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I hope you all enjoy the upcoming Easter season and your Lenten journey was personally meaningful. Spring is definitely in the air at NCECC: St. Michael and you can hear it through the happy cheers of the young children as they look forward to time spent outside and seasons changing.

The month of April will also bring the celebration of the Week of the Young Child, April 1-7. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment – at home, at child care, at school and in the community – that will promote their early learning. We invite you to join us in the celebration of this special week. This year's theme focuses on our youngest learners and the activities will combine fun and learning through each day's projects. Hopefully you saw the flyer sent home with your child earlier this week with the daily dress-up themes and activities!

This month we will also have our Scholastic book fair again. This will be held from April 8 - 14. We invite you to come at check out the wonderful books that will be available for purchase both in person and online through a website: https://www.scholastic.com/bf/newmancatholicecc1. This is a great time to expand your child's library. Every child loves a new book!

Clay Corner Studios will be hosting our April family night on Thursday April 13th from 6 - 7 pm. We hope you RSVP for this fun filled night of crafting.

Don't forget there's still time to register! NCS' 2023-2024 registration materials are available on our website, www.newmancatholicschools.com. Please see me if you have any questions.

We value your trust and support in our ability to nurture and educate your child, and we take this responsibility very seriously and will continue to strive for the very best for each and every student.

God Bless,

Sarah Welch Site Director



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Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

Week of the Young Child

NCECC: St. Michael will celebrate the Week of the Young Child Monday, April 3 — Thursday, April 6. There will be a number of fun activities and events planned for the week to celebrate your young child! Please look for notes coming home with your child so he/she can participate with his/her friends!

Scholastic Book Fair

We are excited to announce NCECC: St. Michael will be having another book fair! The book fair will run on site from Monday, April 10 - Friday, April 14. You can shop on line from Saturday, April 8 - Friday, April 14 at www.scholastic.com/ bf/newmancatholicecc1. We look forward to another successful event. Thank you for your continued support!



NCECC: St. Michael Pictures - Read Across America Week











Teacher News!

Little Lambs

In the month of April the themes are week of the young child, Easter, our Earth and Umbrellas. The babies will be working on tummy time, rolling over and sitting up. The tod-

dlers will work on walking.

God Bless, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis



Little Angels

Social skills are an important part of school. From the smallest interaction of a look or a smile to the sharing of a toy, each child learns the value of friendship and begins the quest to make friends. The majority of our class is at the independent play stage so it is noteworthy when they take the next step and hand a toy to a friend. Simply allowing others to play without snatching the toys away from them can be a step toward friendship for some. The skill of turn taking is generously practiced by the oldest who has also learned that it is not just the ball and the hoop that we share, but the joy of making a basket. The ability to make friends will be a useful and necessary lifelong skill. Friends are some our greatest treasures in this life, as well as our best resources in times of need. This little virtue of friendship is in direct opposition to selfishness and greed, and the children

attempting to practice it find that it is its own reward. As the weather warms we will happily be returning to the outdoor play yard for our large motor activities. The dampness of the yard in the spring tends to darken clothes so please dress the children in play clothes and send along boots if you haven't already

Our themes for April are: Happy Easter, Bunnies and Eggs. Our letters for this month are "G", "H", "I", and "J". A most joyful Easter season to you and your families.

Ms. Rachel



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See all the fun things happening at Newman Catholic Schools by "Like"ing us on Facebook! Look for the Newman Catholic Schools logo!

<u>Rainbow</u>

In the month of April the themes are Bunnies and Easter time, along with spring time! Let's hope for April showers so that it can bring us May Flowers. :)

can bring us May Flowers. :) Rainbow Room friends will be working on putting shoes on our feet and or on the right feet if they already mastered putting them on. We will be working on putting jackets on by ourselves. We will be putting together more complex puzzles that are floor puzzles instead of board ones. We will explore more books together and start to point out more things when we read them. We will continue exploring the ABC's and their sounds along with our shapes and colors. We will play games around the room with shapes, colors and ABC's. We will learn movement songs to get our wiggles out. We will be learning about the letters in our name and recognizing our name too, if we master that they will start to recognize friends' names.

