

BISHOP NEUMANN

Junior/Senior High School

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT BISHOP NEUMANN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Bishop Neumann Jr./Sr. Central High School is a Catholic diocesan co-educational high school located in Wahoo, Nebraska, serving the students of ten parishes in the surrounding areas of Saunders and Lancaster Counties. It was first opened on September 1, 1964.

The school is named after St. John Neumann, a Redemptorist priest, who as Bishop of Philadelphia persuaded the American bishops at the First Baltimore Council in 1852 to establish a parochial school system.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Bishop Neumann Junior-Senior High School is to foster strong Catholic Christian values for successful life-long learning.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Because God has invested the human person with both soul and body, we believe in certain values. We believe that the knowledge, value and skills learned and utilized through educational processes should assist each one in finding a purpose and happiness in life and for eternity. Consequently the objectives of Bishop Neumann High School are:

OBJECTIVES

1. to strive to create a Christian community within the school by recognizing and respecting the God-given dignity of each person
2. to provide opportunities for prayer, self-sacrifice, reception of the Sacraments and the Liturgy
3. to provide students with opportunities for serving others in the church, community and civic affairs
4. to develop a sense of personal responsibility for one's behavior and the use of one's abilities and time
5. to accept each student as a unique person by recognizing effort, diligence, and success in learning.
6. to provide a curriculum which meets the needs, abilities and interests of the students
7. to develop the well-balanced person by requiring enrichment experiences in all disciplines
8. to provide opportunities for the students to demonstrate and share talents
9. to provide students with opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities and community affairs which will help them develop responsibility, Christian attitudes and leadership
10. to utilize the resources available to reflect the racial, ethnic, language and cultural heritage of both historical and modern-day United States

CURRICULUM AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Neumann offers both a college preparatory and a general secondary educational program. Classes are offered in eleven academic departments: Business, English, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education, Religion, Science and Social Studies.

To graduate from Bishop Neumann High School, a student must have earned a minimum of 250 credits. The 250 hours of credit must include the following:

4 years of Religion	40 hours	4 years Mathematics	40 hours
4 years English	40 hours	1 semester Computer Education	05 hours
3 years Social Studies	30 hours	2 years Foreign Language or Vocational	20 hours
3 years Science	30 hours	2 years Fine or Performing Arts	20 hours
2 years Physical Education/Health	20 hours	1 semester of Speech	05 hours

Failure of Required Courses

Failure in any of the core classes necessary for graduation from Bishop Neumann will result in the student having to take the course at his/her own expense in an established summer school program or through an approved correspondence course. The credit **MUST** be made up during the summer following the failure or by the end of the school year following the failure. Students are not permitted to re-take a class at Bishop Neumann that they failed.

Failure in Religion I, II, III, IV, Computer Applications I, Physical Education/Health I, or Physical Education/Health II will result in repeating the class at Neumann. Students are to make individual arrangements with the religion teacher in order to complete the failed course.

SCHEDULING

Neumann uses a traditional schedule. The school day consists of eight class periods and lunch periods. One of the lunch periods for each class will be used once a week for class mass. The others will be study halls. Each student is required to carry eight courses per semester unless verified with a learning disability.

SCHOOL DAY

The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:27 p.m. Neumann has a closed campus which means students may not leave the building at any time during the school day without the direct permission of the administration and parents.

STUDENT EVALUATION AND REPORTING

Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter. The grading system used is as follows:

A+ 99 - 100	A 95 - 98	A- 93 - 94 Superior Achievement
B+ 91 - 92	B 87 - 90	B- 85 - 86 Above Average
C+ 83 - 84	C 79 - 82	C- 77 - 78 Average
D+ 75 - 76	D 72 - 74	D- 70 - 71 Passing
Below 70 % F Failing		
I Incomplete - Temporary		
P Passing		
U Unsatisfactory		

WEIGHTED COURSES

The following classes are weighted: Honors American Government, Honors English, Honors Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Chemistry II, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, Spanish IV, Independent Spanish and Journalism III. Three percentage points are added to quarter/semester grades.

HONOR ROLL

An honor roll will be determined for each quarter. The purpose of the honor roll is to encourage high scholarship. There are three honor roll divisions:

- 1) St. John Neumann Scholars. To qualify, students must have an "A" in every class that counts for honor roll. No grade may be below a 93%.
- 2) "A" Honors. Students who qualify for "A" Honors must have an "A" **average** with no grade below 90%.
- 3) Honorable Mention. Honorable Mention recognizes students who have a "B" average with no grade below 85%.

At the High school level, classes that do not count for honor roll, honorable mention or GPA are choir, musical ensembles and career education. (Courses, which do not meet every day). At the junior high level, the classes, which count for honor roll, are the five core subject areas: Religion, English, Social Studies, Math and Science and the quarter classes.