

NCC FYI

Dear NCC Family,

To Succeed You Must Believe. We Believe!

Although there were many who doubted. We still believed.

A huge, huge thanks to all of the Newport Central Catholic students, teachers, alumni, friends, and especially all of the parents who worked tirelessly to restore our school building to be ready for classes. Together, we made it happen! Your hard work and love of our school is greatly appreciated. You are all a true testament to what it means to be a Thoroughbred. We believed and we succeeded! To view periodic updates on construction visit the NCC website or go to this link provided by HGC construction, http://www.hgcconstruction.com/newport_cc/update.htm.

People who left on the Friday before school started were amazed at the work that was done, and the condition of the building, come Monday. This was truly an example of the deep love and commitment of this community to its' school. This is the finest example of the special spirit Bishop Muench asked me to protect and nurture 8 years ago.

On a totally different note, we are looking for some help. First, we would like to find a family or collection of families that might like to take on the upkeep of our grotto area and near by landscape as a project. Second, if there are any parents or over 21 year old family members looking to help the school and make some extra money, we are looking to build up our staff of bartenders for reunions etc held in our cafeteria. Please contact Mr. Noll for more information.

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

9/9—First Eligibility Report

9/9—Sophomore Retreat—sophomores out all day

9/12—Fire Drill run through in homeroom

9/16—Senior Mass at the Cathedral (1:00—seniors will be bused over)

9/16—3 week reports; 9/9—Making High School Count for freshmen 9:30 am.

9/18—Field Trip—Health Careers Showcase—8:30-10:30

9/18—Art Field Trip 8:30 – 2:00

9/25—Adoration “A-schedule” services at 1:45

10/2—Anthony Munoz Leadership Conference

10/7—PLAN test for all sophomores 8-11

10/7—Progress Reports

10/9—Rosary “A schedule” services at 1:45

10/10—Professional Day

10/15—PSAT

10/18—Homecoming Dance at NCC 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm.

Academic Award Winners from 07-08

Perfect Attendance

Sophomores

Reno Baioni
Clayton Bhola
Rebecca Blanchet
Ryan Bogart
Nathaniel Bramel
Jacob Cain
Dustin Campbell
Jacob DeWald
Olivia Hagedorn
Logan Hardt
Joseph Humbert
Ryan Klein
Nicholas Kohrs
Kristen Lenz
Ben McHugh
Morgan Miles
Mallory Niemer
Luke Schmits
Brian Schneider
Daniel Speier

Erica Steffen
Brittany Stevens
Randall Vennemann

Juniors

Erin Barrett
Scott Becker
Aric Beer
Matthew Blanchet
Joseph P. Brennan
Shae M. Brennan
David Broering
Derek Burton
Brian Hogle
Cole Little
Adam Meyer
Shaun Meyer
Dominic Millard
Grant Pangallo
Kevin Prigge
Zachariah Russell
Amy Schwarber

Nathan Seibert
Michael Smith
Caitlyn Sturgil
Tyler Tackett
Brendon Woodruff

Seniors

Robert Bramel
Kelsey Dubuc
Ben Gerrein
Brian Gish
Ross Goetz
Maribeth Goforth
Kayla Johnson
Mark Kelly, Jr.
Samuel Kremer
Robby Kues
Michael Moore
Jacob Ollberding
Michael Stine
Stephen Young

Combo Honor Roll All 3 Trimesters

Sophomores

Blanchet; Rebecca
Calhoun; Christopher
Campbell; Dustin
Daunt; Brennan
Dubuc; Morgan
Freeman; Madison
Fryer; Brittany
Hardt; Logan
Heil; Emma
Heitzman; Dustan
Infante; Taylor
Kohrs; Nicholas
Merrill; Andrew
Murphey; Casey
Neises; Evan
Payne; Mary
Simons; Alexandra
Steffen; Erica
Trauth; Ethan

Zargar; Parissa

Juniors

Bihl; Kimberly
Allen; Katie
Arlinghaus; Kellen
Brennan; Joseph P.
Brennan; Shae M.
Broering; David
Collopy; Joe
Connor; Molly
Devoto; Connor
Kohrs; Maggie L.
Lambert; Sara
Leick; Jared
Lonneman; Allison
Merrill; Daniel
Pangallo; Grant
Parr; Bridgette
Reis; Kevon
Ryan; Tyler

