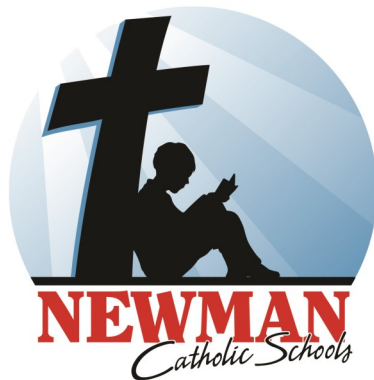


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April 2024

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all enjoy the 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 from April 6-12. 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. This will be held from April 8 - 12. 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: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/newmancatholiccecc> This is a great time to expand your child's library. Every child loves a new book!

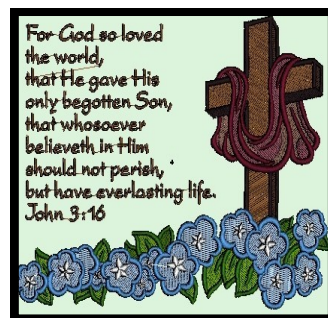
Clay Corner Studios will be hosting our April family night on Thursday April 11 from 6 - 7:30 pm. We hope you RSVP for this fun filled night of crafting.

Don't forget there's still time to register! NCS' 2024-2025 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



Bits ‘N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

Week of the Young Child

NCECC: St. Michael will celebrate the Week of the Young Child from Monday, April 8 through Thursday, April 11. 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 8 through Thursday, April 11 and online from Saturday, April 6 - Friday, April 12 at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/newmancatholicecc> . We look forward to another successful event. Thank you for your continued support!



NCECC: St. Michael - Pictures from “Read Across America” Week



Classroom 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 toddlers will work on eating at the table.



God Bless,
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

Little Angels

Process art is a form of art where the joy is in the process, not necessarily in the finished piece. Finding a few paper squares glued onto a white paper doesn't exactly fill the viewer with awe, but the child who enjoyed picking up the little pieces of paper one at a time and placing them in a spot of glue was excited about all of the skills that were used to make such a work of art. Texture adds an element of interest as there is a sensory component to the art work, and after it is crumpled, pulled apart and sticking to their fingers, the portion that makes it onto the material for which it was intended has the same appeal as a touch and feel book. Color also adds an important visual element, whether using only one color or using multiple colors. Multiple colors, such as in the case of paint, often result in an olive green or a brown hue due to the mixing of the colors, but the children enjoy dabbing their brushes into each color or several colors in a row before painting on the paper, sometimes stating the name of the color as they dab. Process art allows you to see the beauty of the children using their skills and abilities to create, and therein lies the beauty of the piece of art.

Our themes for April are: Spring, Flowers, Baby Animals, and New Life.

May the spring bring family time that will soon be cherished memories, and may God bless your families.

Ms. Rachel

Young Disciples

Spring is finally here Yay, hopefully that means warmer weather and less layers.

This month we will be busy learning all about Spring and what comes during that time like Baby animals, what they are called, how important they are and plus they are so cute! We will discuss flowers and how they help feed animals, what kind of flowers there are and do a poll on our favorite flower. We will have lots of exciting art projects hanging in our hallway so please check them out. Our bible stories this month will be Noah and the Ark, The Baby in the Basket and The Ten Commandments. I want to say THANK YOU to all the parents who brought in treats to help with our bags for the Wausau Police Department. The generosity was wonderful to see so thank you so much. They were so appreciative and thankful.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring filled with health and happiness.

God's Blessings
Ms. Paula

Rainbow

Wow, I can't believe it's already April! For this month we will have some awesome things planned. We will be talking about Easter and why it is a very important holiday. We have 2 weeks of bugs that we will explore. We will talk about earth day and what we can do to help the earth. We will also be going into more detail about the weather.

We have Caroline's birthday on the 15th.

Reminders: The center will be closed on April 12, 2024. With the weather being the way it is this time of year, please make sure your child has appropriate clothing to go outside and play. **Please bring in 1-2 paper egg cartons for an art project, if your household uses that type.**

Noah's Ark

Happy April Everyone! I hope everyone is loving this crazy weather mother nature has been giving us. We will focus on our 5 senses, spring, baby animals and weather for this month. We will also focus on writing letters and getting familiarized with what numbers look like and how to write them.

