

NCC FYI

Dear NCC Family,

Things are continuing to move at a quick pace this year, but the kids and faculty are doing a great job of staying focused. We will be ending the trimester this week and preparing for the Holidays and the joy and challenges that brings.

Since I last sent this newsletter, we have seen much happen at school. Under the leadership of our Student Government Association (SGA) our kids have had Homecoming and other in-school activities and I could not be more proud of the student body for their participation and behavior. The kids are truly taking responsibility for **their** school and it is exciting. We also held a student mock presidential election. There is a section on this election below.

Construction is moving along quickly. As I write this, they are putting up the walls for the 2nd floor of the addition. The electricians have moved in to the first floor and are starting to make infrastructure progress. We should have access for tours of the addition for our Open House on Dec. 4th. I know the economy struggles have caught us all off guard, but please pray for our Capital Campaign and for your possible involvement, both are still needed as we make strides toward our goal.

Our senior girls will be traveling to St. Anne's Convent for their Senior Retreat Nov. 14-16, so please keep them and the retreat team in your prayers. This is an important time for seniors and the retreat is a good time to reflect on their important faith journey ahead.

Finally, we are going to have a school clean-up on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9:00 until 1:00 to get ready for our Open House. We need general cleaning and painting done. Please email Mr. Noll (bnoll@ncchs.com) if you can help.

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.

"...We Believe" Capital Campaign

If any of you have visited the school over the course of the summer, you most probably have seen the beginning stages of construction and renovation that have begun up "on the hill". As we anticipate this major makeover to our campus facility, I still would like to remind everyone that we continue to seek financial gifts in order to reach the campaign goal of \$7.5 million. To date we have raised roughly \$5.3 million and we plan to reach our goal by the end of 2008. This goal will only be reached with the help and generosity of the NCC family. Again, I believe this campaign will be a success as long as we all do our very best.

I want to remind everyone of the "Parent Challenge" the Campaign introduced back in the spring. I know many of you were not able to make one of the Campaign Presentations, but hopefully you took the time to read the information we sent about the campaign and the challenge set forth. I want to again thank those of you who have already generously committed a financial gift and I ask all of you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the campaign. I can only ask that you do your very best in helping make this a successful project for our NCC community. NCC continues to work towards its best and the results of this campaign will allow us to make leaps and bounds in the improvement of the overall education provided to our young students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

11/12- C exam then A, B, D, E schedule (1st tri classes) Lunch based on B period
11/13- A then D First exam runs 8:00-9:10 Second exam runs 9:30-10:40
11/14 - E then B

- 11/14-11/16—Girls Retreat
11/17—Second Trimester begins
11/18—Blood Drive 8:30—7:30 - Boosters Meeting 8:00 pm in the Cafeteria
11/19 – Spirit Shop Christmas Open House 6:00-8:00 pm. New items for all NCC fans.
- Parents/Alumni Club Meeting 7:30 in the Cafeteria.
11/22 - School Clean-up Day. 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. Please email Mr. Noll if you can make it.
11/26 - Thanksgiving Mass 9:30 at St. Therese. Meet at St. Therese by 9:15. Buses will run from school at 9:00 for students dropped off at school. **Anyone dropped off at Church by parents should ride the bus to school after mass.**

Newport Central Catholic High School

“It’s A Wonderful Life”
Open House

Newport Central Catholic High School invites you to attend, “It’s A Wonderful Life”, Open House on **Thursday, December 4, 2008** from **6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** NCC offers you this opportunity to become more familiar with its religious education program, expanded curriculum, innovative 3x5 Trimester Schedule, 10 advanced placement classes, academic enhancement program, athletics, extracurricular activities and its current campus improvements and expansion.

The Open House will feature academic department exhibits along with athletic and extracurricular activity displays. Newport Central Catholic High School Fact Sheets, Curriculum Guides and Student Handbooks will be available.

Registration will begin at 6:15 PM. Two lucky 8th graders in attendance will win a \$250 NCC gift certificate in a special raffle for 8th graders only.

All are encouraged to attend!

For more details, contact the NCC Development Office at (859) 292-0001.

