

## NCC FYI

Dear NCC Family,

So far so good, getting this together and out for two months in a row. 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.

All is going well as we start the 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester. Certainly everyone is craving spring weather, but we will continue to work and focus on the tasks at hand. **Please make every effort to make the parents meetings for the Capital Campaign. We are in the final phase of this Campaign and we need everyone's involvement to make this successful.** If someone is not receiving this and would like to, have them email me at [bnoll@ncchs.com](mailto:bnoll@ncchs.com) to have their address added to the list.

### Events and Schedule Changes

March 6—Dio Adoration XLT will be presented to the student body.  
10—First eligibility report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester  
11—Abstinence Speaker 10:00—11:30—all freshmen and sophomores in our gym.  
12 – Capital Campaign Parents Meeting – Freshmen, Sophomore, and Incoming Parents  
17 & 18—Reconciliation services all students  
20-24—No School—Easter Break  
24—Mom Prom  
25—Pop Hop  
29- Jammin on the Hill  
4/7-4/11—No School—Spring Break

### **NCC SENIOR IAN HAMILTON NAMED NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST**

Newport Central Catholic High School congratulates Senior Ian Hamilton, son of Joe and Jan Hamilton of Ft. Thomas, KY for being named a National Merit Finalist in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Ian has met the requirements for Finalist standings in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program, a distinction that places him in a group representing about half of one percent of U.S. high school graduating seniors. He is among 16,000 finalists now being considered for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation will announce the 2008 Merit Scholarship recipients beginning in March.

Newport Central Catholic congratulates Ian on his outstanding achievement and wishes him luck in being selected as a Merit Scholarship Winner.

### **Second Trimester 07-08 First Honors Freshmen**

Allison Buchanan

Andrew Buchanan

Natalie Buller

Melissa Donnermeyer  
Michael Froendhoff  
Olivia Hagedorn  
Abbigail Kinnett  
Troy Kremer  
Kristen Lenz

Joe Lohr  
Sean Murphy  
Mallory Niemer  
Rebecca Schilling  
Rachel Schmitt  
Aaron Schultz

Courtney Stone  
Sarah Suedkamp  
Ethan Trauth  
Randall Vennemann

**Second Trimester 07-08**  
**First Honors**  
**Sophomores**

Erin Barrett  
Kimberly Bihl  
Matthew Blanchet  
Daniel Bowman  
Joseph P. Brennan  
David Broering  
Catherine Butts  
Elizabeth M. Canafax  
Katie Collier  
Connor Devoto  
Timothy Dunn  
Elizabeth Grothaus  
Brian Hogle

Nolan Johnson  
Maggie L. Kohrs  
Sara Lambert  
Tyler Lampe  
Jared Leick  
Cole Little  
Allison Lonneman  
Natalie Ludwig  
Adam Meyer  
Shaun Meyer  
Dominic Millard  
Jordan Neltner  
Bridgette Parr

Kevon Reis  
Brittany Romito  
Tyler Ryan  
Courtney Sandfoss  
Mackenzie Schabell  
Frannie Schultz  
Amy Schwarber  
Nathan Seibert  
Michael Smith  
Adam Ulbricht  
Sierra Walker  
Brendon Woodruff

**Second Trimester 07-08**  
**First Honors**  
**Juniors**

Mollie Beck  
Kelly A. Caudill  
Jeramie Connor  
Robert Curtin  
Kaela Freppon  
Kelsay Froendhoff  
Rebecca Gerding  
Ross Goetz  
Maribeth Goforth  
Christopher J. Grosser

Zachary Grosser  
Sadie Grothaus  
Anne Gruenschlaeger  
Kayla Johnson  
Cassandra Juniet  
Devin Klaserner  
Charles Kloeker  
Andrew Krebs  
Benjamin Parr  
Nathan Rawe

Elizabeth Rolf  
Hannah Ryan  
Megan Schnelle  
Julia Schulenberg  
Savannah Venneman  
Rachael Wagenlander  
Lindsey Wagner  
Gregory Willett  
Alyssa Woltermann  
Morgan Wooton

**Second Trimester 07-08**  
**First Honors**  
**Seniors**

Allison Arrowood  
Michelle Bowman  
Ryan Brueggen  
Laura Bueter  
Brooke Butler  
Kevin Connor  
Alexa DuPont  
Michael Enzweiler  
Abby Fangman  
Robert Gardner  
Susan Geiger  
April Gibson