Sandfoss; Courtney
Schabell; Mackenzie
Schout; Erik
Seibert; Nathan
Smith; Michael
Sweeney; Jodi
Taylor; Trisha L.
Ulbricht; Adam
Wiedeman; Alex
Woodruff; Brendon

Seniors

Abner; Alexa
Babey; Leigha
Bramel; Robert
Buemi; Michael
Burns; Maria
Connor; Jeramie
Dubuc; Kelsey
Durso; Abigail
Freppon; Kaela

Giesler; Jane R.
Gish; Brian
Goetz; Ross
Grosser; Zachary
Johnson; Kayla
Juniet; Cassandra

First Honors All 3 Trimesters

Sophomores

Buchanan; Allison
Buchanan; Andrew
Buller; Natalie
Donnermeyer; Melissa
Froendhoff; Michael
Hagedorn; Olivia
Kinnett; Abbigail
Kremer; Troy
Lenz; Kristen
Lohr; Joe
Murphy; Sean
Niemer; Mallory
Schilling; Rebecca
Schmitt; Rachel
Schultz; Aaron
Stone; Courtney
Suedkamp; Sarah
Vennemann; Randall

Kloeker; Charles
Payne; Zachary
Rawe; Nathan
Ryan; Hannah
Schnelle; Megan
Schulenberg; Julia

Juniors

Blanchet; Matthew
Bowman; Daniel
Butts; Catherine
Canafax; Elizabeth M.
Collier; Katie
Dunn; Timothy
Grothaus; Elizabeth
Hogle; Brian
Johnson; Nolan
Lampe; Tyler
Little; Cole
Ludwig; Natalie
Meyer; Adam
Meyer; Shaun
Millard; Dominic
Romito; Brittany
Schultz; Frannie
Schwarber; Amy

Schuman; Maria
Venneman; Savannah
Woltermann; Alyssa
Woods; Michelle

Walker; Sierra

Seniors

Beck; Mollie
Caudill; Kelly A.
Curtin; Robert
Froendhoff; Kelsay
Gerding; Rebecca
Goforth; Maribeth
Grosser; Christopher J.
Grothaus; Sadie
Gruenschlaeger; Anne
Klaserner; Devin
Krebs; Andrew
Parr; Benjamin
Wagenlander; Rachael
Wagner; Lindsey
Willett; Gregory
Wooton; Morgan

NCC Seniors **Mollie Beck** and **Ross Goetz** are the 2008-09 recipients of the John Pfaff, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded to the academically top ranked male and female entering their senior year. Mollie and Ross will receive a grant toward their senior year tuition. The funds are generated from an endowment given to the school by Mr. & Mrs. Pfaff in memory of their son, John, a 1981 graduate. Mollie is the daughter of Robert and Barbara Beck of St. Catherine Parish and Ross is the son of Dennis and Mary Jo of St. Joseph Parish.

Student Government Presidents, **Cassie Juniet** and **Justin Jones** are this year's recipients of the Greg Cooney Memorial Scholarship. They will receive grants toward their senior year tuition. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooney established the scholarship in memory of their son, Greg, a 1991 graduate. He served as Student Government President his senior year at NCC. Cassie is the daughter of Chris and Carol Juniet of St. Catherine Parish and Justin is the son of Ken and Vicki Morgan of St. Therese Parish.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS

Religion

The year started off quickly for the Religion Department, with Mass on the first full day of school. September includes a Day of Reflection for the Sophomores which will be held at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford on Tuesday, September 9th. The theme for that day will be prayer. On September 16th, the seniors will be joining with the seniors from all over the diocese for the annual Diocesan Senior Mass. That Mass will be held in the Cathedral this year. Also in September, there will be all school Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, September 25th at 1:45 pm. Parents are welcome to join us in prayer that day. In October, the school will join together for a Living Rosary, October 9th at the Mary Grotto (weather permitting).

Community Service Requirement and Policies

In religion class, students received an information packet on Community Service Requirement and Policies and a Plan and Completion Documentation Form. These forms can be downloaded at the NCC website. Sr. Joanne Koehl can be reached at jkoehl@ncchs.com if you have any questions or your child should communicate with their religion teacher.

