

## Summary of Green School Activities

Cardinal Newman is an established school in the Palm Beach area. Our school is known for a variety of things; our sports, involvement with the community, and the variety of clubs offered. One of our most popular clubs, boasting a club enrollment of 38 students, is the Green Club.

Since the very beginning, Green Club has been extremely involved in the Cardinal Newman lifestyle. For example, every Monday all recycled bottles from the hallways and lunchroom are collected and taken to the separate recycling dumpster behind the school. Similarly, all recycled paper is collected by the Green Club every Friday. Recycling bins are available in all classrooms and hallways throughout the school, as well as the lunchroom and gymnasium. A coordinated effort with the Solid Waste Authority has the recycled materials removed each week.

The teachers at Cardinal Newman are also very enthusiastic and supportive of Green Club efforts in the school. Each teacher contributes and makes an effort to recycle paper in their classrooms, and each teacher also encourages students to recycle. In fact, some teachers only provide recycling bins in their classrooms, giving students no other option but to recycle. One of our teachers, Mrs. Patricia Smith, has her very own recycled bag, made from juice containers and empty bags of chips. Ms. Caitlin Bobsein, an environmental teacher and one of the Green Club moderators, offers extra credit to her students for random acts of environmentally-based community service.

The Cardinal Newman Green Club is very excited for their plans for the school. With the support of administration and staff members, we plan to earn the respective title of being a "Green School." We have planned projects and fundraisers throughout the school year to help achieve our overall goal. This year, our club project is to create a solar-panel picnic table that will include a battery and outlet plugs. The plan is to allow students to charge devices at the picnic table, such as their school-issued iPad, throughout the day. We also plan to celebrate Earth Day with all of the students, by holding fundraisers and planting trees around the school.

Cardinal Newman High School is dedicated to making sure an ecofriendly learning environment is available to all students and faculty. With support and encouragement from administration, we continue to use products that are less harmful or toxic to the environment, and recycle wherever we can. Our mission is to show that Cardinal Newman is a respectful school who cares about preserving our planet!