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The Cardinal Connection

"Faith in Education"

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NCECC: St. Therese

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! The winter weather has arrived, there are snow flurries, a chill in the air and of course Christmas is just around the corner. But, before we can celebrate Christmas, we must rejoice in this wonderful season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of Christ. Advent or "coming" of the Lord is a time of preparation. Most of us are preparing by shopping, wrapping presents, cooking, and visiting - all in addition to the daily responsibilities we have. Through all this, it may sometimes seem that the true meaning of Christmas gets lost in the shuffle. You may want to consider making this Advent a special family time by setting aside time for prayer, reflection, or the priceless gift of time together. Families can stay connected by scheduling family time or some one-on-one time, play games, build towers, play dress up, or push cars around the living room. It's a great time to share family stories and make new family memories. Above all, keep your home a place where love, respect and forgiveness abound. May your Advent be a special time for your family. Please take time during this busy season to pause for a moment, take a deep breath, and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas- the birth of Jesus.

Sincerely,
 Amy Faust, Site Director



Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this Holy Season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold His glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before You shepherds, innkeepers, Wiseman. Help us to rise bigger than we are.
 Amen



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Parent Reminders:

Please make sure that your child(ren) are coming to the center with a jacket, snow pants, boots, gloves and hats. Also have a **full set of spare clothes available** (shirts, pants, socks, underwear and shoes) to change into in case their original clothes become wet or dirty from being outside. Please label all items to avoid any mix up. NCECC-ST. Therese is not responsible for lost items.



Christmas Concert

We hope that everyone will be able to enjoy our Christmas Program. We are thrilled to be back to “normal” and invite you to decorate Christmas cookies after our program. It will be on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the school gym. Dress your child in their Christmas best!



Classroom News

Little Einstein's (Infant/Toddlers)

2022 is almost coming to a close. Please make sure to have snow pants, boots winter jacket, hats and warm gloves. We do go outside when the temp AND "feels like" is 20 degrees or above. In the month of December we will learn about the famous Jan Brett, whimsical tales, March of the Penguins, Happy Birthday Jesus and last but not least, animal dwellings. Watch for the cite projects to match the themes. We have our Christmas concert on December 2nd. They have all been working so hard.

We have a new friend in the room. WELCOME CHARLIE!

Lila will be turning Two on December 27th. We will miss you, Lila!

Love,

Ms. Brittney & Ms. Jennifer

Explorers (2/3 yr.)

Hello December,

Time is going way too fast, please slow down. We have some fun things coming up in December. We will be having our Christmas Program on December 2. We will also be talking about Fairy Tales, Penguins, Jesus Birthday, and Animal Dwellings.

Please have snow stuff here everyday. We go outside if the "feel like" temperature is above 0. Also, please work with your child on putting their snow stuff on. It makes it easier to go outside.

Thank you

Ms. Jenny and Ms. Lori

Jungle Room (3/4 yr. olds)

December is here, and just like the song reminds us – It's the most wonderful time of the year. The month will be busy and exciting and it's bound to be lots of fun and filled with Holiday cheer. Leading up to Christmas is the Advent season, a time to remember the reason for the season. I hope that you are able to slow down and enjoy the true meaning of Christmas. This is a time to enjoy family and friends, practice traditions and create memories. In the Jungle Room we will be talking about holiday traditions, sharing and being kind to others. It's a great time to extend these ideas. The holidays provide us with plenty of opportunities for all of us to share in the excitement and anticipation of the children during this time.

Christmas Blessings to All

-Ms. Therese & Ms. Kate

Discovery (4/5 yr. olds)

Happy Holidays and welcome snow!

The Discovery children are getting excited to play in the snow. Please remember to have snow gear here every day. Two pairs of snow mittens and extra socks are always nice to have; they may be going out two times a day, temperature permitting. This month the Discovery Kids will be learning about Jan Brett books, Whimsical Tales, Penguins, Animal Dwellings, and the Christmas Season. We will be working on writing and learning the sounds for S, Z, V and K and will be working on the numbers 7, 8, and 9. Our concepts this month are self-help skills and shoe tying.

Please remember to have extra clothing here for your child in case of accidents or wet from outside.

Ms. Lisa and Ms. Sam



Tips for Cold Weather Physical Activity:

Cold weather doesn't have to slow you down. To stay safe in the cold, keep the following in mind:

Dress in layers:

- Start with a synthetic material, like polypropylene, against your skin. It will draw the sweat away from your body and dry quickly.
- For the second layer, select wool or cotton to soak up moisture.
- Choose the third layer for its ability to keep the cold air and rain out, something lightweight and waterproof.

Don't lose your head:

- Wear a hat to avoid losing heat through your head.
- Protect your feet. Insulate them with warm socks and keep them dry.
- Choose mittens over gloves because the fingers can warm each other.