Guidance

Making College Count

On Tuesday, September 16th all freshman will attend an assembly called, *Making High School Count*. This dynamic, 45-minute presentation offers advice on topics that are key to optimizing the high school experience such as:

- Making an effective transition into high school
- Realizing the importance of grades in achieving future goals
- Developing effective time management and organizational skills
- Building skills through meaningful involvement in extracurricular activities
- Developing more effective study skills and test-taking strategies

The Making It Count in-school presentation are offered to schools at no cost thanks to the program's corporate partners such as My College Options, Shell, Axia College and Tutor.com.

The program is at 9:30 in the school's gym, Parents are welcome to attend. Contact Robyn Kellinghaus for more details, or visit the website www.makingitcount.com.

During the next few weeks, Mrs. Kellinghaus will meet with all sophomore homerooms to have the students complete a career interest survey. This survey will help better serve our students in their career education. Students will be able to select up to three careers for which they would like to receive more information.

To help our students have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience in the business, professional, and industrial community, NCC has become partners with the Daniel Beard Council's *Learning for Life, a Program for Education*. Through this organization our students have the opportunity to join a "Career Explorers Post." There are about 75 different posts, a few examples are: General Electric, Equistar, the Kroger Company, Channel 12, St. Elizabeth Hospital, and the Cincinnati Bar Association. When a student joins a particular post they are invited to attend monthly meetings to observe and sometimes even practice the jobs that are associated with that occupation. Students will be notified (by P.A. announcements and posted flyers) about openings at the different "Career Explorers Post" as they become available.

Social Studies

History Department:

Once again this year A.P. United States History students will have the option of obtaining dual credit for their course from Thomas Mors College. There will be more news about this later along with the cost and procedures to be followed for obtaining the credit.

Science

Biology Club News

Greetings from the Biology Club! As the school year is beginning, Mr. Stamm is actively searching out interested students to help out with the "recolonization" of the Biology Lab. We already have many plants to brighten up the room, and our turtle has returned from his summer vacation. In the near future we will be transporting the saltwater fish from Room 107 back to their home in the Biology Lab. We have big plans for the other large tank, as we are trying to establish a freshwater tank with local species. Any interested students who have a love of

Biology can see Mr. Stamm about joining the Biology Club. We plan on having some guest speakers and maybe even some field trips, along with taking care of the animals in the Lab. Please listen to announcements for information.

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

Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Piegols are available before and after school for **tutoring**- regardless whether or not they are scheduled in AE during the school day. Availability includes: before school Mondays through Fridays from 7:45-8:15 (earlier by appointment), and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-3:30 (other days by appointment).

For students wishing to apply for **ACT Special Testing** (i.e. extended time, taking tests over a series of days, oral testing, etc), please contact Mrs. Piegols to schedule a meeting. Specific documentation of disability and current accommodations within the school is required, and ACT does make the final decision.

art department grapevine

Through the dust, debris, and general chaos that has constituted the beginning of the 2008 – 2009 New Cath school year, the art room has finally begun to take shape again. The students have worked hard at basically “rebuilding” room 309 (a.k.a the art factory) which functions as our studio space, gallery, storage room, and occasionally, our movie theatre. We truly must have the best art space in the state of Kentucky (the cherry on top will be the return of our mascot/teaching podium, THEE New Cath - Neon Suzuki! Rick Brun, '92)! Many thanks to the skilled guys from Grosser Construction and Remodeling for the work they did, not only repairing our massive art tables, but in upgrading them making them stronger and better than new. Where would we be without our alumni?!

Our numbers in the department are way up, with a huge influx of art one students, and the department is lead by one of the most industrious and talented senior classes we've ever had. We expect to have nothing less than a fantastic, productive year.

Artists Reaching Classrooms

Once again, NCC will participate in the ARC program sponsored by the Taft Museum of Art. Art Three, Four, and A.P. Art Students will be visited by four working artist who will show their work and discuss their profession. The students will also participate in two field trips to the Taft Museum, the second field trip also including a trip to an artist' studio. The program culminates with a professionally hung show of students' work at the Pendleton Art Center. The students in the program will compete for the opportunity to be one of six artist selected from New Cath to participate in the show. Participation in the show also affords those involved the opportunity to compete for scholarships awarded by the Taft's docents.