Winner’s Circle Results

Due to the hard work of our committee and the generosity of our community, the inaugural Winner’s Circle evening netted \$43,000 for Newport Central Catholic. These funds will be used to keep our technology resources at our best possible level and will be used to grow our endowment to strengthen our financial position for years to come. Many people deserve thanks for this success, but I want to publicly thank Lisa Johnson for all her work in helping us get this event up and running. With her leadership and the spirited work of her committee chairs and all the committee members this ended up being a great night for NCC. I was so proud of this group and the good feelings they generated and created for the whole crowd the night our the event.

I have had numerous compliments from those who attended and have been asked repeatedly if this is going to be an annual event. This is going to be a yearly event, and mark your calendars now for **Saturday, November 7, 2009**. We will be returning to the Syndicate for this event and want to thank them for their support.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Religion

The Religion department is pleased to announce that we will be resuming Friday morning Mass starting Friday, November 7th. There will be no morning Mass during exams, though. All are invited to join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Mass, Wednesday, November 26th at 9:30 AM at St. Therese.

A reminder on Service projects: Plans for service were due by Friday, November 7th to religion teachers. Projects do not need to be completed at this point, but a plan for all three projects must be submitted as a part of the first trimester religion grade.

Math

We sent 2 teams (10 students) to the 16th Annual John T. O'Bryan Mathematics Competition held at Campbell County High School on Saturday November 8. Mrs. Jenner took the following kids with her to the competition:

Brian Hogle	Kelly Caudill
Ross Goetz	Sue Jung
Robert Curtin	Kevon Reis
Mollie Beck	Shae Brennan
Alexa Abner	Allie Lonneman

Congratulations to our "Mathlete" team for winning the 3rd place plaque. Congratulations also to Brian Hogle for winning a trophy for second place in the individual and to Robert Curtin for honorable mention. Thanks to all who came and participated. You did a good job representing your school

We are limited to 10 people for this competition, but in all we had 21 kids sign up to be part of our Mathletic Team.

Big thanks and congratulations to Mrs. Jenner and all the math teachers on a great effort.

ACT Prep

Mr. Foster will be giving 5 classes in preparation for the Dec. 13th ACT test. The classes will be mostly preparation for the Math test but with a few general ideas for taking any standardized multiple choice test. All classes will be from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the following dates: November 18,19,25 and December 2 and 10. Price will again be \$50 with reservations made in the main office. Classes will be limited to the first 30 students to register.

Guidance

Freshman News:

On Tuesday, Oct. 28th the freshman class attended the *Making High School Count* assembly. This program is a nationally recognized presentation that is designed to help students make the most of their high school years. This year the motivational speaker was Coach D. Robinson who encouraged the students to do their best in the academic area and get involved in school activities. Students were given a workbook that explains what they do now affects the opportunities they will have in the future. The feedback from the students about this program has been very positive.

Mrs. Kellinghaus has met with the freshman class and explained how the trimester average is calculated and the importance of the exam grade. If you have any questions on how NCC calculates the final grade please contact Mrs. Kellinghaus.

Sophomore News:

Congratulations to Troy Kremer, son of Marianne and Irwin Kremer, for being selected to represent NCC at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBYS) seminar. The goal of this

conference is to develop leadership qualities of high school sophomores and to encourage students to take leadership roles in their school and community. This year the conference is at Transylvania University, June 4-7th. Murphy Stephens, daughter of Gwen and Richard Stephens, was selected as NCC's alternate. Congrats to both Troy and Murphy.

The annual NCC financial aid night for seniors and their parents is scheduled for Sunday December 14th at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Ms. Mary Gavins (financial aid director from Thomas More college) and Mrs. Mertle will present.

The annual NCC junior college planning night for juniors and their parents will be held on February 22nd at 6:30 in the NCC cafeteria. Mrs. Melissa Gorbandt (NKU admissions director) and Mrs. Mertle will present.

The guidance department is almost finished "moving in" to their new offices (in the right half) of the chapel. All college applications, ACT/SAT materials & resources are located there as well. All students are reminded to visit the guidance "center" anytime.

