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The Cardinal Connection

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Catholic faith, service, and academics.*

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December 2023

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents,

During Advent the teachers will work with the children to help them learn the true meaning of Christmas: Jesus' birth. While the outside world is filled with Santa, we will strive to support our parents in helping young children learn about Jesus, God's gift to the world. Families are encouraged to keep an Advent wreath at home and count down the days and weeks to the birth of Jesus. This is a simple way for families to grow together in faith. Teaching your child the value of waiting and learning Jesus is the reason for the season are important life lessons.

Our Christmas program for our Preschool and 4K families will be on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 pm in church. Parents, please have your children to their Preschool or 4K classroom by 5:30 pm that evening.

I pray that this Advent year brings you peace.

Merry Christmas!

Sarah Welch
Site Director
NCECC: St. Michael



NCECC: St. Michael Staff Directory

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Know anyone whose name would look good in the above list? **We're still hiring!**

We would love to hire additional licensed child care teachers to work with students from 6 weeks through 5 / 6 years old. Our goal is to get two (2) teachers in each classroom.

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

If you have questions or are interested in the positions available, please contact Sarah Welch, NCECC: St. Michael Site Director at 715 - 848 - 0206 Option 2 or swelch@newmancatholicsschools.com.

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

Thank You!

Thank you to all of the families that participated in our Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit The Neighbors Place. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Home & School

The next Home and School Meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the NCECC: St. Michael Music Room. All are invited to attend.

If you are interested in volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael, please see Marie or Sarah in the school office. Below are upcoming activities extra hands are appreciated at:

- Christmas Program Social - Evening of Monday, December 4
- Spring Fling - April 2024 with NCES: St. Anne
- Yearbook Committee - Spring 2024



Bits 'N Pieces

No School - Preschool

- Friday, December 22 - Christmas Break
- Monday, December 25 through Friday, December 29 - Christmas Break
- Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2

No School - 4K

- Friday, December 8 - Wausau School District Professional Development Day
- Monday, December 25 through Friday, December 29 - Christmas Break
- Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 2

Licensed Childcare Holiday Schedule

- Monday, December 25 - **CLOSED** - Employee Christmas holiday
- Tuesday, December 26 - **CLOSED** - Employee Christmas holiday
- Wednesday, December 27 through Friday, December 29 - Open as scheduled
- Monday, January 1 - **CLOSED** - Employee New Year's holiday
- Center will return to regular building hours on Tuesday, January 2



*We wish your family a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

Winter Weather Clothing

As the cold weather approaches please remember to send your children to school properly dressed to be outside. We are out for recess unless it is raining or the wind chill temperature drops below zero. All students - Licensed Child care, Preschool, and 4K - are expected to have winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens. Thank you in advance for your preparation.

Extra Clothing

Please make sure your child(ren) have at least one full change of clothing here at school. If you are able to provide more than one full change of clothing that would be appreciated.

Also if your child(ren) were sent home in clothing borrowed from NCECC: St. Michael, please return those items to our child's teacher.

Event Reminders

"Fruit of the Spirit" Fruit Snack Fundraiser

Friday, December 2nd is the next "Fruit of the Spirit" fruit snack distribution day. Families that pre-purchased their fruit snacks will have their items placed in student backpacks or on their cubbies on this day. Contact either Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center office if you would like to order fruit snacks and have not already done so.

Preschool and 4K Christmas Program - Monday, December 4

Preschool and 4K students should report to their classroom no later than 5:30 pm that evening. The program is scheduled to begin at 6 pm in St. Michael's church. After the program we will have a small treat in the cafeteria for you and your family to enjoy!



Share your Cardinal Spirit!

If you have Spirit Wear your kids have outgrown, there is someone who will appreciate having it! You may send your gently used Spirit Wear to the school office and we'll make sure it gets to someone who will really appreciate having it.

Thank you for your continued support of others!

Teacher News

Little Lambs

Merry Christmas to all!!

In the month of December our themes are Merry Christmas, Happy Birthday Jesus and Happy New Year! The babies will be working on tummy time and rolling over. The toddlers will be working on eating meals at the table and sleeping on a cot.

*Remember LCC is Closed on December 25 and December 26.

God Bless, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis



Little Angels

Speaking and verbal communication is an area of tremendous growth in our classroom. The important serve and return style of verbal communication is rewarding, and the children always light up when you properly guess what they were talking about. It is always interesting to hear what the children say from their perspective. While climbing the caterpillar outside, a child called out for help, then pushed away with his hand and, asserting his independence, said "No, mine self." Sometimes they sing songs like "E I O," "Round and round," or "Ho, Ho, Ho, up, up, up." The strongest words a child knew came out one day when he was clearly upset about something, only notable to me at the time because it wasn't about the possession of a toy, "No! Mine!" he shouted, very powerful words in the world of a toddler. Looking up and pointing at the ceiling, one of the children said "Sky." Our alphabet book is usually read in the format of stating the name of the letter, making its sound, and waiting for the children to identify the picture that starts with that letter. These were some of the more humorous responses: "C, k" – "Moo" (cow); "H, huh" – "Love you" (heart); "L, Ill" – "Elmo" (leaf); "Q, qw" – "Blankie" (quilt); "U, uh" – "Brella" (umbrella), and my favorite, "Z, zzz" – "Cow" (zebra) (What else could a big black and white animal be in Wisconsin?) The thought conveyed by a word is more easily understood if you know what happened in the child's day. "Tractor!" spoken to a passerby was to be understood as, "We saw a tractor baling leaves and it was very exciting." Two word and three word sentences are a milestone at this age. "Squirrel, top, roof." Indeed, there was a squirrel on the top of a neighboring house roof, and we all enjoyed watching it as we walked by.

