

## NCC FYI

Dear NCC Family,

We want to try something new to keep everyone more informed about the happenings at NCC. This Newsletter will be sent out by email to parents and faculty at this point and we will expand as others express interest in receiving the newsletter. If someone would like to receive the newsletter, email me at [bnoll@ncchs.com](mailto:bnoll@ncchs.com) to have your address added to the list.

### Events and Schedule Changes

- Feb
- 1- Foodstock Concert to benefit area needy
  - 2- DIRT ski trip with other Diocesan youth
  - 6- In the building Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:30, all are welcome. School runs from 8-2:45
  - 10- Incoming Student (8<sup>th</sup> graders) registration/scheduling 2-4. [College Planning night for Juniors and their parents 6 p.m. in the assembly hall.](#)
  - 12- [Jr & Sr Parent "We Believe" Campaign Information Night](#)
  - 13- Grade School Principals and Jr. High Teacher Dinner
  - 17- Sweetheart Dance at the Syndicate 7:00 til 11:00
  - 18- No School Presidents Day
  - 19- C & B exams starting at 9:00 and 10:30 [BOOSTERS MEETING 8:00](#)
  - 20- E & D exams starting at 9:00 and 10:30 [MOTHER'S CLUB 7:30](#)
  - 21- A period exam at 9:00
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> No School- Professional Development

### Catholic Schools Week

As I am typing this we are in the middle of Catholic Schools week and I just returned from lunch with the students who attended the Diocesan Catholic Schools Week Mass at the Cathedral with the Bishop. We had 13 kids participating in music, the Mass or in attendance. We celebrated Mass as community on Tuesday, Faculty appreciation breakfast on Wednesday, '07 Grad Christine Kues and her mother Patty talked to us about their mission trip to Africa on Thursday, and Friday was student appreciation day. Christine and Patty and the band Monday's Child were wonderful and the presentation on Uganda and the plight of the people was inspiring. Student Appreciation lunch (Big Boys) was moved to Monday because we had the Girls basketball team and fans out of the building Friday.

### Boys Track

Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> we will have another call for those who want to participate in track this year. The first official practice day in the outdoor season will be Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also, on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 members of the track team will be participating in the Indoor State Meet at Broadbent Arena in Louisville at 8:00 AM.

### Academic Enhancement

LaSalle High School is hosting a College Night for students with learning disabilities on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 from 7-9 pm. There will be a guest speaker to discuss the rights of students with learning disabilities and the responsibilities, followed by an opportunity to meet with local college representatives (from Ohio and Kentucky)

to answer questions- there will be three 20 minute sessions. For further information contact: 513-741-2366 or 513-741-2319.

NKU is hosting several high school courses for grades 9-12 this spring including: Life on the Internet- Street Smart and Savvy (March 1), Making the Grade- Effective Study Skills and Strategies (Feb. 23 and March 1), and Learning- Powered-up and Personal (March 15). For further information or to register visit: [communityconnections.nku.edu/norse\\_kids.htm](http://communityconnections.nku.edu/norse_kids.htm) or call 859-572-5600.

### Math

Nineteen of our Precalculus and Calculus students will be taking the national AMC12 mathematics test sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. It is a 75-minute multiple choice test given nationally on February 12. The participants are:

Babey, Leigha	Kling, Renee
Beiting, Burke	Kloeker, Sam
Broering, Mark	Kues, Rob
Buller, Mitch	McGinnis, Andy
Eviston, Steven	Rolf, Nick
Grosser, Matt	Ryan, Hanna
Hagedorn, Danielle	Schwarber, Natalie
Hamilton, Ian	Stone, Clayton
Hardesty, Michelle	Sutkamp, Sam
Hogle, Brian	

We wish everyone good luck with the event.

### March for Life

On January 22, 2008, 71 students and 14 chaperones representing N.C.C. took part in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. giving witness to the fact that human life must be respected from the moment of conception until natural death.

March for Life Testimonials-2008 can be found on our Website, please take a look at the outstanding representation we had and their experiences.

