketball All A Region Champs
- Girls Basketball All A Region Champs

NCC Alum Fighting For The Unborn

When I came to NewCath, I was an innocent, idealistic, adolescent without a cause. After the lessons I learned and the injustice I observed during Morality and my other classes, I found my cause. Because NCC was so open to pro-life activities such as special speakers and bus trips to the March for Life in Washington, DC, I realized that abortion-on-demand must stop. In 1996, I left NCC with a strong sense of purpose, an understanding of right and wrong, a solid education, and a scholarship.

After college, I knew I wanted to go to Washington, DC, get pro-life judges on the Supreme Court, and overturn Roe vs. Wade. To achieve this, I got a job in South Dakota.

South Dakota? Yes, the (sometimes) frozen northern plains - where there is no Cincinnati-style chili, very little coverage of the Bengals, and lots of snow in the winter. But, there is a ministry there that serves as an association for abstinence educators. I help people promote healthy relationships through abstinence from sexual activity until marriage. We have affiliates across the country and around the world.

In January of 2006, I became an official lobbyist in Pierre, SD. Because of my strong support for life issues, I was one of the lead lobbyists in support of HB1215, the law that would have overturned Roe vs. Wade and ended abortion-on-demand in our state. It passed the SD House and Senate with bi-partisan, veto-proof margins and was signed into law.

South Dakota is one of a handful of states that allow citizens to refer a law to a vote of the people. It takes fewer than 17,000 signatures to refer a law, and national abortion-rights organizations like Planned Parenthood Federation and NARAL came into the state to collect the signatures. HB1215 became Referred Law 6, and was placed on the November ballot.

I joined the VoteYesForLife.com campaign as the event coordinator and the volunteer coordinator. Additionally, I was a member of the team that wrote the messaging and kept our spokespeople and media on message: Abortion hurts women. Abortion kills a human life.

While the campaign lost by 6 points, we were not defeated. Women and men who were hurt by abortion sought help and healing. The last resident abortionist was featured on our commercials, personally urging an end to abortion. On the Saturday following the election, 2 abortions were scheduled at Planned Parenthood (down from the normal 20 abortions). The abortionist flew in, but neither woman showed up for her appointment.

Legalized abortion-on-demand will end. God willing, the campaign team (and I) will be back to see it through. We have 33 years of medical studies and scientific advances that directly challenge the Roe decision. There is a ground swell of support in the state, and we now know how to word the legislation so that the voters will vote yes (several polls run by the news agencies showed that 75% of voters would vote yes if they understood the legal jargon in the legislation).

Am I changing the world? I don't know. I do know that I have been at the right place, at the right time, with the right knowledge. My education at NCC started me down this path.

-Dena Espenscheid '96

Class Reunions

On December 15, 2006 the **NC Class of 1955** gathered at St. Catherine of Siena Church for Mass. The special intention of the Mass was for their classmates who are suffering from illness. After Mass the class gathered at River Downs for its annual Christmas luncheon.

The **ANDP & NC Classes of 1957** will celebrate their **50th Class Reunion** on October 13 at NCC. For more information please call Bill Neuroth at (859) 261-8173.

Mark your calendar for the **25th Class Reunion** for the **OLP & NC Classes of 1982** on Saturday, November 24. There are tentative plans to hold the reunion at NCC. For more information contact your reunion committee: Kevin Canafax (859) 363-7442, Scott Grosser (859) 441-9568, Pat Crowley (859) 448-9888, Mary Rawe Ciafardini (859) 292-0001, Joy Bankemper Tucker (859) 578-8028, or Carla Kamp Bartels (859) 441-7880.

The **NCC Class of 1997** is beginning to plan its **10 Year Class Reunion**. For more information contact Nicole Darnell Sealy at (859) 292-0001 or nsealy@ncchs.com or Amanda Trice at amandatrice@gmail.com.

Let us know how you are serving your community. How do you live NCC's mission to form men and women of service and leadership in Church and community?



CLASS NOTES & NEWS

Ken Garrison '69 retired from ExxonMobil this summer after 31 years of service. He is now consulting for GDS Engineers on a part-time basis. He uses his free time to umpire baseball. In the summer of 2006 he went to Poland for the Little League European Regional Tournament. He also likes to referee basketball, golf, read, travel, follow the Breds and nap.

