

NCC FYI

Dear NCC Family,

If there are any prayer intentions or bits of community information you would like me to put in this newsletter, let me know. I would prefer not using it to advertise non-NCC events.

If someone is not receiving this and would like to, have them email me at bnoll@ncchs.com to have their address added to the list.

Events and Schedule Changes

April 2—Progress Reports
4—8:15 Freshman Ring Ordering
7-11—No School—Spring Break
14—Resume school—M schedule
16—All School Production of Beauty and the Beast (C and E periods meet)
17—Half Day of School due to Gala (no lunch) (A, B and D periods meet)
18—9:30 Start
18-20—School Play—tickets on sale now! See Amy Gurley for tickets
24—Blood Drive 8 am to 8 pm
28—Right to Life Crosses go up
29—Burger Bash at McDonald's for Girls Track 5-8

Substance Search

We wanted to follow-up regarding the K-9 unit search of the school property for illegal substances. We did not find any illegal substances on the property. The dogs hit the possessions of several students which means those objects came into contact with an illegal substance at some time recently. The dogs also “hit” on several cars in the parking lot. In all cases we felt like it was prudent to share this information with the parents of the these students, but there were no disciplinary consequences,

The good news from our view is that we feel good that we did not find anything in the building. It is our goal to provide a safe environment for all our kids and this exercise provides us with some support that we are succeeding in this effort. However, there is still evidence that illegal substances are touching our kids lives and only through our combined efforts as school and community can we hope to fight this battle successfully.

It is my sincere prayer that we all continue to speak the same message and convey the same example to our kids about this subject. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Disciplinary Issues

We have had some inconsistencies and confusion over a couple of issues so I am going to simplify and clarify. I have talked to the kids over the PA at school regarding cell phones, locker security, and dress code issues. The cell phones in particular have

become an issue because of everyone's reliance on them. Cell phones are not to be used on school grounds anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. without exception. If a child is caught with the cell phone during this time the phone, regardless of who owns it or what the circumstances are, will have it taken away for 2 weeks (14 days). It will not matter when the 14 days falls, the phone will not be given back. A second violation will result in the phone being taken away for 1 month. A third violation will result in the phone being taken away for good without exception. Please impress upon the kids that they need to be careful if their phone is "valuable" to them.

With regards to lockers, they are to be locked at all times and students will not be given warnings, just detention. The same will go with dress code issues.

On all matters, I will be talking to the faculty so that this is done consistently and fairly throughout the building.

KHSAA Academic All State 2007-2008 – Winter Sports

FIRST TEAM

Burke Beiting
Jeramie Connor
Shaun Meyer
Courtney Sandfoss

HONORABLE MENTION

Michael Lipscomb
Jacob Ollberding
Brian Gish
Grant Pangallo
Kyle Moore
Mariah Cutter
Whitney Cundiff
Brittany Fryer

Advanced Placement Testing Schedule

Monday May 5th	AP Government
Wednesday May 7th	AP Calculus
Thursday May 8th	AP English
Friday May 9th	AP Art
Friday May 9 th	AP World Civ
Monday May 12th	AP Physics
Monday May 12th	AP Biology
Tuesday May 13th	AP Psych

Seniors as they approach Graduation

April 15 th	Meeting to discuss Senior Awards and receive applications for awards.
25 th	Applications for senior awards due

- May 12th Last full day of classes
 13-15 Senior Exams- in for first two periods and then released
 20th mandatory 10 am graduation practice at Thomas More College
 20th 6 pm Baccalaureate Mass
 21st 7 pm Graduation at Thomas More College
- Arrive by 6:15

ALL TUITION MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION

contact Mr. Noll or Mr. Schulkens with questions.