Important Dates:

April 8th - April 11th - Week of the Young Child
Watch for flyer to come out

April 8th - 11th - Scholastic Book Fair
More information to come

Thursday, April 11th – Clay Corner Night at 6-7:30pm in the Gym. Flyers sent home. RSVP needed

Friday, April 12th – Center Closed-Staff Inservice

*Reminder to dress your child for the weather as we do go outside

NCECC: St. Michael Is Hiring!

**** IMMEDIATE NEED ** - 4K Program Classroom Aide** - Classes meet Monday - Friday from 8:05 am - 11:10 am and from 11:55 am to 3:00 pm. Position is considered part-time.

Licensed Child Care Teachers - We would love to have two (2) teachers in each classroom. Therefore, we are looking for:

- Second teacher for the Little Angels classroom (18 months to 2 1/2 years).
- Second teacher for the Rainbow classroom (2 1/2 years to 3 years).
- Second teacher for the Noah's Ark classroom (3 years to 4 years).

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

If you have questions or are interested in any of 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.

Spring Fling — Under the Sea

Who's Invited:

NCECC: St. Michael Preschool and 4K Families

NCES: St. Anne Kindergarten through Grade 5 Families

Thursday, April 18th from 5:30 pm - 7 pm in the NCES: St. Anne Gym
Snacks and Lemonade provided. Photo booth available - \$2.00 per photo

**** This is a family event. Parents are required to stay with their child(ren) are at the event. ****



Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave,
Green is for the grass he made.

Yellow is for the sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night.

Black is for the sins we made,
White is for the grace he gave.
Purple is for his hour of sorrow,
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans is yummy to eat,
It's a picture, a promise, a special treat,
To help us remember Jesus' work complete,
Gives us hope beyond any earthly sweet.



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!!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

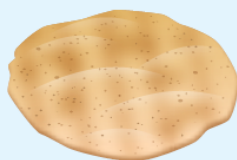


Kitchen News



Celebrate Springtime with a **Crunchy Rainbow Wrap**

1 Get Started



Lay your tortilla flat.

2 Paint the Sky



Spread some cream cheese onto the tortilla.

3 Get Colorful



Use veggies to create a rainbow on your tortilla. Leave some room around the edges.

4 Roll It Up



Fold in sides of the tortilla. Start at one end and roll your tortilla up tight.

5 Taste the Rainbow



Let an adult cut your wrap in half. Enjoy your colorful snack.



whole-wheat tortilla



reduced-fat cream cheese

Red
red-pepper strips



red beans



chopped tomatoes



Orange
carrot shreds



Ingredients
Choose Vegetables

Yellow
corn
yellow-pepper strips



Green
peas



spinach



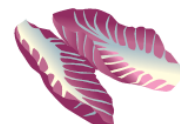
shredded lettuce



Blue/Purple
shredded purple cabbage



radicchio



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Clay Corner Studio Night

Join us the evening of Thursday, April 11 in the NCECC: St. Michael gym from 6 pm to 7:30 pm for our 2nd Annual Clay Corner Studio Family night! All NCECC: St. Michael families are welcome to attend, whether they are enrolled in just licensed child care, just Preschool, just 4K, or any combination of program enrollments.

Approximately \$5.00 of each item purchased will come back to NCECC: St. Michael and will be put towards additional playground improvements. The playground is used by all students enrolled at programs at NCECC: St. Michael, whether they're in licensed child care, Preschool, or 4K or any combination of program enrollments.

On the next page of this newsletter is a flyer from Clay Corner Studio with items that are available to purchase in advance and paid the night of the event. This year, there are two ways to order:

1. Visit [this website](#) or use the QR code at the bottom of the flyer on the next page to order online and pay with your credit card.
2. Complete the order form at the bottom of the letter sent home on Monday, March 18 and return it to the Early Childhood Center office with your cash or check payment by **Thursday, April 4, 2024**. Checks can be made payable to "Clay Corner Studio." Additional paper copies of the order form can be obtained from the Early Childhood Center office while it's open.