### Biology Club

The NCC Biology Club has been working hard on the two aquaria in the Biology Lab. The freshwater tank, under the direction of sophomore Alex Wiedeman, is stocked with many local invertebrates, aquatic plants, and some interesting fish. Also included is a toad that Mr. Acito saved from sure death (by his lawnmower) last summer. The saltwater tank, under the care of seniors David Roy, Krista Gels, Andy McGinnis, and Brandon Johnson, is coming along very nicely. Several fish, including a Coral Beauty Angelfish, Yellow Tang, Snowflake Morey Eel, and a Goby (recently deceased thanks to the eel) have been added. Mr. Acito (science teacher wannabe) recently added a chocolate-chip starfish and a very angry (but cool) Hawkfish who is threatening the livelihood of the tank's inhabitants, but also demonstrating natural selection very well. We will keep you posted of any further developments.

### Religion Department

This month we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. In Mrs. Blank's class students wrote essays on their Catholic heroes and how their Catholic elementary schools prepared

them for high school. Several students' essays were selected to appear in the *Messenger*.

Reconciliation services will be held in March for the Lenten Season. The dates have not been selected at this time.

Some of Sr. Koehl's Social Justice students will be participating in "I Love Mountains Day" at the Capital in Frankfort on February 14<sup>th</sup>, allowing them an opportunity to see how their voices can make a difference on a justice issue.

#### National Honor Society

During the week of February 11, 2008, the NHS will be collecting gently used (or new) cell phones to send to our troops overseas. If you would like to help us, please send your donation to Mrs. Loechel in room 205.

Additionally, to help prepare for the new trimester, the NHS will once again participate in the distribution of text books to the appropriate classrooms and also lead a campus clean-up. After all, a sparkling classroom does wonders for student and teacher morale.

#### Culinary Club (Moderator Mr. Beiting-coming soon)

There is a new club starting up on the hill this winter/spring. The Culinary Club is dedicated to educating Newport Central Catholic High School students about the pleasures of fine food and cooking. The Culinary Club is an extracurricular group where students can learn the basics of cooking in the kitchen, learn to create culinary dishes and menus, and extend their culinary interests into the real world with visits to local restaurants or culinary attractions as well as opportunities to practice their culinary skills at school events. The Culinary Club hopes to instill a greater understanding of the world of food, develop positive attitudes, foster strong leadership and management skills and develop communication – all vital skills in nearly every field of work.

#### art department grapevine

There are a great number of things happening in the Visual Arts at Newport Central Catholic. Recently, the varsity (A.P. Art and Art Four students) competed in the Scholastic's Art competition. Eleven seniors submitted eight piece portfolios with accompanying artist statements. A huge amount of work went into this and all the students' efforts are applauded.

Concurrently, the J.V. (Art Two and Three sophomores and juniors) are in preparation for the Kentucky Governors School for the Arts competition. Fourteen NCC Art Guys ("guys" being non-gender specific) will submit a nine piece portfolio in March at a portfolio review/interview in Louisville, with only a very select number of students from across the state selected as winners. These winners, of which NCC has had a significant number of in the past (knock on wood!), will attend a three week residency program at Transylvania University in Lexington this summer. They will also have access to a large number of Scholarship opportunities during their senior year (most often these opportunities result in virtually "free-rides" to colleges and universities within the state as well as opportunities outside of the state). Good luck Art Two and Three!

#### Spanish Department

NCC graduate Molly McCord is Teaching in the Honduras through the Peace Corp. Mr. Beiting's Spanish 3 class and Sr. Oliverio's AP Spanish 4 class have been

corresponding with her classes through letters and emails. The communication with other young people in a Spanish speaking country is expanding our students' cultural understanding and helping them strengthen their Spanish skills.

Part-time NCC Spanish tutor Dr. Richard Longshore is spent the month of January in Antigua, Guatemala. Dr. Longshore was studying Spanish in a language school and bringing aid to the locals.



Development Dept: Grade School Corner

NCC invites grade school students to be our guest at the upcoming February events.

*Friday, Feb. 8* – NCC vs. Notre Dame (girls basketball game) - all grade school kids - NCC gym – JV 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM Varsity.