Some Friendly Reminders: Monday, April 3 - Thursday, April 6 - "Week of The Young Child" Celebration. Friday April 7 - Center is Closed/Good Friday

Young Disciples

Happy April! This month we have the themes of Easter, Bunnies and Eggs. We will be having an Easter Egg hunt with letters, numbers, and shapes inside (possibly candy too!) We will also be talking about the importance of Easter and the resurrection of Jesus, along with an activity for it.

We are hopeful that the sun begins to shine and spring will be in full swing! Please continue to dress your child appropriately: We will be going outside EVERYDAY from now on, as long as the weather allows us to!

Happy Birthday to Fletcher (5th) and Finley (9th).

Important Date:

Center Closed-April 7th-Good Friday

Ms. Jordyn and Ms. Paula

Classroom Wish Lists

The following classrooms have "wish lists" they are looking for assistance on:

- Little Lambs Plastic bags (diaper disposal)
- Little Angels New or gently used hardcover books suitable for 18 months to 2 1/2 year olds.

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Teacher News!

Preschool

Hi 3P Families,

We are getting closer and closer to the end of our 3P year! This April we will be talking about weather and springtime, Easter, Earth Day, and new life. As we draw closer to the end of the year, we will be reviewing all the colors, shapes, and numbers we have learned. We will continue to practice our name writing, cutting (zig zags), and drawing skills! We will also continue work on drawing a recognizable picture. If the weather cooperates, I am hoping we can take walks and talk about the changes we see as we cover our springtime unit!

Ms. Monica

<u>4K</u> In the

In the 4K classroom during the month of April we will continue with our "Tug Of War Unit." During this unit we will talk about African Animals, work on patterning and number recognition to ten, and recognize if a word starts with the same letter as their name. After we complete "Tug Of War" we will begin "Peter And The Wolf." During this unit we will work on the letters M, N, and W. We will also work on numbers and identifying numbers up to 10 and repeating patterns (AABB, AABAA, BAA). There will be no school on Friday April 7th.

Enjoy Spring

Ms. Alaina

Spring Fling — "Hoedown"

Congratulations Ms. Monica!

Ms. Monica was nominated for a 2023 Diocesan Educator Award! We appreciate her dedicated service to the children of the Diocese of La Crosse here at NCECC: St. Michael and we thank her for her hard work and service in the ministry of Catholic education. Ms. Monica has helped build the community of faith within our Diocese.

Congratulations!!



Who's Invited: NCECC: 4K Families NCES: St. Anne Kindergarten through Grade 5 Families

Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 5:30 - 7pm NCES: St. Anne Gym

> Snacks and Lemonade Photo Booth — \$2.00 per photo

** This is a family event. Parents are required to stay with their student(s) while they are at the

event. **







Thank You!

NCECC: St. Michael has been blessed by the following people and families with their generous acts of kindness:

Scrip Volunteers — thank you for all you do for Newman Catholic Schools!!

The Libby, Meverden, and Murphy families — thank you for bringing in a Taco Bar for the staff during Spring Break Week.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

NCECC: St. Michael is Hiring

NCECC St. Michael is looking for people to help full the following roles:

IMMEDIATE NEED

Licensed Childcare Teachers (18 months to 2 1/2 years)

Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided.

- Second teacher in the Little Angels classroom. (18 months to 2 1/2 years).
- Second teacher in the Rainbow classroom. (2 1/2 years to 3 years).

FOR THE 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

4K Teacher - Full Time

4K meets Monday through Friday from 7:45 am - 11:10 am (morning session) and from 11:55 am - 3 pm (afternoon session). Experience preferred but not required. Full description available on WECAN.

Preschool Teacher Assistant / Classroom Aide - Part Time

Preschool meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:05 am - 10:45 am. Due to the demand for Preschool, there will be two morning Preschool classes in the 2023 - 2024 school year. Depending on the size of the classes, we may be looking to fill two (2) positions. Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided.