Art Guy Alumni

As a new feature, and as often as possible, we will try to update you on the successes and doings of our former New Cath Art Students that are out there in the big world,

hopefully making us famous. With that in mind, Art Guy (generic) Grads please send us a note and let us know "what's up?!".

It's great to hear of some of our former students making art and showing. Matt Smith ('03) participated in a show over the summer as did Molly Donnermeyer ('03). Bridget Conforti ('99) was in a show last spring, as was Mike Schmidt ('04). Again grads, please continue to send us your information and we'll attempt to send out more specific and timely information prior to your showing next time!

Also, a big congratulations to Chris Arrowood ('06), for winning the Hite Scholarship to the University of Louisville. Chris will be a junior at U. of L. this year. The University awards only one of these full tuition, merit based scholarships each year, and we are extremely proud to see Chris earn this honor.

Parents and Alumni Club

Last, but certainly and most definitely not least, we would like to send out a HUGE thank you to the Club Formerly Known as Mothers', now simply the Parents and Alumni Club (or is it now "ocho cinco"?). Due to their generosity, the New Cath Art Department will now be able to get a scanner. This scanner will allow us to turn all of our slide images that we make of student work into digital images. Submissions for the Scholastics Art Competition, most college entrance portfolios, and, as we were recently informed, A.P. Portfolio submissions are all now to be delivered in digital format. We are indebted and grateful for your support!

STUDENT LIFE

Grease is the Word

We have had some questions since naming Grease as the spring play, and I wanted to share our thoughts. The play Grease is quite different from the movie many grew up with. On the United States Catholic Bishop's website the movie is rated "O" for morally offensive. In a passage from the website discussing the most recent revival of the play (Sept. 11th 2007) it is stated that "the show on the whole, is unobjectionable". In addition, those involved here at school have made the effort to remove anything that would be unacceptable for an NCC play. Our goal is to create an excellent experience for our kids without compromising who we are in any way.

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 will be presented at school and posted on the web.

Denmark Update

Thank you to all who expressed an interest in hosting a student from Denmark. We will have 4 students visiting us this year, 2 girls and 2 boys. The host students will be Cassie Juniet, Alyx Schulte, Erik Schout and Matt Giesler. If you or your family have an event planned that you think the students might enjoy, and you don't mind inviting them, please contact one of the above families. I am sure they would appreciate any activities you have to offer. The students will be arriving on October 5th and leaving on the 24th.

We are also in the process of planning our trip to Denmark in the spring. Mrs. Loechel and Mrs. Wykle will once again accompany the students on the trip. Having the experience last year will allow them to execute a trip that will be a great experience for all the students. The dates for

the trip will be the 2 weeks at the end of April. The approximate cost at this point is \$1800 plus spending money. If you are interested in getting more information about the trip please contact Mrs. Wykle soon.

Culinary Club

The NCC Culinary Club will be getting back in the kitchen this fall. In its second year of existence, the Culinary Club is back and better than ever. The club is open to students of all culinary ability levels and is designed with three goals in mind: 1) to educate students about the importance of kitchen safety, 2) to function as a forum for the exchange of recipes/food preparation techniques, and 3) to provide an outlet for students to enjoy the process of preparing and enjoying food.

After an exciting and very educational first year, the Culinary Club is poised for further development. We continue to look for new opportunities to grow the members' understanding of the culinary arts. This year, there are many new activities in the works and the students are anxious to get started. An introductory sign-up meeting was held Sept. 5; new members are always welcome.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Members of the Burke Family gather after mass.

During the opening school mass on August 26, special guests were invited to join us when NCC announced the establishment of the Michael J. Burke Memorial Scholarship. Michael Burke, a 1961 graduate of Newport Catholic, was the former Managing Partner of the Cincinnati law firm Keating, Muething & Klekamp before his untimely death in 2001. This is one of the largest fully funded scholarships in the 100 year history of the school thanks to the generosity of Dennis and Lois Doyle and Harry and Linda Fath.

Fireworks Fest

Thanks so much for your help with the Fireworks Fest. The event is a success because of your hard work and support. We raised over \$17,200 for our tuition assistance program.

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.

NCC 500 CLUB

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

The new year is underway and there are a few unsold numbers available. For a yearly prorated dues of \$40.00, 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.