Paula Ruschman Kremer '72 graduated in December 2005 from Northern Kentucky University after returning to college from a 20 year break. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with a Math Emphasis. She was part of the Pinnacle Honor Society which is for non-traditional students with a GPA above 3.0.

Ray Enzweiler '79 was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Covington in June of 2006.

Tessy Bankemper Krebs '87, husband, Tony, and son, Jonah welcomed Samuel Thomas into their family on June 16, 2006 (hence the lack of a Summer 2006 Edition of Alma Matters).

Kelly Potter Willis '90 and husband Jeremy welcomed into the world twin newborn sons, Franklin Jeremy Willis and Thomas Potter Willis, on 8/18/05. They join their twin sisters Lila and Nina who are now 7. Jeremy teaches math for the Little Miami School District, and Kelly is a speech/language therapist for the Campbell County School District. They reside in Southgate, KY.

Eric Reckers '91 and **Angie Boden Reckers '93** and son, Brady welcomed Kori Marie Reckers to their family on May 5, 2006.

Melissa Hall McQueen '92 and husband, Rick welcomed a new son, Dillion Kincaid, in July of 2006. Dillion has a big brother, Ricky and a big sister, Amanda, who are both very proud of him.

Sean Desmond '95 graduated from the University of Texas' graduate school with a Masters Degree in

Business Administration.

Steve Kevill '95 and **Melissa Ziegler Kevill '97** were blessed with their first child Tyler James on March 13, 2006.

Maria Howard Potts '96 married Will Potts on February 4, 2006 and took a much needed honeymoon to Italy for 2 weeks.

Stephanie Simon Powell '96 and her husband were blessed with Grant Alexander Powell born on August 29, 2005.

Angela Birkenhauer Kohrs and **Scott Kohrs '97** have two beautiful little girls Camryn Renae and Kylie Rose.

Derek Furnish '97 is a teacher at Villa Madonna Academy and was chosen as the Outstanding New Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky World Language Association.

Grant Brannen '98 and **Anna McSorley '99** were married on June 24, 2006.

Steve Broering '99 married Mollie Rowe in October of 2005. Both graduated from the University of Kentucky's Pharmacy College in May of 2005. The couple resides in Alexandria, KY.

Meg Whitehead Counts '01 and husband, Mike, celebrated the birth of Maryah Rene on May 1, 2006.

Krista Stucker '02 graduated from Brescia University with a degree in Speech Pathology. She was accepted to the University of Louisville, Murray State University, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio and University of Cincinnati to complete her masters in Speech. She also received an award for Student of the Year in Speech Pathology.

Joe Ciani '05 is a Student Ambassador at the University of Cincinnati. He also received a \$1,000.00 scholarship for making the Dean's List with a 3.5. GPA.



Share Your News!

We want to know about your latest news, whether it be a wedding, birth, change of address, promotion, career change, honor, or award! Send your news to Tessy by mail or e-mail at tkrebs@ncchs.com.

Benefit Performance of "42nd Street"

As a kick-off to the 2007 student theatrical performance of, *42nd Street*, NCC will host the annual spring Gala. The Gala Performance of the school play is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 beginning at 6:00 PM with curtain time scheduled for 7:30 PM. We invite you to join us! Gala Performance tickets are \$40.00 per person which includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and admission to a fabulous performance presented by our NCC students.

Corporate and individual sponsorships are also available for the Gala, and all proceeds benefit the NCC Tuition Assistance Fund. For more details regarding the Gala, please contact Scott '82 and Jane Grosser at (859) 441-9568.

Jammin On The Hill

Join us for the *Jammin on The Hill* Spring Social featuring alum **Tom Wagner '80** and his band *Fast Forward* on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The band will perform in the NCC gymnasium. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Silent auction, a major raffle, split the pot, and jewelry and weekend excursion package raffles will also be a part of the festivities. Admission is \$25 per person and will include hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, draft beer, and wine. Tickets are required and can be purchased beginning March 1 in the school office. Space is limited.

This event is sponsored by the NewCath Mothers' Club and all proceeds will benefit the NCC students.