NCC Supports Future Teachers

Once again, NCCHS is excited to have had the opportunity to work with three bright and talented future teachers from NKU's teacher education program. In the English department, Ms. Whitney Larimore has been working with Mrs. Loechel and Mr. Detzel; Mr. Brian Saylor has been working with Mr. Enginger and Mr. Lloyd; and Mr. Brad Cox has been working with Mrs. Sandfoss. Both NCC teachers and participating NKU practicum students agree that this has been a valuable and rewarding experience. As Mr. Saylor stated, "NCC has a family atmosphere unmatched at any other placement I have had. The students, faculty, and staff have all been tremendous in helping me reach my educational goals." We wish much luck to the future successes of these three talented prospective teachers!

Guidance/Counseling Department

All juniors & seniors attend an assembly last Friday (March 29th) titled Making It Count. Parents were invited to attend as well. Mrs. Mertle would like to thank the parents who were able to attend and encourage them to call her if they have any questions/comment.

The Junior program was a great follow-up to the previous programs hosted by the NCC guidance department (College planning night here at NCC on Feb. 10 and the ASVAB result/career sessions that each junior class experienced on March 18). It was titled Making your college search count. The senior program was titled Making college & career count.

Juniors can continue their college search by attending the annual College Fair for juniors only at Covington Latin High School on April 30th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Mrs. Mertle & Mrs. Kellinghaus attend the annual KASCAC (Ky. Association of Secondary & College Admissions Counselors March 13 & 14 in Lexington. They attend sessions that included updates on AP credit policies, electronic transcripts, Technical/Vocation education, writing letters of recommendation and issues facing college admissions.

Mrs. Mertle is beginning to compile the list of colleges that seniors are planning to attend as well as a list of scholarships/grants offered for the graduation program. Seniors should continue to update these lists weekly.

Seniors who signed up back in the fall for the Work Ethic Diploma will soon be completing their applications.

A reminder for any senior who plans to play NCAA Division I or II athletics: you must register/be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse. See Mrs. Mertle or call her for detail on how to apply.

Mrs. Mertle & Mr. Noll will be attending a Dual Credit Banquet on April 3rd at Thomas More College. NCC was able to offer college credit this year in AP US History and hope to continue this opportunity next year for our rising juniors.

NCC gets involved in Ky. Girls & Boys State. This is a program that trains Kentucky youth in the fundamentals of good citizenship and government operations. It teaches theories of American Government with an emphasis on citizenship. Participants will be announced soon!

Attention all juniors: if you haven't taken the ACT/SAT and are not registered to take the April 12th ACT, please remember to register for the June 14th ACT. The guidance department has encouraged all juniors to take the test before summer break.

Mrs. Mertle will be attending the Academic Advisory Committee meeting of Diocesan Counselors on April 10th at Thomas More College.

Congratulations to senior Mark Broering for being named the recipient of the Thomas More Chancellor scholarship. This is a "full ride" to TMC.

Congratulations to senior Brandon Johnson for being selected to represent NCC in the annual Heritage Bank scholarship competition. Brandon will have to go through an interview on April 15th. He is one of six finalists and two will be awarded \$1,000.00 scholarships. Good luck Brandon!

Congratulations to senior Michael Enzweiler for being named the recipient of the 2008 Elks student scholar scholarship. He will be awarded \$1,000.00 at an awards banquet on May 14th at the Elks lodge.

Academic Enhancement

Technology is a valuable resource to any classroom. Through the use of innovative technologies, we are able to reach students in a way that otherwise, was not available. Thanks to the donation of a Smart Board and Classroom Performance System (CPS unit), we are making connections and striking interests that were previously foreign to our students. Students are able to interact with teachers and one another in preparation for tests and quizzes, to review, and to explore material in a much more tactile way.

Students in the AE program have been excited about these new experiences and the knowledge they have gained through their use. Their knowledge has been contagious, as teachers in the general classes have begun to incorporate the use of these things in their classes as well. Across the curriculum, teachers and students are expanding their knowledge base, becoming more involved, and better prepared for future experiences.