Jennifer Gilchrist  
Matt Grosser  
Ian Hamilton  
Alexa Hlebiczki  
Brandon Johnson  
Brian Kirst  
Renee Kling  
Sam Kloeker  
Kara Lester  
Monica Lonneman  
Kate Marschman  
Katie McDermott

Wade Mcgrath  
Katie McGraw  
Corryn Muench  
Zach Mullen  
Bridget QUITTER  
Thomas Reardon Jr  
David Roy  
Ashley Ryan  
Joshua Schmitt  
Kaitlin Smith  
Jessica Wimsatt  
Desiree Zink

**Second Trimester 07-08**  
**Second Honors**  
**Freshmen**

Rebecca Blanchet  
Christopher Calhoun  
Dustin Campbell  
Brennan Daunt  
Morgan Dubuc  
Madison Freeman  
Brittany Fryer  
Logan Hardt  
Emma Heil

Dustan Heitzman  
Taylor Infante  
Ryan Klein  
Nicholas Kohrs  
Chelsea Long  
Andrew Merrill  
Morgan Miles  
Casey Murphey  
Evan Neises

Mary Payne  
Sarah Schmitz  
Alexandra Simons  
Erica Steffen  
Murphy Stephens  
Brittany Stevens  
Parissa Zargar

**Second Trimester 07-08**  
**Second Honors**  
**Sophomores**

Katie Allen  
Kellen Arlinghaus  
Brittany Boyle  
Shae Brennan  
Joe Collopy  
Molly Connor  
Larry Dettmer

Sarah Farney  
Sarah Goetz  
Olivia Johnson  
Daniel Merrill  
Kimberly Neises  
Grant Pangallo  
Zachariah Russell

Erik Schout  
Jodi Sweeney  
Tyler Tackett  
Trisha Taylor  
Erin Weyer  
Alex Wiedeman  
Jayme Wischer

**Second Trimester 07-08**  
**Second Honors**  
**Juniors**

Alexa Abner  
Leigha Babey  
Robert Bramel  
William Brannon  
Michael Buemi  
Maria Burns  
Kelsey Dubuc

Abigail Durso  
Logan Ferrara  
Jane Giesler  
Brian Gish  
Danielle Hagedorn  
Justin Jones  
Michael Ludwig

Mallory Myers  
Alex Niemer  
Zachary Payne  
Maria Schuman  
Michelle Woods

**Second Trimester 07-08**  
**Second Honors**  
**Seniors**

Burke Beiting  
Kyle Biggs  
Michelle Borman  
Emily Brockschmidt  
Mark Broering  
Mitchell Buller  
Vinny Ciafardini  
Kevin Connolly  
Zack Cooney  
Chelsea Crawford  
Mariah Cutter  
Nicholas Dawn  
Emma Dill

Nichole Ellison  
Steven Eviston  
Krista Gels  
Dustin Giesler  
Colleen Gough  
Michelle Hardesty  
Jaclyn Klare  
Matthew Kues  
Michael Lipscomb  
Paige Martin  
Laura Maushart  
Andrew McGinnis  
Rachel Meisenhelder

Lindsey Myers  
Johnny Pabst  
Matthew Ritter  
Nicholas Rolf  
Natalie Schwarber  
Brittany Smith  
Maxwell Spangler  
Sarah Steffen  
Clayton Stone  
Samantha Sutkamp  
Abigail Watson  
Ellen Williams  
Emily Wiseman

### Counseling Department

In our fast-paced society, girls are often forced to grow up too quickly. As they navigate through their turbulent teen years, girls frequently feel alone in their struggles. Girls in Real Life Situations (G.I.R.L.S.) is a group counseling curriculum designed to give girls an opportunity to feel empowered, gain self-awareness and respect, develop positive coping mechanisms, improve daily problem-solving skills, feel connected with other girls, and make healthy decisions as they grow through chaotic times. In G.I.R.L.S, group members share feelings, struggles, and similarities and serve as a sounding board for one another while discussing and participating in a variety of activities dealing with issues common to all young women. Nicole Sealy will be moderating the 10 week program beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Academic Enhancement

I would like to congratulate AE students who have overcome obstacles to make honors second trimester. Honors: Chris Calhoun, Dustin Campbell, Ryan Klein, Mary Payne, and Brittany Stevens.

For the fourth year, our Academic Enhancement Program teachers and students have been guests at St. Therese's annual Everybody Counts presentation to discuss learning differences, special needs, and overcoming obstacles in high school. This year, we have also been guests at St. Catherine's presentation. We are happy to share our experiences and help promote a healthy, informed point of view regarding learning disabilities. Special thanks to students who have assisted this year.