If you have questions or are interested in any of these positions, please contact Sarah Welch, NCECC: St. Michael Site Director at 715 - 848 - 0206 option 2 or swelch@newmancatholicschools.com.

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Newman Catholic Schools News!



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- Tuition assistance applications are available for:
 - Scholarships*
 - Grant Aid Program (GAP)*
 - Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)*

*All tuition assistance applications are open through April 20, 2023

Visit www.newmancatholicschools.com/assistance to learn more.

Contact Jacci Lepak at jlepak@newmancatholicschools.com or (715) 845-5735 with questions.







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SCRIP News

Check out the mobile app for scrip on your smart phone: RaiseRight. Available in the App Store or Google Play. Use your same log in as the RaiseRight.com website.



Download our RaiseRight mobile app

App Store



New to Scrip? You can set up your account at RaiseRight.com, call us for our enrollment code. Check out the instructional video at newmancatholicschools.com, click on scrip.

Volunteer Opportunities:

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. Call the Scrip Office at 715-849-7713 or email us at scrip@newmancatholicschools.com.

Kwik Trip Grocery Only Gift Cards now available, in stock @ \$20 with a **20%** rebate!!! We also restocked our Kwik Trip (NCS) 10% rebate gas gift cards, denominations are \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$200.

It's car wash season and we have gift card options for you!

- ◆ *New* Kwik Trip Car Wash Card: 5 Ultimate Car Washes \$36, rebate is 44.44%- that's \$16!
- Car Buffs- \$25 gift cards with a 20% rebate.
- <u>Tommy's Express Car Wash</u>- Earn 10% rebate when you purchase a 3 Month Works Wash **eGift card**, good for 3 months of unlimited Works washes for \$104.99. (Only available in the Raise Right app or website)

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

* Bennett Massage Therapy * Brickner's of Wausau

* Evolutions In Design * Northstar Restoration Services

April 2023 SCRIP HOURS

Monday Apr. 3 - Tuesday Apr. 4- Wednesday Apr. 5 - Thursday Apr. 6 - Friday Apr. 7 -	8:00-4:00 Closed Closed 8:00-5:00 Closed	**Local Scrip Order Week**
Monday Apr. 10 – Tuesday Apr. 11 - Wednesday Apr. 12 - Thursday Apr. 13 - Friday Apr. 14 -	CLOSED, 8:00-4:00 Closed 8:00-5:00 Closed	No School (Easter Monday)
Monday Apr. 17 - Tuesday Apr. 18 - Wednesday Apr. 19- Thursday Apr. 20 - Friday Apr. 21 -	8:00-4:00 Closed Closed 8:00-5:00 Closed	**Local Scrip Order Week**
Monday Apr. 24 - Tuesday Apr. 25- Wednesday Apr. 26 - Thursday Apr. 27 - Friday Apr. 28 -	8:00-4:00 Closed Closed 8:00-5:00 Closed	

Scrip Office phone number: **715-849-7713** Scrip Office is located at **615 Stark St. Wausau, WI 54403** scrip@newmancatholicschools.com

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Health & Nutrition

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United States Department of Agriculture

Encouraging Vegetables

If your child is like many preschoolers, he or she probably doesn't eat enough vegetables each day. Many children this age can be "choosy" eaters. It can take children 10 or more tries before they like a new food. Keep trying. Your efforts will help your child have healthier eating habits later.

Offering Vegetables Can:

- Help your child get important nutrients like potassium, folate (folic acid), vitamin A, and vitamin C.
- Provide dietary fiber to help your child feel full. This makes bathroom time easier, too.
- Add color, crunch, and flavor to meals or snacks.
- Help your child develop healthy eating habits that may reduce the risk of certain diseases, like heart disease and Type 2 diabetes, later in life.

Fresh, Frozen, and Canned Vegetables Are All Smart Choices

- Packages with added sauces or seasonings may have additional fat and calories.
- Rinse canned beans and vegetables with cold water to reduce sodium.
- Cut vegetables into smaller pieces to make them easier for your preschooler to eat.