Students for Life

The following students and family members participated in The Way of Love, A Prayer Walk For Life on Sunday, March 16th at Burnet Woods: Ron Auteri, Brooke Butler, Tammy Butler, Catherine Meisenhelder, Mary Beth Meisenhelder, Paul Meisenhelder, Rachel Meisenhelder, Sarah Meisenhelder, Don Schout, Eric Schout, Julie Schout,

Colton Smith, Jake Smith, Jeff Smith, Kaitlin Smith, Kathy Smith, Samantha Sutkamp, and Allie Von Hehman.

Beauty and the Beast Special Dates

KIDS MATINEE PERFORMANCE

Sunday, April 13 – 3:00 PM

A special matinee performance of *Beauty and the Beast* will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 PM in the Newport Central Catholic gymnasium. This dress rehearsal performance is for children ten years old and younger accompanied by an adult. After the performance, the children will have the opportunity to meet the cast and crew. Don't forget your cameras! Also, feel free to wear your favorite costume. Advance tickets are not necessary. Admission at the door is \$8 for adults and \$2 for children.

GALA PERFORMANCE TO BENEFIT NCC TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Thursday, April 17

As a kick-off to the 2008 student theatrical performance of *Beauty and the Beast*, NCC will host the annual spring Gala, benefiting the NCC Tuition Assistance Program. The Gala Performance of the school play is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2008, beginning at 6:00 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and curtain time scheduled for 7:30 pm. We invite you to join us for this fabulous performance! Gala Performance tickets are \$40.00 per person. Corporate and individual sponsorships of the Gala are also available, and all proceeds benefit the NCC Tuition Assistance Fund. For more details regarding the Gala, please contact Scott and Jane Grosser at (859) 441-9568.

Additional show dates include the following:

Friday and Saturday, April 18 & 19 – 7:30 PM and Sunday, April 20 – 3:00 PM.

Tickets are available for \$8 each and can be purchased at the school during weekdays between 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Call the school office at (859) 292-0001 if you need additional information.

Art Deptment Grapevine

ARC

“Artists Reaching Classrooms” (ARC) is a program sponsored by the Taft Museum of Art which connects working artist with high school art students. Newport Central Catholic is fortunate to be one of just twelve schools in the region to participate in this exceptional opportunity for learning.

The ARC program consists of four artists' visits to the classroom to interact and discuss their profession with the students. Juniors and seniors in the NCC art department have visited an artists' studio (Neusole Glassworks), the Taft Museum of Art (twice), and had a tour of The Art Academy of Cincinnati. The program culminates with a professionally hung show of students' work at the Pendleton Art Center. Fifteen students from New Cath have competed for the opportunity to be one of six selected for this show. Those six have submitted a piece for the exhibition which will be accompanied by an artist statement. The work and accompanying statement will then be adjudicated by the Taft docents with the opportunity of winning various scholarships.

The opening reception/awards ceremony will take place Thursday, April 24 from 5-8 p.m. at the Pendleton Art Center. The work will be on display through May 23, including the Final Friday Exhibition at the Pendleton on April 25. The students chosen are seniors Kyle Biggs, Pat Collopy, and Ryan Kruer and juniors Leigha Babey, Abby Durso, and Danielle Hagedorn. All fifteen students who have submitted pieces for the competition will have their work and accompanying artist statement in the New Cath art display case in coming weeks.

Mother's Day is Coming!

Speaking of our mom's, just a reminder to mark your calendars for the annual Mother's Day Art Show at NCC. The show is Sunday, May 11, and if you've not seen it, you owe it to yourself the treat of seeing the whole building turned into a giant art gallery featuring the best work of 2007-2008. Details to follow in the next "grapevine"!

Development Dept

We have had a wonderful response so far from the "We Believe" Campaign Parent Challenge. We do however need **EVERYONE** to pray and consider a gift to the campaign. Please do so and get your pledge in to Mr. Eviston so we can continue to make plans and improvements. God Bless you as you discern your gift.