Mrs. Mertle would like to remind all college bound seniors that they should be applying to colleges and for scholarships now! Most schools recommend the on-line process. Please remember to let Mrs. Mertle know when they apply so a transcript can be sent. Please note: many college (namely Northern Ky. University) have moved their scholarship deadline to January 15th this year. Please be attentive to deadline.

PSAT – Mrs. Mertle administered the PSAT on October 15th to 144 students. Results should be here by December.

The next ACT is December 13th and is administered at NCC.

Most of the college representative visits to NCC are complete. The following visited with interested juniors and seniors:
NKU, Mount St. Joe, Morehead, UK, Wabash, Centre Georgetown, Univ. Of Louisville, Univ. Of Cincinnati, Univ. Of Dayton, Butler, Bellarmine, Transylvania, Otterbein, and Thomas More College. (a few more will probably come in Nov.)

Mr. Billy Sarge from Thomas More College came to NCC and talked to all of the seniors on Oct. 17th. TMC's next open house is scheduled for November 15th 9:00am – 12:00 (reservations are recommended)

All juniors will take the ASVAB (armed service vocational aptitude battery) on November 26th here at NCC. Information will be sent home soon. The guidance department uses the results of this test for career planning.

Mr. Carl Foster hosted the first act prep course (NCC students only) for students who were registered to take the October 25th test. We are looking forward to the results! He plans to offer the course again before the December, February and April tests. You can call the guidance office for details/to register.

Science

Biology Club News

One final note...If anyone in the NCC Community has access to stethoscopes and/or blood pressure measuring devices for donation to the AP Biology class...please contact Mr. Stamm at bstamm@ncchs.com Thanks.

Academic Enhancement

Tutoring dates and times will change for second trimester- help will be available Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:40-8:20, and Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:45-3:30. Please stop in so we know to expect you.

Also, with Mrs. Piegols being on maternity leave starting early December (for about 6 weeks), if you or someone you know has an incoming freshman for the 09-10 school year and would like information about the Academic Enhancement Program, you are encouraged to email spiegols@ncchs.com or call the office at 292-0001. It is not too early to start the process.

STUDENT LIFE

Youth 2000 IS BACK!

Make YOUTH 2000 an early Christmas present. What an awesome gift! Give your teen a life-changing weekend of dynamic teaching, fun, music, and worship with hundreds of other Catholic youth at the YOUTH 2000 Eucharistic retreat November 21-23 at Thomas More College. Ages 13 to 17 must be chaperoned by a Virtus-compliant adult aged 21 or older. A chaperone can take up to seven minors. Two or more adults may share chaperone duties and split the cost; each must register. Full details at www.nkyouth.com. Encourage your child to pick up a brochure at the school office.

Mock Elections: Thanks to Mr. Morgan and Mrs. Daley

On Tuesday, October 28th, Newport Central Catholic held their mock Presidential election with students voting using a voting machine provided by Campbell County Clerk Jack Snodgrass. Polls opened up at 7:00am with Troy Kramer being the first to cast a vote.

The results of the election were as follows:

John McCain	186 votes
Barak Obama	100 votes
Ralph Nader	28 votes
Bob Barr	3 votes

Thanks to the student body for their participation in casting their votes and also their cooperation as we only had one polling place.

I also want to thank Mrs. Daley for the signs and decorations on the front steps as well as the "I voted" stickers. Your enthusiasm for this project added to an exciting atmosphere for our students.

Again thanks to Jack Snodgrass for allowing us the use of the voting machine as well as countless times he has talked to our government classes.

Upper Room

This past July 2008, during the Church's World Youth Day Celebration in Sydney, Australia, Pope Benedict XVI called on "young people 'from every nation under heaven' (cf. Acts 2:5),"... to... "be a new Upper Room...letting the fire of God's love descend to fill your hearts, unite you ever more fully to the Lord and his Church, and send you forth, a new generation of apostles, to bring the world to Christ!" Charged with this mission (and formed from the group formerly known as DIRT - Discussing Inspiring Readings in Theology), The Upper Room seeks to serve the entire NCCHS student body, with dynamic worship, fellowship, and service, all in the name of growing in closer union with Jesus Christ, and bringing Him out into the world.