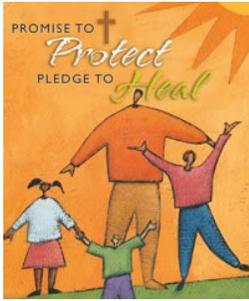
Drink up – You can become dehydrated in the cold:

- Drink before you feel thirsty. By the time you feel thirsty, you're already dehydrated.
- Water is readily available, inexpensive, and exactly what your body needs.
- Drink water before you go out and bring some with you.
- If your lips are chapped, this means you need more water.

Don't overdo it:

- Cold is a stress on the body. So is exercise. Together they may be too much. Start slowly and don't overdo it.





DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.dioc.org. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La

Children's Letter to God

- Dear God, I don't ever feel alone since I found out about you.
- We read that Edison made light, but in Sunday School they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea.
- Dear God, If you let the dinosaurs be non-extinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing.



DECEMBER SCRIP NEWS

DECEMBER 2022 NEWMAN SCRIP NEWS

Check out the mobile app for scrip on your smartphone: RaiseRight. Available in the App Store or

Google Play. Use your same log in as the website.

New to scrip? You can set up your account at RaiseRight.com, contact the scrip office for the enrollment code. Check out the instructional video at newman-catholicschools.com, click on scrip.

Rebates:

Scrip tuition rebates are distributed quarterly. Credits will be posted to your Skyward and E-Funds accounts mid-month in March, June, September and December.

Fleet Farm Special Rebate: For a limited time, Fleet Farm (NCS) gift cards have an 8% rebate.

New Card Offering!

Kwik Trip Grocery Only Gift Cards now available, in stock @ \$20 with a 15% rebate!!! Other denominations available for special order.

Last day to special order gift cards before Christmas is Dec. 12th!!!

Volunteers needed!

Do you have 2-4 hours to spare a month? The scrip office could use a couple more volunteers in the office helping customers with orders. Please let us know if you are interested.

The following businesses can be special ordered on local scrip order weeks. Please plan accordingly:

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**Bennet Massage Therapy
Brickner's of Wausau
Evolutions In Design
Northstar Restoration Services**

December SCRIP HOURS

Thursday Dec 1- 8:00-5:00

Friday Dec 2- Closed

Monday Dec 5- 8:00-4:00

Tuesday Dec 6 - Closed

Wednesday Dec 7- Closed

Thursday Dec 8- 8:00-5:00

Friday Dec 9- 8:00-4:00

Last Day to Special Order:

Monday Dec 12 - 8:00-4:00

*Local Scrip Order Week *

Tuesday Dec 13- Closed

Wednesday Dec 14- Closed

Thursday Dec 15- 8:00-5:00

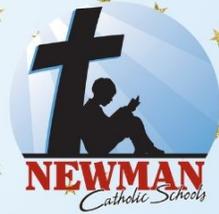
Friday Dec 16- Closed

Monday Dec 19- 8:00-4:00

Tuesday Dec 20- 8:00-4:00

Wednesday Dec 21– Friday Dec 30 CLOSED Christmas Break

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!*



Represent NGS as you walk/ride in our 2022 float!

Wausau's Holiday Parade Friday, December 2nd

Newman Catholic Schools' float will be themed:

O Holy Night

Help is needed to bring the theme to life.

Please consider helping decorate the float on
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST FROM 3:30-6:00PM
AT NEWMAN CATHOLIC MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

To **RSVP** to decorate and/or represent NGS in the parade,
visit the link:

<https://forms.gle/TsFuxBFGdM7DZEFU7>



FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, December 9, 2022

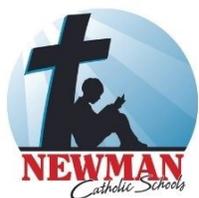


Boys Basketball vs. Abbotsford

5:45pm - JV

7:15pm - Varsity

- **Free Popcorn for Students - Wear NCS Spirit Wear**
- **Half-Time Games!**
- **Register to Win Spirit Wear**



Witness the Difference

Newman Catholic Schools

Open Houses and Parent Informational Meetings

- Learn more about the next step in your child's education and faith formation
- Meet your child's future teachers
- Enjoy a tour of your child's school
- Learn how to make tuition affordable for your family



THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center
St. Michael

3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K & Licensed Child Care
615 Stark Street, Wausau
Open House 9:00am-3:00pm (drop in)
Informational Meeting at 6:00pm with tours
(715) 848-0206 - Sarah Welch, Site Director

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center
St. Therese

4K & Licensed Child Care
112 W. Kort Street, Schofield
Open House 8:00am-4:00pm (drop in)
Informational Meeting at 6:00pm with tours
(715) 355-5254 - Amy Faust, Site Director