We have an open door policy for all NCC students. If you are in need of some extra help in current courses, we may be able to help. This trimester, we are available before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45-8:15, and after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays by appointment. Please stop in to see us throughout the day so we know when to expect you.

### D.I.R.T

Since the beginning of February, D.I.R.T. (Discussing Inspiring Readings In Theology) has held a benefit concert, affectionately labeled Foodstock, which raised over \$200 for Northern Kentucky food banks and collected roughly 700 cans to contribute to the war against poverty, as well as attending the Diocesan Annual Ski Trip at Perfect North Slopes. D.I.R.T. members are now planning to join a Lenten retreat in early March, enroll in a pottery class, take part in the Stations of the Cross and climb the infamous steps of Holy Cross-Immaculata Church in prayer on Good Friday. D.I.R.T. membership is growing with nearly every meeting, as all are invited to join. Meetings are held every Thursday from 3pm-4pm in Room 202.

### John Paul II Catholic Foresters Court

NCC partners with Catholic Order of Foresters (COF)

*NCC John Paul II*

*Court #2517*

Through a matching funds program titled *First Vantage Pathways* offered through the Catholic Order of Foresters, NCC has established a COF court or *youth group* under the name of John Paul II. 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 partnership with Catholic Order of Foresters, NCC will benefit by receiving ongoing additional funds for academic purposes based on enrollment and memberships.

In the weeks to follow more information will be forthcoming regarding the newly formed *NCC John Paul II COF Court*. The date for a kickoff event will be announced soon. In the meantime, please visit the COF website at [www.CatholicForesterky.org](http://www.CatholicForesterky.org) and click on the *Pathways* menu item.

### Culinary Club

The Culinary Club recently had its second meeting and prepared delicious salads and bruschetta. The group continues to grow more comfortable in the kitchen and we look forward to further successes as the trimester continues. Our next meeting will be the second week of March as we hear from the owner of the local restaurant Mokka.

### Biology Club

The Biology Club has been busy this month. The saltwater aquarium has a new inhabitant, a Butterfly fish, while the freshwater ecosystem has been coming along nicely. Once again thanks go out to David Roy and Alex Wiedeman, the main volunteers helping with their maintenance.

In Biology Class news, the AP Biology class successfully completed a unique lab for the first time here at NCC. The lab involved transforming bacteria (*E. coli*) to glow in the dark and to become Ampicillin-resistant, by placing a section of DNA from a firefly into the bacteria's genome. After 24 hours the students were excited to see the bacteria glowing a faint blue color on plates infused with Ampicillin (an antibiotic). This was one of many exciting labs this year's class has performed.

Mr. Stamm and 2 students (Laura Bueter and Kaitlyn Smith) will be attending the Children's Hospital Medical Center High School Science Symposium. The students will participate in several sessions relating to the medical field. Each year only 2 students from each high school are allowed to attend.

### Religion Department

February began Lent, and the school joined together for Mass on Ash Wednesday. Lenten Reconciliation services will be held during D and E periods on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Diocesan Youth Commission will bring the XLT (eXaLT) praise, worship and adoration service to NCC on March 6<sup>th</sup>. This prayer experience, which will take place during the school day, includes praise and worship music by the Lee Roessler Band, a Christian witness talk, and Eucharistic Adoration.

The religion department is looking to plan a day of reflection for the Freshmen which will take place after spring break.

### Spring Drama Production

Newport Central Catholic celebrates its 20th year of musicals with a mega-production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*. Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is based on the Academy Award winning movie, and the stage version includes all of the songs from the film, as well as new songs written especially for the stage. The magical story of the beautiful Belle and the misunderstood Beast is perfect for audiences of all ages. From Belle's eccentric mother Maureen to the bulky and arrogant Gaston to the charming

characters who inhabit the Beast's castle, this musical is filled with vain villains, sociable servants and passionate protagonists.

The large cast is made up of both veterans and newcomers. Joey Collopy makes his acting debut as the Beast and Ashley Ryan returns to the stage in the role of Belle. Joining them onstage are Will Brannon (Gaston), Bridget Quitter (Mrs. Potts), Alyssa Woltermann (Maureen), and nearly 75 other NCC students. Additionally, there are over 40 other students involved backstage.

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is directed by Kevan Brown with musical direction by Therese Blank and choreography by Becky Schneider and Nicole Sealy. The show is produced by Amy Gurley.