Upcoming Upper Room Events:

December 6, 2008 8 AM-10 AM - Mass/Pro-life Witness at Holy Name Parish/Planned Parenthood (Cincinnati).

January 3, 2009 8 AM-10 AM - Mass/Pro-life Witness at Holy Name Parish/Planned Parenthood (Cincinnati).

January 30, 2009 3 PM – FOODSTOCK: A Souper Bowl of Caring Benefit Concert. Interested musicians should listen to announcements for more information on how to register as a performing band. All proceeds of canned food and cash go toward local food pantries and NCCHS/BBHS' Summer 2009 Uganda Mission.

February 7, 2009 8 AM-10 AM - Mass/Pro-life Witness at Holy Name Parish/Planned Parenthood (Cincinnati).

March 7, 2009 8 AM-10 AM - Mass/Pro-life Witness at Holy Name Parish/Planned Parenthood (Cincinnati).

April 4, 2009 8 AM-10 AM - Mass/Pro-life Witness at Holy Name Parish/Planned Parenthood (Cincinnati).

May 2, 2009 8 AM-10 AM - Mass/Pro-life Witness at Holy Name Parish/Planned Parenthood (Cincinnati).

NCC Ski Club

We will be taking advantage of Perfect North Slope's great programs for skiing, snowboarding, and tubing this year with the NCC Ski Club. Club members will enjoy the great benefits like discounted pricing, free lessons, fun physical fitness, and friends.

You may start to sign-up for the ski club at this time. You have until Sunday, November 23rd. All club information and registration can be completed on line. Choose from a number of different programs and options. Take a 4-lesson program and you will receive 2 coupons for free lift tickets. We will be having our NCC group lessons on Fridays, starting January 9, 2009. You may start to ski as soon as Perfect North has snow. You only need to go on Fridays if you want lessons. The following is the information that you need to register on line.

1. Go to www.perfectnorth.com
2. Select Club members Log-In located at the upper right corner of the home page
3. Search for My Club, using the ABC Chart
4. Type in Club User Name (Newport Central Catholic) and Club Password (Meadow).
5. Continue to follow online instructions.

This must be done for each person in the family. If you have any questions, please ask me. I hope that you join us for some winter fun!

Mrs. Jane Zapp
859-441-5171

Choir

The NCC Church Choir continues to sing at St. Joseph on the first Sun. of the month for the 7:00 pm mass. On Nov. 26 we will be singing at Holy Spirit along with the St. John UCC Choir for a Thanksgiving ecumenical service. Also, mark your calendars for Dec. 12. Friday Dec. 12th at St. Joseph in Cold Spring, our choir will combine with an Adult choir, woman's choir, folk group, children's choir and bell choir in a wonderful Christmas concert. There will be coco and cookies afterward. All are welcome!

YOUTH 2000

Mark your calendar for the weekend of November 21-23 for the annual Youth 2000. Encourage your kids to attend this "diocesan youth retreat" supported by the Youth Ministry Commission. It is not an overnight. All the NCC students who attended in the past highly recommend it for all our students. More information has been presented at school and posted on the web.

Denmark Update

Denmark Trip

Thanks to all who helped in the planning, execution and visitation of the pumpkin patch on Sunday October 26th. The students traveling to Denmark earned \$1200 toward the plane tickets for the trip. We appreciate your continued support. We are planning a Guitar Hero tournament soon as well.

Danish Students

The Danish students have traveled home after 3 weeks at NCC. The kids had a great time here and made some life long connections. A huge thank you to those who helped the students experience American culture. In the spring we will be asking for volunteers for hosting for the 2009-2010 school year.

March for Life

We are making final plans for our trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life. We will leave on Wed. Jan. 21st from NCC and will be taking 3 buses of kids and chaperones (approx. 120 kids and 14 chaperones). We will arrive in Washington D.C. early Thursday and will take part in a youth rally and Mass before the March. Our plans for after the March to explore certain venues in Washington are in the planning stages, but we will be visiting several places to broaden the experience. We will stay overnight and do some sightseeing Fri. morning before we load the buses for home around 1 pm. We should arrive back home by 10 pm.

