



The Joys of Giving During the Advent Season

By Nina Cox

This year at Neumann, we decided to help those in need by organizing an Advent food drive. We had a different designated food item every day to bring in for a week. The Twelve Days of Service food items included canned fruit, box of cereal, ketchup and mustard, peanut butter, canned cranberry sauce, boxed dessert mix, boxed crackers, boxed pancake mix,



spaghetti sauce, boxed pasta, canned soup, and canned veggies.

We ended up bringing in a lot of donations and volunteers from different grades of the school unloaded the donations at the food drive. Neumann's Director of Religious Formation, Andrew McCarrol, organized the drive.

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ConCon Students Attend Convention at Penn College



By Lucas Bower

St. John Neumann students participated in a Mock Constitutional Convention before Christmas Break.

On Dec. 8th, Neumann's ConCon club traveled to Penn College to participate in the 2023 mock constitutional convention.

The students have been preparing for the event since September. Teams were split up into delegates and in order to go, each delegation assigned to a state had to write a resolution of something that would change the Constitution and would be favored by their state.

At the convention, each delegation was split into committees and each committee would then vote on resolutions in the morning and if they passed would be voted on in the afternoon session with everyone.

This opportunity was open to students in grades 9-12 and students will have the opportunity to go to mock United Nations in the spring where they will be assigned to represent countries.

Members of the Neumann ConCon club at Penn College in December.



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This year's Catholic Schools Week begins on January 28 and runs until February 3, 2024. Each year, Neumann participates in the traditional Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate what makes Catholic schools great.

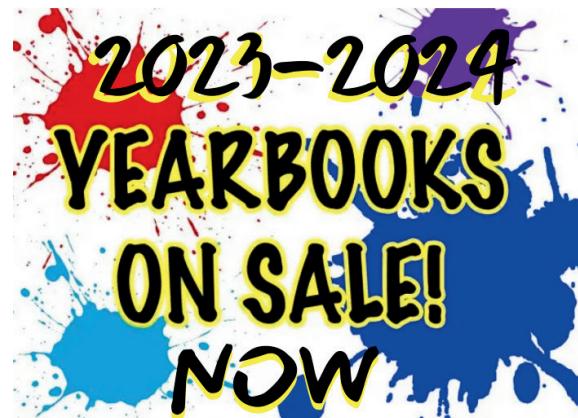
Fun in the Snow



Some of the 11th Grade class went outside for a quick break during the snowstorm Tuesday. Pictured are Lucas Bower, Luke Bloom, Messiah Baldwin, LaJon Dizard, and Chase Wright in Mr. Hill's class next to their Neumann snowman.



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Food Drive

When asked what inspired the food drive, McCarrol said "For advent, we prepare for Christmas and gifts. What better way to give back to our community by giving them the joy of Christmas as well?"

The food drive had been a success, and it was truly an experience to be able to give back to our community and help those in need.