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023

Newman Catholic Elementary School
St. Mark

3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K, Kindergarten & Grades 1-5
602 Military Road, Rothschild
Open House 8:00am-2:30pm (drop in)
Informational Meeting at 6:00pm with tours
(715) 359-9662 - Shirley Heise, Principal

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

Newman Catholic Elementary School
St. Anne

Kindergarten & Grades 1-5
604 N. 6th Avenue, Wausau
Open House 8:00am-2:30pm (drop in)
Informational Meeting at 6:00pm with tours
(715) 845-5754 - Terry Vechinski, Principal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

Newman Catholic Middle and High School
Grades 6-12

1130 W. Bridge Street, Wausau
Tours available for all "New to Newman" Middle and High School students and their families from 5:15-6:30pm (drop in)
Future 6th Grade Meeting at 6:30pm with tours
(715) 845-8274 - Carl Fech, Principal

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How to Encourage Kids to Embrace Healthy Eating

To be successful at helping your child embrace healthy eating, it will take more than a rule from you, or a handful of nutritious items in the kitchen. Selling "healthy" to kids requires lifestyle and attitude shifts, not a mandate of eating rules. With just a little insight, you can skip the pressure (and the mistakes) and let the model of healthful eating and healthy living sink in naturally.

Understand Developmental Stages

Children are black-and-white thinkers and learn best by hands-on activities. To tell them vegetables are healthy pales in comparison to letting them make a salad or help with a stir-fry. Teens, on the other hand, may want to eat healthfully if there is an immediate benefit: better sports performance, enhanced concentration, more energy or clearer skin. "Healthy" has to have some pay-off for teens. Otherwise, it's just another adult telling a teen what to do, which will make many teens shut out the ideas.

Let Them Come to You

Instead of driving home healthy eating, encourage conversation about food, eating and nutrition on a regular basis. Welcome questions and comments about what your teen is hearing from peers, and be forthcoming with information when asked. When kids and teens initiate conversation, especially with questions, their ears are wide open.

It's an Inside Job

Remember, anything we choose to do is ultimately something that is important to us. The same goes for kids and teens. Motivation to eat well comes from within, and you want to create this internal drive for healthful eating over time. Make connections between good nutrition and feeling good, fueling exercise with food and performance, and eating healthfully with being healthy, not sick. Connecting these dots helps to add value to the lifestyle choices your child makes over time.

Foster a Healthy Relationship with Food

Your home as a healthy haven sets the tone for how your family eats and behaves. If you stock your kitchen with nutritious options, serve up healthy meals and snacks regularly and don't demonize pleasure foods such as dessert, your kids will be used to these norms, which may make eating outside of your home a little bit easier. When strict rules surrounding food are enforced in the home, kids are more likely to overindulge when away from home.

Parents as Role Models

Parents are the image children will mirror. Try to eat healthfully, be active, get enough sleep and commit to other healthy behaviors you want to see in your child.

With these strategies in mind, you won't have to sell healthy or nutritious eating to your child — it will evolve over time, naturally.

Newman Catholic Schools Weather Related School Closing Procedures

When considering schedule changes due to inclement weather, Newman Catholic Schools (NCS) continues to take its lead from the Wausau School District (WSD) and D.C. Everest School District (DCE). Each district varies in its standards and definitions of closure. These differences can cause confusion as NCS crosses both districts. To assist in alleviating this potential confusion, a school-by-school breakdown of procedures is laid out below. Any changes to these procedures will be communicated through Constant Contact, school newsletters, etc. Be sure to read ***ALL*** announcements and updates to avoid missing information.

The following tools will be the standard of communication used to announce schedule changes due to inclement weather: **Constant Contact:** Will be sent to the parents directly affected by the schedule changes.

Facebook: Visit the Newman Catholic Schools page.

NCS Website: A pop-up notification will appear upon entering www.newmancatholicschools.com.

TV Stations: Channel 9 (www.waow.com) and Channel 7 (www.wsaw.com)

Midwest Communications Radio: 95.5 WIFC, 101.9 WDEZ, Rock 94.7, 550AM WSAU, 1390AM Fox Sports **Skylert**

Messaging: Digital messaging sent via email, phone, and text. You can manage your Skylert Messaging through your Skyward Family Access account. **Skylert may not be the fastest method for last minute changes. Please refer to the other communication tools first.*

Delays: The definition of delay varies by district.

Wausau School District–Bus Delays – This only affects students who are picked up by First Student. Students bused by First Student will be picked up based on the delayed time. Classes at NCS: St. Anne and Newman Catholic Middle/High School will continue to run on their normal schedule. Students that are dropped off, walk, or ride the city bus are expected to be at school at the regularly scheduled time. Three-year-old Preschool and 4K AM/PM classes at NCECC: St. Michael will be cancelled when busing is delayed. Unless specified differently, child care programs at NCS: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael will run as regularly scheduled.

