

# NEWS RELEASE



## **St. John Neumann Men's Club**

A Parish Ministry of St. John Neumann Catholic Church

### **Men's Club Makes \$1,500 Donation to St. John Neumann Catholic School**



ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
DEVELOPING STUDENTS' FAITH, MIND, AND BODY IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN

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At its November 6<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting with guest speaker Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Dan Lamey, President of the Men's Club of St. John Neumann Catholic Church, made a presentation of \$1,500 on behalf of the Men's Club to Mrs. Maria Elena Vilas, Principal of St. John Neumann Catholic School, to fund another year of the Newsela service for middle school students. This will be the second year of Newsela funding provided to the school by the Men's Club. Here is some background information on the service the donation will fund.

**Objective:** Newsela provides all students with the ability to practice reading fluency and comprehension. It provides an authentic reading selection that can be used not only in Language Arts but in other core subject areas such as Science, Social Studies and Spanish. The articles can be assigned to provide differentiation among students since the Lexile level can be adjusted per student (or class). Students who can perform at a high reading level can be challenged and those who have lower reading levels can be assigned a more manageable reading experience based on the same article allowing them to improve their reading, comprehension and writing skills.

**Goal:** To continue to provide this amazing program for SJNCS students. Newsela helps students develop into strong readers who can decipher informational text which will allow them to become critical readers of this information. The articles are based on current events which makes the information real and relatable for the students. Our teachers need to help students become adults who can, not only think critically while reading about current world events, but also look at the information through a Catholic lens infused with Catholic values and morals.

The teachers correlate our Catholicity into each topic presented to the students through the Newsela articles. For example, a 7th grade class unit, based on genetics and heredity, included the reading of an article regarding the 20th anniversary of the cloning the sheep named Dolly. Students were quizzed on the content of the article and had to write a reflection on our Catholic Moral Responsibility based on the topic. This was followed by a class discussion. There are also Text Sets that offer a variety of articles based on common topics. It is an invaluable resource we wish to continue to provide for our students.

The Men's Club is proud to be a SJN Ministry Partner, offering the opportunity for Commitment Points to fathers who are active in Men's Club.

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