Our themes for December are: Christmas, Snow, and Winter.

A fruitful advent season and a Merry Christmas to you all. May the Divine Infant fill your hearts with peace and bless your families.

Ms. Rachel



Like us on Facebook!

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

Rainbow

In the Rainbow room for the month of December, we will be working on some fun things. We will be talking about birds that are native to Wisconsin and even making bird feeders. We will also be learning about winter and of course Christmas. I also have a fun week planned for the week following Christmas because some of the children may not be here. During the fun week, I plan on doing some fun different activities with the children.

Some special days to take note of: Dec. 4th- Christmas Program for the older children, dress up week will be the week of the 18th, and the center is closed on the 25th, 26th, and Jan 1st.

A few reminders: Bringing in the children's winter clothes for when the snow comes and also to remember to pick up the children's art projects on the outside of the Rainbow room door.



Ms. Amanda

Noah's Ark

For the month of December we will focus on learning about Christmas, winter, and identifying feelings. As a class we will be having discussions on different types of emotions and what they look like. Our math focus will be counting and identifying numbers. We will be working on name recognition as well.

Important Dates:

- 3P and 4K Christmas Program
Monday, December 4th at 6pm in the church
- Dress Up Week!
Monday, December 18th-22nd (Dress up dates will be announced before hand)
- Classroom Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 19 after Snack (2 pm).
- Center Closed
Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th

Young Disciples

Welcome to a new month, can't believe we are in December already. This month we will be talking about Christmas and how important it is because it's Jesus's Birthday. We will learn about snow and what makes snow. We will be talking about winter activities that are fun to do. On December 22, 2023 we will be having our first Christmas party in Young Disciples room, the best part is we can wear pajama's. Yay! A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway outside Y/D door to bring something in if you would like to participate. We have 3 birthday's this month. Nora W. is on the 5th Heath is on the 15th and Augie is on the 12th. Happy Birthday to all of you! We hope it's a blessed day! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and enjoy some relaxation.

God's blessings to you all.

Ms. Paula



December *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 website.



Download our RaiseRight mobile app



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Please call or email

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for NCS enrollment code.

Kohl's rebate increase-

Earnings for Kohl's gift cards have increased from 4% to 7%

Kwik Trip 10% - \$25 gift cards make a great gift! Also limited quantity of \$10 gift cards and \$5/\$10/\$20 Grocery Only gift cards available.

Follow RaiseRight on Facebook for tips and rebate bonus information.

Last day to special order **local scrip** gift cards is **Dec. 11th by noon.**

Last day to order scrip is **Dec. 18th by noon.** Orders will be limited to in stock inventory after that.

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*

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

*Bennett Massage Therapy *Brickner's of Wausau

*Menke Auto

*Evolutions In Design *Northstar Restoration

December 2023 SCRIP HOURS

****Local Scrip Order Week****

Monday November 27-	8:00-4:00
Tuesday November 28-	Closed
Wednesday November 29-	Closed
Thursday November 30-	8:00-5:00
Friday December 1-	Closed

Monday December 4-	8:00-4:00
Tuesday December 5-	Closed
Wednesday December 6-	Closed
Thursday December 7-	8:00-5:00
Friday December 8-	9:00-3:00

****Local Scrip Order Week****

Monday December 11-	8:00-4:00
Tuesday December 12-	Closed
Wednesday December 13-	Closed
Thursday December 14-	8:00-5:00
Friday December 15-	Closed

Monday December 18-	8:00-4:00
Tuesday December 19-	Closed
Wednesday December 20-	OPEN
	12:00-4:00
Thursday December 21-	8:00-5:00
Friday December 22-	Closed

***Scrip Office is closed
Dec 22- Jan 1, 2024***

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Health and Nutrition

TURN YOUR RESOLUTIONS INTO REAL SOLUTIONS

1. Start with small changes

Instead of a diet overhaul, make small changes to what you eat and drink that will work for you now and in the future.



2. Take one day at a time

Sometimes things don't go as planned, even with the best of intentions. If you miss one day or one milestone for your goal, don't give up!

3. Be active your way

Pick activities you enjoy! If you focus on having fun or learning a new skill that interests you, you will be more likely to stick with it.



4. Team up

Find a friend with similar goals—swap healthy recipes and be active together. Staying on track is easier with support and a cheerleader.

5. Celebrate successes

Think of each change as a "win" as you build positive habits and find ways to reach your goals. Reward yourself—you've earned it!




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MyWins

December 2016
For more information go to ChooseMyPlate.gov
USDA, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.
USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



NCECC: St. Michael Calendar December 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS 1) Go to the Newman website (www.newmancatholicschools.com). 2) Under "About", click "Calendars". 3) On the "Academic" calendars tab; click the grey RSS icon. If you wish to subscribe to lunch menu calendars, click "Lunch Menus" then click the grey RSS icon. 4) In the "Calendar Feeds" box; click the green "ICAL" button to the right of the calendar you wish to subscribe to. Select the appropriate option for your device.					1 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors) "Fruit of the Spirit" fruit snacks distributed	2
3	4 Preschool and 4K Christmas Program @ 6 pm in the Church. Social to follow.	5	6 St. Nicholas Day 	7	8 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors) NO SCHOOL - 4K Preschool still in session. LCC still in session.	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 NO SCHOOL - Preschool 4K still in session. LCC still in session.	23
Holiday Dress Up Week - Watch for flyer with dress up themes.						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
No 4K and Preschool— Christmas Break						
Center Closed for Christmas						
31						