Culinary Club

The Culinary Club recently took a field trip to historic Findlay Market. Students were given a tour of the facility and learned about the rich history of public markets in Cincinnati. Club members met with vendors and enjoyed a few of the many tasty treats the market has to offer.



NCC boys (club) volleyball

Mrs. Angie Reckers (and Mrs. Mertle/moderator) will try again this year to have a boy's volleyball team. Sign up sheets are now available in Mrs. Mertle's office for boy's grades 9-12. The season will run February through May.

Bowling

The NCC boys and girls bowling teams have been selected:

Boys

Scott Becker
Dustin Campbell
Ross Goetz
Kris Guthier
Jared Leick
Dominic mallard
Darren Quinn
Luke Schmits
T. J. Schowalter
Tyler Tackett

Girls

Erin Barrett
Becky Blanchett
Rebecca Gerding
Liz Kroger
Kristen Lenz
Allie Lonneman
Bridgett Parr
Margarette Parr
ashley Piller
Jayme Wischer

Thanks to the coaches (Mrs. Barb Brossart and Babette Norris) and to Mrs. Mertle for being the NCC moderator again this year. The first match will be held at Walt's Center Lanes on Nov. 13 vs. Holy cross at 3:30.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Congratulations NCC Grad, Brother Brian Halderman, S.M.

Brother Brian Halderman, S.M., professed perpetual vows with the Society of Mary on Oct. 4. Brother Brian, 31, is from **Saint Thomas Parish in Fort Thomas, Ky**. He is a 1995 graduate of **Newport Central Catholic High School**. Congratulations Brother Brian!

In the Winners' Circle



The *Inaugural/Winners' Circle* Event was a huge success! Guests enjoyed an evening of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, auctions, raffles and live entertainment. Mark your calendar for next year - November 7.



Guests at the Winners' Circle look over the fabulous silent auction items.

Catholic Order of Forester's

This is a great opportunity to join the Catholic Order of Foresters. For more information call Chris Dillon at 859-746-9110. If your child is already a member of a Catholic Order of Foresters Court, please email the court number and roster number to Peggy Piccola at pepiccola@ncchs.com. We have already had two events that were supplemented by COF, your child can sign up an NCC Forester event even if they are a member of another court.

Anyone using Cincinnati Bell services can earn money for Newport Central Catholic High School. [Here's how CB Learn works:](#)

- We will receive \$10 for every household that enrolls in CB Learn and makes our boosters a designation.
- * (Users must register each year to continue Cincinnati Bell's yearly \$10 donation.)
- When our registered CB Learn participants purchase these new products and services, we will receive the following donations:

[New Subscription Donation to School](#)

Home Phone \$20

Wireless \$100

Unlimited Everything Bundle \$150

Zoomtown® \$50

Complete Protection \$20

*Residential service only. Other restrictions may apply.

If you would like to participate, please do one of the following:

Contact Jennifer Neises (NCC) at (513) 608-1232

Visit a Cincinnati Bell Store

Visit www.cblearn.com

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

There was much confusion recently with a spirit activity and the Campbell County Football game. The Student Government was sponsoring a white out night by providing white towels for the students to wave at the game. The SGA made the determination that they have "sold" enough things and didn't want to sell another item. We fully support them in this decision.

We recognize and appreciate the parents that wanted to print and sell t-shirts, but the SGA did not want to do that and we wanted to support them. If we are going to do something, the SGA is going to initiate and support it. These types of activities belong to the kids with our guidance. It is our philosophy that as adults we should jump on the bandwagon, but not drive it. In this instance, getting towels and joining in with the kids would have been great.

In the future, all efforts to support NCC athletics need to go through the proper channels. For individual sports those channels are the Head Coach, the Athletic Director, and the Boosters when appropriate. For school wide events, the SGA is the place to start and they will follow the process set up for them. If you call Mr. Detzel or Mr. Noll we will send you to the SGA to gain their approval first. Once again the intent is not to hurt school spirit. Our intent is to allow the kids to responsibly run their school (or parts of it).