If you plan to attend the event, please keep in mind the following things:

- Please make sure you arrive promptly as the event will begin as soon as Clay Corner Studio has their supplies set up.
- Colors will be limited to what Clay Corner Studio brings with them, so please have an idea ready to go.
- Extras of each of the items may be available to purchase the night of the event, but quantities will be limited.

If you have any questions, please let Sarah or Marie know.

PAINT FOR FUN AND BENEFIT THE SCHOOL!



12oz mug - \$21



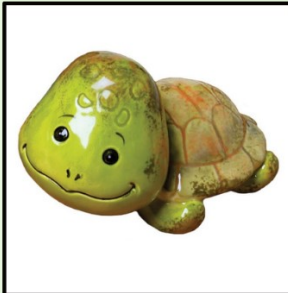
Bene Bowl - \$23



Salad Plate- \$21



6" tile - \$15



Turtle - \$23



Pig - \$23



Snail - \$23



Horse - \$23



Bud Vase - \$25



TIME FOR A TRULY FUN FUNDRAISER!

SIGN UP FOR PIECES YOU LOVE BEST, THEN
PAINT WITH US APRIL 11TH AT THE SCHOOL!



SCRIP News

April 2024

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 RaiseRight website.



Download our RaiseRight mobile app



New to scrip? Find the instructional video at newmancatholicschools.com, click on scrip. Please call or email scrip@newmancatholicschools.com for the NCS enrollment code.

Kwik Trip 10% Rebate Gift Cards-

Kwik Trip gift cards are in stock at a 10% rebate. Kwik Trip Grocery Only gift cards will have a 20% rebate.

Time to wash the car-

Kwik Trip Car Wash Gift Card: 5 Ultimate Car Washes \$36, rebate is 44.44%- that's \$16!

Car Buffs- \$25 gift cards with a 20% rebate.

Tommy's Express Car Wash- Earn 10% rebate when you purchase a 3 Month Works Wash eGift card, \$104.99. (Only available in the Raise Right app or website)

Olson Tire & Auto- get your entire car detailed and earn a 10% rebate!

Follow RaiseRight on Facebook for tips and rebate bonus information.

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

April 2024 SCRIP HOURS

Monday Apr. 1 - Closed No School

Tuesday Apr. 2- 8:00-4:00

Wednesday Apr. 3 - Closed

Thursday Apr. 4 - 8:00-5:00

Friday Apr. 5- Closed

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

Monday Apr. 8 – 8:00-4:00

Tuesday Apr. 9 - Closed

Wednesday Apr. 10 - Closed

Thursday Apr. 11 - 8:00-5:00

Friday Apr. 12 - Closed

Monday Apr. 15- 8:00-4:00

Tuesday Apr. 16 - Closed

Wednesday Apr. 17- Closed

Thursday Apr. 18 - 8:00-5:00

Friday Apr. 19- Closed

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

Monday Apr. 22 - 8:00-4:00

Tuesday Apr. 23- Closed

Wednesday Apr. 24 - Closed

Thursday Apr. 25 - 8:00-5:00

Friday Apr. 26 - Closed

Monday Apr. 29- 8:00-4:00

Tuesday Apr. 30- Closed

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NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 4K Hearing and Vision Rescreening Day	5 “Fruit of the Spirit” fruit snacks distributed Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	6 Scholastic Book Fair-Online ONLY
7 Scholastic Book Fair-Online ONLY	Scholastic Book Fair - On Site and Online				12 CENTER CLOSED for Staff In-Service ** No Preschool ** Yes 4K AM ** Yes 4K PM	13
	Week of the Young Child - Dress Up Days & Activities				11 Clay Corner Studio Family Night NCECC: St. Michael Gym 6 - 7:30 pm	
14	15	16 Virtue Walk Preschool Event 9 - 11 am at NCMS/HS Track	17	18 Spring Fling Preschool & 4K Families NCES: St. Anne 5:30 pm - 7 pm	19 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 No 4K ** Yes Preschool ** Yes Licensed Child Care	27
28	29	30 RAIN DATE for Virtue Walk Preschool Event 9 - 11 am at NCMS/HS Track	26			

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.