Join the NCC 500 Club and you will have the chance to win \$100.00 each week.

Beginning Friday, May 2, 2008 a new year will begin for the 500 Club. For yearly dues of \$50.00, club members have the chance to win \$100.00 each week. Members will receive a card with (2) numbers. Winning numbers are determined each Friday based on the last three digits of the Dow Jones Industrial Closing Average. A check for \$100 will be mailed to the member who has the matching DOW number.

A member has (52) chances to win \$100 plus an end of the year banquet with more cash giveaways.

Please contact the NCC Development Office at (859) 292-0001 or email mciafardini@ncchs.com if you would like to become a member of the 500 Club.

John Paul II Catholic Foresters Court

NCC partners with Catholic Order of Foresters (COF)

NCC John Paul II

Court #2517

At a recent COF Banquet, Newport Central Catholic officially became the first high school to partner with COF and begin a court or youth group. The official name of our COF court is *John Paul II*. The attached photo was taken after an induction ceremony at the banquet. Shown in the photo are elected NCC Court Officers, Bob Noll, Mary and Phil Ciafardini, and Peggy Piccola along with COF state dignitaries.

At this time we invite everyone to learn more about becoming a member of our *NCC John Paul II Catholic Order of Foresters Court* and begin taking advantage of the benefits and fun activities planned. Briefly defined, the purpose is to provide various monthly opportunities for students and/or families to participate in sponsored events that are *religious, educational, or outreach* in nature. Through the COF matching funds program, NCC will benefit by receiving ongoing

additional funds for academic purposes. Funds are based on enrollment and membership attendance at COF sponsored events.

Please visit the COF website at www.CatholicForesterky.org and click on the *Pathways* menu item. Our contact through COF is Mr. Chris Dillon and he can be reached at (859) 746-9110 or feel free to contact the NCC Development Office. The yearly membership dues per individual is between \$15 - \$25 and all age groups are encourage to become a member of the *NCC John Paul II COF Court*. Membership application forms can be downloaded at www.ncchs.com.

Mark your calendar for June 9 for a COF Bus Trip to a Florence Freedom Baseball Game and watch for other upcoming events .



Bowling Teams

Congratulations to the Girls Bowling team on an outstanding effort at the Ky. State tournament this past Sat. The tournament was held at Dixie Lanes in Louisville. 20 teams participated and NCC made it to the Elite Eight before losing to the defending State champions from Pleasure Ridge Part (Louisville) in a heartbreaking/deciding game 220 – 212.

The annual bowling banquet/awards ceremony will be held for the Girls & Boys teams on April 17th at Highlands High School at 6:00 pm

Boys Volleyball team

Unfortunately, there wasn't enough interest to field a team this year, however, Mrs. Mertle, Mrs. Angie Reckers, Ms. Fleissner and Mr. Froendhoff are anxious to try again next year.

Denmark Trip

Six students and two teachers will be taking a trip to Copenhagen, Denmark to study the school and the culture. The trip will take place April 2, 2008 through April 17, 2008. Mrs. JoAnna Loechel and Mrs. Shelley Wykle will be traveling with: Seniors, Andy Brown, Ryan Brueggen, Chelsea Crawford, Zach Mullen and Juniors Cassie Juniet and Samantha Sampson. Everyone is looking forward to the cultural and educational opportunities this trip holds. The students will be maintaining a blog via the website www.ncchstravel.com. Please visit the site and follow along on the journey. You can do everything from following our flight to signing the guestbook and leaving comments on the individual student post. You will also be able to see pictures taken during the trip.

Mother's Club

Many thanks to the NCC Mother's Club for all the help they have provided in the past and for the work they continue to do. We have just been informed that all of the work submitted for the annual Scholastic's Art Competition will now be submitted in a digital format. Hopefully, with their help, we will be able to meet this challenge as we move into the '08 – '09 school year with an extremely strong class, continuing our tradition of excellence in the arts at NCC!