Girls Cross Country

The team has finished it's regular season and is focusing on the Regional Meet which was held at Ryle High School on November 8th. Alex Schalk and Mallory Niemer are leading the way for the Breds, but Brittany Fryer, Kristie Westcott, Emma Heil, and Petina Strickley are closing the gap. The team is peaking at the right time and all 6 girls have recorded their fastest times recently. **Congratulations to the team for a good season, and Good Luck to Alex Schalk who qualified for the State Meet.**

A few fun facts from this year's team include: NCC has had a team score in *every* meet this season, something that hasn't happened in many years due to lack of runners. Also, the team has not had anyone make it to the State Meet in 5 years, and this year's team has a chance to send a couple!

Boys Cross Country

The team is gearing down getting ready for the Regional Meet on November 1st. The runners are improving every week. With this years team being so young we entered the Freshman Regional on October 28th and came home with trophy winners Patrick Allen winning the individual title and Myles Grothaus won his placing 6th. Also, Senior Alex Niemer won his trophy placing 13th in the open race.

Volleyball

Congratulations to the varsity volleyball team who won the first ever All "A" state tournament on Oct. 11th, for repeating as district 35 champions, region 10 champions and making it to the State Semi-Finals of the KHSAA state tournament.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mertle and senior Kaela Jo Freppon for being named the 2008 coach of the year and player of the year for the second consecutive year by the Kentucky high school volleyball coaches association. Kaela Jo Freppon, Alyx Schulte, and Annie Gruenschlager will sign Division I letter of intents at NCC on Wednesday, Nov. 12th.

[SUPPORT THE BREDS](#)

We are in need of some volunteers to help us run our Car Raffle this year. The Boosters and Parents Club will both benefit from this endeavor, but we need some organizational help. Please consider putting a group together to help us run this fundraiser.

Target

Calling all Target shoppers...the Take Charge of Education program through Target stores is giving NCC money!! In order to participate you need a Target RED card, Target Visa, or Target Check Card and designate NCC as your school of choice. Target donates 1% of your purchases to NCC as long as you designate us as your school of choice. Monies collected will help the foreign travel programs at NCC. To learn more about the program visit www.Target.com/tcoe

Boosters

Booster Project - Sports Field Improvements

The Boosters are in the process of a major project to improve the baseball, soccer, and football fields. The status of each field is as follows:

Morscher Soccer Fields - The project began this summer and continued into the fall months. On the front soccer field dirt was applied to low areas, grading took place to improve water run off, and aeration, weed control, fertilization and seed application have all taken place to improve the quality of the playing surface. This effort will continue in the spring with the goal of having the front field "game ready" by next soccer season. On the back soccer field, similar work will begin in spring with the goal of having the back field in "practice condition" when practice begins in mid-July.

Morscher Baseball Field - This fall a major overhaul of the infield and outfield playing surfaces is underway. With a large quantity of dirt supplied by the County, the help of several volunteers, and donations of equipment/manpower by Booster supporters, low areas in the infield and outfield have been filled and graded. The outfield has been hydro-seeded to get new grass growing. And an effort is underway with a local sod company to level the infield surface and place sod on the infield diamond. The projects also calls for adding a concrete floor to the existing right field batting cage, potentially a second concrete batting cage down the left field side, and a warning track behind home plate extending down each line in front of the dugouts. The goal is to have the project completed by spring in time for the 2009 baseball season.

Football Field - Planning will soon begin to take on the effort of overhauling the football practice field at school, with completion by July 15 in time for the 2009 football season to begin. The goal is to place several inches of top soil on the field, grade/level the surface, and seed the entire field.

These projects will not be successful without support from our community. We need physical labor as well as resources. If you are interested in helping with these projects with either time, talent, equipment or capital, please drop an email to Paul Johnson, Booster President, at pejohnson@fuse.net.

[Next Booster Meeting - November 18th, NCC Cafeteria.](#)

[Support the NCC Students by supporting the NCC Boosters.](#)