



NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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QUARTERLY ACADEMIC NEWS

FROM MRS. TIBERIO'S DESK

It's been a great start back, and it's hard to believe we are already midway through quarter 1 of the 23-24 school year. Students and faculty have hit the ground running. We have several new course offerings this year I would like to detail.

Given changes to state requirements we are pleased to be able to deliver Financial Literacy as a semester course required for all students and offered in their junior year. The content comes to life for students with real-world applications, practical scenarios, and projects. We are thrilled the state moved away from the old online modules as we can present the concepts through

a purposeful course design infused with Catholic ethics, morality and values. In addition to Math Applications we now offer another semester course, Probability & Statistics; both of these course's designs have been reimaged over the past year and summer to meet students where they are and prepare students to enter numerous postsecondary paths. Meanwhile, Pre Calculus and AP Calculus are still offered.

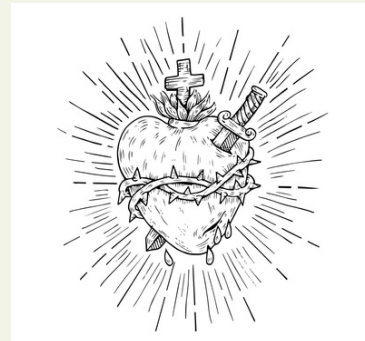
Lastly, we have increased awareness of and guidance for students around College Credit Plus so that our students are offered the same opportunities as peers in other schools. Our spring scheduling committee devoted much time to these efforts. Thank you!

**Quarter 1 Interim Grades have been published.
Those are visible utilizing one's Progress Book log-in.**

FACULTY FAITH FORMATION

One of the most important roles of administration at NC is collaborating with our campus minister in supporting our faculty so that they may best serve students through new and research-based instructional practices imbued with a deep Faith. Faculty are called to this vocation at NC.

This year, we have created faculty small groups for their Faith formation, and our professional development focuses on creating interdisciplinary connections to theology so that the concepts a student hears in a given year's theology instruction is elaborated upon and examined in other courses. Our faculty will join with BSS and SFDS teaching faculties for training this coming week. Then, on Monday October 2nd, our faculty will



come together with *all Diocesan high school teachers outside of Columbus* to hear a keynote speaker from the University of Notre Dame on the topic. Teachers will then have time for networking, collaborative planning, and study-- examining how to lead students deeper into one's content area through a life lived informed by our Catholic faith. This paramount work supports our school's mission.

SUPPORTING FAMILY LIFE

We've increased experiences for encounter with our Lord at NC, both last year and this year. In addition to Masses and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in theology classes, students now come together for whole-school rosary each month and have quarterly opportunities for vocations talks and other special events rooted in our Catholic faith as well as time before the Blessed Sacrament as a whole-school community.

Just as it is for adults, new encounters and experiences with our Lord set teens on the course for renewed conversion. This can mean deeper prayer, questioning, and growing our relationships with the Lord in community with others. It is a process. At NC we meet adolescents where they are. It is not unusual for some adolescents to be hesitant or unsure of how to bring up topics of the Faith at home and in school; however, at NC we strive to create an environment

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where we encourage students to raise questions and contemplate deeply what it means to live one's life for Christ. Our theology teachers are well-versed in answering questions students pose and are always happy to answer parent questions and support you in your walk with your child. Consider checking out the linked QR code to a blog from Patrick Sullivan, a Catholic speaker and President of the company, Evango. The blog offers perspectives on how to tackle questions and support adolescents in discussions of the Church and Faith.

All classes will have our annual Fall retreats on October 20. Details for area locations are forthcoming. How beautiful it will be to begin this day on campus before Jesus in adoration as a school before breaking out as classes. The day will include: encounter, quiet reflection, class bonding, and topics that are pastorally appropriate for where students are in their faith formation and age. Retreat themes by class are: Service (9th), Vocations (10th), Eucharist (11th) and Prayer (12th). Students will explore Saints by class too: St. John Paul the Great, Catherine of Sienna, John Bosco, and Mother Teresa. In addition to our longstanding tradition of Kairos, sophomores will travel to Damascus on retreat this winter. We look forward to hearing feedback. Please keep our students in your prayers as well as faculty leaders

OTHER ACADEMIC NEWS



Interested in sitting on the Textbook Adoption Committee this Spring for Math? We are looking to fill two seats. Please express interest to Mrs. Tiberio at stiberio@newarkcatholic.org

IOWA test re-takes for those sophomores and juniors who may need to do so will take place November 20th and 21st. If you received a letter last summer regarding a failing score, our guidance counselor has checked in with your child. He or she is expected to attend sessions for test preparation and sign-in each time. Please reach out to Ms. Bogue with questions as she coordinates this.



Newark Catholic High School is committed to creating an environment for students to grow in their Catholic faith, expand their knowledge, and extend their talents in service to others.