*Saturday, Feb. 9* - NCC vs. Brossart (boys basketball game) – all grade school kids – NCC gym – JV 6:00 PM, Varsity 7:30 PM

*Sunday, Feb. 17* – Junior High Skating Party – Holy Trinity Jr. High - 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Visit our NCC website at [www.ncchs.com](http://www.ncchs.com) for a free admission flyer.

*Sunday, February 10* – Incoming Freshman Orientation – 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Registration forms & curriculum information can be found on the website under Incoming Freshman Information.

Congratulations to the following eighth grade students who obtained the top 10 scores on the High School Placement Test (HSPT).

**Matt Broering**, St. Mary

**Jacob Schlarman**, St. Thomas, 1 year full-tuition scholarship

**Seth Connolly**, St. Catherine, 1 year full-tuition scholarship

**Kevin Goldstein**, St. Therese, 1 year partial scholarship

**Zach Ryan**, St. Joseph

**Anne Hosty**, St. Thomas, 1 year partial scholarship

**Phil Kenkel**, St. Therese, 1 year partial scholarship

**Katrina Hlebiczki**, St. Thomas, 1 year partial scholarship

**Maria Kues**, St. Thomas

**Austen Davenport**, St. Mary

**Margaret Parr**, St. Therese

Additional congratulations to the NCC districted students listed above who will be awarded scholarships due to their HSPT scores. According to Covington Diocesan Policy, students must be attending one of the six district parishes and take the test at NCC in order to be eligible for one of the six scholarships.

Congratulations to all these students, their parents, their teachers, and their schools.

NCC will be holding two informational sessions for all parents regarding the "...We Believe" Campaign and all that it entails here in the next couple months. Details on funds raised, direction of strategy, and construction plans will be discussed and "we believe" (no pun attended) it is very important for all parents to be informed about this initiative. All parents should have received a "Save the Date" card which was enclosed in your student's progress report and Senior and Junior Parents should have already received an invitation to attend the first session that is to be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12th at 7:00 pm. The second session for Sophomore and Freshman Parents is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th, at 7:00pm and invitations regarding this briefing will be sent soon. So please mark these dates and plan to join us as we continue to be the best school we can be and provide the very best for our young men and women. [Attendance of 75% or more in a division will earn the students a Casual Dress day at school.](#)

#### MOCK TRIAL TEAM

THE 2008 NCC MOCK TRIAL TEAM IS HARD AT WORK PREPARING THEIR CASE FOR THE REGIONAL COMPETITION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 29 AT THE HARRISON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER.

THE PROSECUTION TEAM CONSISTS OF LAWYERS JENNIFER GILCHRIST, IAN HAMILTON, AND ELIZABETH GROTHAUS. THEIR WITNESSES ARE MACKENZIE SCHABELL, MATT BLANCHET, AND AARON SCHULTZ. THEY ARE PROSECUTING A MURDER CASE IN WHICH THE DEFENDANT IS CLAIMING HIS INNOCENCE BY REASON OF INSANITY.

OUR DEFENSE TEAM CONSISTS OF LAWYERS MARIA BURNS, KATIE COLLIER, AND KIMBERLY BIHL. THEIR WITNESSES ARE FRANNIE SCHULTZ, ROBERT CURTIN, AND THE DEFENDANT HIMSELF WILL BE MARK BROERING. THE

DEFENDANT HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED A PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA WHO WAS ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING AND KILLING A PERSON FROM AN OVERPASS.

BRIAN EVISTON AND NICK DONNERMEYER, TWO NCC GRADUATES, ARE THE LAWYER COACHES FOR THE TEAM THIS YEAR. THEY MEET EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT AND GO OVER ALL PARTS OF THE CASE.

OUR TIMEKEEPER THIS YEAR WILL DAVID BROERING WHO IS ALSO WORKING WITH BOTH SIDES OF THE CASE DURING OUR PRACTICE SESSIONS.

THE CASE HAS PROVED TO BE VERY INTERESTING AS WELL AS VERY DEMANDING. A LOT OF PREPARATION HAS GONE INTO GETTING READY AND THE STUDENTS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REGIONAL COMPETITION.