### 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.

#### Choir

The NCC Choir sang at a special dinner that celebrated 160 years of education in the Newport, Bellevue and Dayton parishes. There will be a short hiatus from the youth masses at St. Joseph as we gear up for the musical, "Beauty and the Beast" but will be back the first Sunday in May at 7:00 pm and then start our preparation for graduation.

### Spanish Department

AP Spanish class is preparing for the Foreign Language Festival which will take place in April at Northern Ky. University. They may participate in several categories. The academic categories consist of speaking, listening, reading, writing and dialogue. The Art category consists of drama, dance, choir, costume and visual art. Students from the area who take any foreign language (This includes Spanish, French, German and Latin) may participate in the festival.

### Development Dept

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 intended) it is very important for all parents to be informed about this initiative. The second session for Sophomore and Freshman Parents is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12th, at 7:00 pm and invitations regarding this briefing will be sent soon. So please mark this date 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 Mock Trial Team will be traveling to Harrison County Justice Center on Feb. 29th to compete in the regional mock trial tournament against Montgomery County. (Montgomery County finished fifth in the nation last year.) The team will present the prosecution side of a murder case against the defense of Montgomery County. Then, in the afternoon, our defense side will compete against the prosecution of Montgomery County.

Students have been preparing since November and have put a great deal of time into the case. Nick Donnermeyer and Brian Eviston (NCC graduates and UK Law School graduates) have been meeting with the students on a weekly basis and have been impressed with the dedication of the students.

The team consist of three student lawyers on the prosecution side and three on the defense side. Each side has three witnesses and the team has to have a timekeeper. Direct examination is given 25 minutes while cross examination get 20 minutes. Each opening and closing statement is allowed 5 minutes. A lot of discussion and arguments have gone into their preparation and the kids are looking forward to the challenge.

### Girls Track & Field

On Saturday, March 7, nine members of the Girls Indoor Track Team will be competing in the Mason Dixon Games Indoor State Meet at Broadbent Arena in Louisville. The meet begins at 8:00 a.m. NCC has finished as State Runner-up at this meet the past two years and look to make another good showing this year.

The outdoor team had 49 girls attend the sign-up meeting so it is looking to be the largest team yet. This is sure to provide an exciting season of Track and Field as the Lady Breds try to better last year's Class 'A' State Runner-Up finish!

### Bowling Teams

Congratulations to the Girls bowling team on winning their 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive Regional Tournament and advancing to the State Tournament to be held at Dixie Lanes in

Louisville on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The Girls finished the regular season with a 77-7 record. The boys finished the season 2<sup>nd</sup> in their division but didn't do so well in the Regional tournament. Thanks to the bowling coaches, Barb Brossart (Girls), Wayne Dutle (Boys) and to Mrs. Mertle (moderator), Babette Norris & Sandy from Walt's Center Lanes.

Thanks to all the NCC students who participated in the Wed. Intramural League. Congratulations to senior Keith Napier & senior Jessica Wimsatt for having the highest average for the league.

Special thanks to the owner of Walt's Center Lanes, Pete Wagner, for allowing NCC to utilize the bowling lanes for P.E. classes, the intramural league and for housing the NCC Bowling teams.

### Boys Club Volleyball

Thanks to the efforts of Angie Reckers, Scott Froendhoff & Vicki Fleissner, NCC will have a club volleyball team for the boys again this year. There was enough interest this year to have a JV and varsity team. They are currently struggling to find gym time to practice but will be ready to begin their season in March. They will have home matches on May 5 & 6<sup>th</sup>

### Boys Track

The boys track team has 24 members as of our meeting on Feb. 27th. The 8 boys preparing for the indoor State Track Meet in Louisville on March 8th are just about ready to compete. We will not be real strong at this meet, but several of the young men should bring home State Medals. Update next month after the meet.

### 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. To earn some extra spending money for the trip, the students attending Denmark as well as the two students traveling to Belize with Lloyd High School, will have a fundraiser at the Newport McDonald's. "NCC Night at McDonald's" will be on March 18, 2008. Our group will receive 20% of all sales in the store and through the drive thru between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

### Mother's Club

Join us for the *Jammin on The Hill* Social featuring the band *Fast Forward* on Saturday, March 29. The Band will perform in the Newport Central Catholic gymnasium from 8:30 PM - 12:30 AM. Doors open at 7:30 PM. A split the pot will also be a part of the evening. Admission is \$30 per person and will include hors d' oeuvres, beer, wine and set-ups. Tickets will be available after March 3 by stopping by NCCHS during school hours.

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