Nibbles for Health Nutrition Newsletters for Parents of Young Children

Health & Nutrition

Encouraging Milk as Children Age

- **Take changes slowly.** After your child turns 2 years old, consider changing from whole milk to low-fat milk. Start by switching to reduced-fat (2%) milk for a few weeks. When your child gets used to reduced-fat milk (2%), try low-fat (1%) or fat-free (skim) milk.
- Enjoy smoothies. Blend low-fat milk with fruits and low-fat yogurt.
- Make it special. Offer low-fat milk in your child's favorite cup.
- Be a healthy role model. Encourage the whole family to drink low-fat milk with meals.

Tummy Troubles

If your child is lactose intolerant or gets stomach pains, gas, or bloating after drinking milk, try lactose-free milk and talk with your child's doctor. If you would like your child to drink soymilk at child care, please send a written note. A parent or guardian can make the request. A doctor's note is not required as long as the soymilk meets certain nutrition standards. Soymilk served in child care must have the same amount of calcium, protein, vitamin A, and vitamin D as cow's milk.

At child care, "milk-like" beverages that do not contain the same amounts of calcium, protein, vitamin A, and vitamin D as cow's milk cannot be served in place of cow's milk without a doctor's note.

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Newman Catholic Schools Weather Related School Closing Procedures

When considering schedule changes due to inclement weather, Newman Catholic Schools (NCS) will follow the procedures outlined in this document.

- NCS will not always follow the public school districts, Wausau School District (WSD) and D.C. Everest School District (DCE), for full-day closures.
- NCS will follow the public school districts, WSD and DCE, for delayed starts and early releases.

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 <u>*ALL*</u> 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:

- Facebook: Visit the Newman Catholic Schools page.
- NCS Website: A pop-up notification will appear upon entering <u>www.newmancatholicschools.com</u>.
- TV Stations: Channel 9 (<u>www.waow.com</u>) and Channel 7 (<u>www.wsaw.com</u>)
- 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 NCES: 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 NCEC: St. Michael will be cancelled when
 busing is delayed. Unless specified differently, child care programs at NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael will run as
 regularly scheduled.
- D.C. Everest School District-School Delays This affects all students at NCES: St. Mark and NCECC: St. Therese. Classes at NCES: St. Mark will be delayed by two hours, following DCE. Three-year-old Preschool will be cancelled at NCES: St. Mark, and 4K AM/PM classes will be cancelled at both NCES: St. Mark and NCECC: St. Therese. Unless specified differently, child care programs at NCES: 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 "Newman Catholic Schools" closing announcements. Busing will not be available if the WSD and/or DCE closes and NCS does not.

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NCECC: St. Michael

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 "Newman Catholic Schools" closing announcements. Busing will not be available if the WSD closes and NCS does not.
- **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.

(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	

WSD Dismissal & Bus Pick-up Times – Early Release

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 canceled 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's Three-Year-Old Preschool and Kindergarten-5th grade follow the "Newman Catholic Schools" closing announcements. NCES: St. Mark's 4K AM/PM classes follow the "DCE" closing announcements. Busing will not be available if DCE closes and NCS does not.
- 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 canceled 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's Three-Year-Old Preschool follows the "Newman Catholic Schools" closing announcements. NCECC: St. Michael's 4K AM/PM classes follow the "WSD" 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 canceled at NCECC: St. Therese.
- **Early Release** When closing early, NCECC: St. Therese's 4K AM/PM classes 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 NCECC: St. Therese's 4K AM/PM classes follow the "DCE" 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.

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NCECC: St. Michael Calendar

April - 2023



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					CLOSED Good Friday	Book Fair- Online ONLY
					No Preschool or 4K Classes	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Scholastic		Scholastic B	ook Fair - On Si	te and Online		
Book Fair- Online ONLY Easter Sunday				Clay Corner- Family Night 6-7pm	"Fruit of the Spirit" Fruit Snacks distributed	
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