

# QUARTERLY ACADEMIC NEWS

#### FROM MRS. TIBERIO'S DESK

Our mission and beliefs remind us that learning is a personal and life-long experience with Christ at its center. When students enter NC, some having never attended a Catholic school, they share with me when I check in about how caring and kind their teachers are; they talk about the sense of order and calm in learning spaces, and they always note how welcoming our families are! This is because Christ is at the core of NC. Catholic schools are different by design; we could not do what we do without the unwavering support of parents and for the support of this community.

I would like to highlight and thank SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) of Licking County which serves NC, BSS, and SFDS, greatly impacting the culture of learning in each respective school. SPICE is an organization which recognizes the Godgiven gifts of every learner and the unique need in our schools for additional funding sources therein to create new programming and sustain existing.

What started at NC as service for a few students has grown thanks to SPICE. Over the past five years, SPICE has raised funds for NC initiatives which would not have been possible otherwise including: the addition of school-based clinical counseling services and enhancing our supplies and tools for instruction which benefit all students through the principles of Universal Design for Learning. SPICE funds have allowed us to serve students with an intervention specialist every day of the week as well as with intervention aides. Room 214 is an instructional hub-- a center for so many students, and five years ago its role and programming was just a vision.

SPICE's fundraising work is crucial. Please watch for information about the organization's family walk/fun-run event this Spring.



# Quarter 1 Interim Grades are published in Progress Book

Families new to NC received log-in info in August.
For troubleshooting needs, email: jksnider@newarkcatholic.org.

#### **WATCHING CHRIST WORK**

Students in Geometry this week considered how God ordered the world with hands-on learning centers.

Later this quarter in Algebra I, students will study how faith-filled individuals with important contributions to mathematics became Saints. Catholicism is a way of life and our work at NC, a firm foundation for students' lives.



## SUPPORTING FAMILY LIFE





As parents, there is no greater joy than hearing that your child is being recognized for living a virtuous life. And they often grow in those virtues by seeing adult models around them. The Gospel of John 3:21 reminds us that "whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." The work of parenting day-in and day-out is constantly answering that call from God to live in Truth. And oftentimes, parents are looking for great tools and resources as their children enter adolescence.

Dr. Gregory Popcak and his wife Lisa draw upon scientific research in the book *Parenting Tweens & Teens with Grace*; they help parents with "proven strategies for raising happy, faithful, loving preteens and teens," outlining how "to overcome challenges parenting kids from ages 11 to 18." The authors share from their own lives about how "to create an uncommonly close, joyful family life with faith

as the source of the warmth." Check out the QR code for this book. If you have interest in reading and discussing this book with others in fellowship at NC, contact Mrs. Tiberio at: stiberio@newarkcatholic.org.

"Today's parents need access to the best tools and most up-todate research to help them fully cooperate with God's grace."

- from: Catholic Tips for Parenting Tweens & Teens with Grace

## OTHER ACADEMIC NEWS



The IOWA standardized test is required for graduation. All 9th grade students take it annually, testing will be scheduled for February.

Letters were sent to the Class of 2027 this past summer with individual IOWA test score reports and info. Any students in need of re-testing per state requirements for passing have been connected to Guidance and Ms. Boque for info/required test prep sessions. Re-testing is October 29th.

The future is bright for the Class of 2025! Seniors have been meeting with our guidance counselor, Mrs. Calvert, for graduation planning and support in their individual future paths such as: college application materials, career training opportunities, and work-force info. There is a specific flow and many rules to these processes in which Mrs. Calvert is well-versed. Please encourage your senior to watch for email communications from her, from the institutions to which they apply, and to be patient given the processes and institutions' rules that are not NC policies.



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.