D.C. Everest School District–School Delays – This affects all students at NCS: St. Mark and NCECC: St. Therese. Classes at NCS: St. Mark will be delayed by two hours, following DCE. Three-year-old Preschool will be cancelled at NCS: St. Mark, and 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at both NCS: St. Mark and NCECC: St. Therese. Unless specified differently, child care programs at NCS: St. Mark and NCECC: St. Therese will run as regularly scheduled.

This also affects NCMS/HS students who reside in DCE and are picked up by Lamers. Busing will be delayed by two hours. Classes at NCMS/HS will continue to run on their normal schedule. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.

School-by-School Procedures:

Newman Catholic Middle and High School (NCMS/HS)

Delayed Starts – Delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will continue to run on the normal schedule for all other students. Delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.

Early Release – When closing early, NCMS/HS follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to the WSD early release schedule included in this document. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays. At times, the two public school districts do not align in their decisions to close early or at the same time; for example:

- DCE closes early but WSD does not; this will affect DCE bused students only. In this case, parents of DCE bused students will be contacted letting them know when busses will arrive for pick-up. If parents wish for students to remain the entire day, they must arrange for transportation at the end of the day and notify the school.
- WSD closes early but DCE does not; all students must be picked up by the stated release time. If a student who is bused from DCE does not have alternative transportation other than the bus home, parents should contact the office to discuss arrangements.

Closing – NCMS/HS follows the WSD "Public and Private" closing announcements.

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NCES: St. Anne

Delayed Starts – Delays only affect students riding a yellow school bus. Classes will continue to run on the normal schedule for all other students. Delayed busing is considered an excused absence. Parents can choose to drop their students off to avoid delays.

Early Release – When closing early, NCES: St. Anne follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to the WSD early release schedule included in this document. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.

Closing – NCES: St. Anne follows the WSD "Public and Private" closing announcements.

Before and After Care – In the event that there is a delayed start, before care will still be available. In the event that there is an early release, after care will not be available. Additionally, if there is a closing, before and after care will not be available. At times, when inclement weather is anticipated in the evening, after school activities are canceled, and we ask that you please pick up your child from after care as soon as possible, prior to the 5:30pm closing time.

WSD Dismissal & Bus Pick-up Times – Early Release

(NCES: St. Anne and NCMS/HS)

Dismissal Time (parents pick up if not riding the bus)	11:30 am	12:00 pm	12:30 pm	1:00 pm	1:30 pm
Bus Pick-up Time (First Student)	11:20 am	11:50 am	12:20 pm	12:50 pm	1:20 pm

NCES: St. Mark

Delayed Starts – Classes at NCES: St. Mark will be delayed by two hours, following DCE. Three-year-old Preschool and 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at NCES: St. Mark.

Early Release – When closing early, NCES: St. Mark follows DCE. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Bused students will be picked up according to DCE's announcement, which will be determined on the day of the early release. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.

Closing – NCES: St. Mark follows the DCE "Public and Private" closing announcements. In the event that the WSD closes and DCE does not close, NCES: St. Mark's Three-year-old Preschool and Kindergarten-5th grade classes will be canceled for the day.

Wrap-Around and Before & After Care – In the event that there is a delayed start, before care will still be available. In the event that there is an early release, after care will not be available. Additionally, if there is a closing, wrap-around and before & after care will not be available. At times, when inclement weather is anticipated in the evening, after school activities are canceled, and we ask that you please pick up your child from after care as soon as possible, prior to the 5:30pm closing time.

NCECC: St. Michael

Delayed Starts – Three-year-old Preschool and 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at NCECC: St. Michael.

Early Release – When closing early, NCECC: St. Michael follows the WSD. All students must be picked up by the stated release time. Pick-up times are flexible during travel delays.

Closing – NCECC: St. Michael follows the WSD "Public and Private" closing announcements.

Licensed Child Care – Delayed starts, early releases or closures may occur to ensure the safety of students, families and employees. In these rare instances, site directors will make the best decision for the safety of all, and families will be notified directly or using the standard of communication tools.

NCECC: St. Therese

Delayed Starts – 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at NCECC: St. Therese.

NCECC: St. Therese December 2021

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Ms. Mary and Ms. Chris's bday
18	19	20	21	22 Ms. Brittney's Bday	23 Christmas– center closing at 12:00. No 4K	24 Christmas Eve 
25 Merry Christmas 	26 Center Closed No 4K	27 Lila's bday No 4K	28 No 4K	29 No 4K	30 Center Closed No 4K	31