Each year, 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.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Volleyball

BISHOP BROSSART AND NEWPORT CENTRAL CATHOLIC
"United in the fight against Breast Cancer"

The 1st Annual *HITS for CHICKS* Volleyball Game will be held on Tuesday, September 16. "United in the fight against Breast Cancer, the match against Bishop Brossart and Newport Central Catholic will be held in the NCC school gym beginning at 5:00 PM.

The purchase of an official "Hits for Chicks" t-shirt will gain you free admittance into the game. T-shirts will be available to purchase at either of the high schools beginning on September 5. The cost is \$8 for students and \$10 for adults.

A "memory wall" will be available to remember loved ones who lost their battle with breast cancer.

Breast cancer survivors will be recognized with a special "survivor" t-shirt and will be introduced between matches. Survivors can register at www.nccvball@hotmail.com.

For more information contact Meredith Sandfoss of Newport Central Catholic at (859) 292-0001 or Mel Webster of Bishop Brossart at (859) 635-2108.

100% of the proceeds will benefit Chicks & Chucks, Inc., a resource for breast cancer patients who are in financial need of products and services.

Boys Cross Country

The boys CC team has run 2 meets thus far but did not have enough runners to score as a team: Freshman Myles Grothaus is the lead runner for the team finishing 22nd of 78 runners in

a meet at Devou Park. We now have enough for a team, so we should be finishing as a team in approximately two week.

Attention: Parents of NCC Student Athletes

An UPDATED version of the NCC Sports Handbook for Parents has been posted on the school website. With the start of another school year we ask you to read the handbook carefully, and sign the slip provided indicating you have read and accept the rules and regulations of Newport Central Catholic High School Athletics. Have your son or daughter return the page with the required signatures to his/her coach as soon as possible. If you have any questions please call AD, Mr. Rob Detzel at the school office or email at rdetzel@ncchs.com.

SUPPORT THE BREDS

The Winners' Circle

Please join us in **The Winners' Circle!** NCC is hosting its inaugural fall event, **The Winners' Circle**, on Saturday, October 25th, 2008 at the Syndicate Restaurant in Newport. Mark your calendars and plan for a night of fun with appetizers, dinner, drinks, live music (featuring Devoto '75 and Webster '76) for your entertainment, and plenty of live and silent auction items, raffles, etc.

The Winners' Circle will be an annual event replacing the "chance drive" which most of you may remember! Proceeds from this event will be used to enhance the already excellent Catholic education offered at NCC, by providing the best learning environment with the most up-to-date tools needed to educate our students. In addition, monies raised will benefit the NCC Education Endowment Fund. Please come and help support the students at Newport Central Catholic.

This event would be a great way to reunite with old school friends. Get a group together and purchase a table. Together we all can be WINNERS! Watch for your invitation in the mail by next week or contact the NCC Development Office.

Parents and Alumni Club (PAC)

Plan to attend the next PAC meeting on Wednesday, September 17. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. All are welcome! This month we invite freshman parents to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. If you have any questions, please contact co-presidents Joann Prigge at (859) 581-4259 or at j.prigge@insigthbb.com or Lisa Bowman at (859) 781-3261 or at [BowmanLM@healthall.com](mailto: BowmanLM@healthall.com).

Boosters

The first Boosters meeting of the 2008-2009 school year will be held on Tuesday Sept 16 at 8:00PM in the school cafeteria. We encourage all parents interested in supporting NCC Athletic and Extracurricular activities to join the Boosters and attend the Booster meetings. This meeting will include two very important agenda items:

- Review and discussion of proposed changes to the Booster Constitution and By-Laws, that will be voted upon during the October Booster Meeting
- Nomination and voting for the 2008-2009 Officer positions - President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Recording Secretary.

If you are interested in running for any of the Booster Officer positions, or nominating someone else for a Booster Officer position, please send the name of the candidate, the position they are interested in, and their phone number to the current Booster President, Paul Johnson at pejohnson@fuse.net.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Protecting God's Children Information

If you wish to volunteer at any Diocese of Covington facility where children or vulnerable adults are present, you will need to comply with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Compliance involves the following: (all can be obtained on line covingtondiocese.org or at the institution ncchs.com)

- Received the diocesan policies and procedures and signed the 2007 Acceptance Form
- Submitted information (Application Form) for and been cleared through a background check
- Registered online at www.virtus.org, signed up for and attended a class
- Read the bulletins and modules. (Directions are in the Messenger)