

NEWMAN CATHOLIC  
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER  
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## *The Cardinal Connection*

*Fostering disciples of Christ  
through Catholic faith,  
service and academics.*

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September 2024

NCECC: St. Michael

### **WELCOME to Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael!**

Dear Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael Families,

Newman Catholic Schools is destined for amazing things throughout the 2024-2025 school year. The gifts and talents of our students combined with the dedication and passion of our teachers allows us to strive for excellence. Excellence in our faith and academics is what you will see throughout the school year. We continue to work hard to ensure that Newman Catholic School is recognized as a system that sets their students and teachers up for high achievement. Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael will make every effort to assist your child spiritually, academically, and socially throughout the year. It is our goal to create an enriching learning environment that engages every child uniquely.

Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael is a great place to be! We are a school with strong family relationships, which are essential to high academic achievement. We encourage and want our parents and community members to be involved in and supportive of the education of our youngest Newman Catholic School learners. Throughout the school year there will be many opportunities for moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, neighbors, and many others to be involved in the children's education. We look forward to your support throughout the school year!

We thank you for choosing Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Michael to provide your child with a loving, safe, engaging and fun early childhood experience. Early childhood education is a wonderful foundation for future educational success, and you have chosen to help your child make a great first step on a wonderful journey of learning and discovery. We thank you for your continued support, and look forward to working with you and your child in the coming year!

God bless,

Sarah Welch  
Site Director

## Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

### Important Upcoming Dates

- September 2nd - Center Closed for Labor Day ( No Licensed Child Care)
- September 3rd - First Day of 4K AM & PM
- September 6th - Dress Up Day (Theme = Favorite Football Team)
- September 9th - Home & School Meeting @ NCES: St. Anne at 8:15 am
- September 12th - Family Night @ NCES: St. Anne from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- September 17th - Vision Screening – 3P ONLY
- September 27th - No 4K AM and PM (Wausau School District Professional Development Day)



### Friday Spirit Days

Every Friday show your Newman Catholic Schools pride by wearing NCS spirit wear or school colors (Red and Columbia Blue).

### Licensed Child Care Family Mailboxes

Each family enrolled in licensed child care has a family mailbox outside the Early Childhood Center Office. Any paper handouts from the Early Childhood Center Office will be placed there for families to pick up. Please remember to check your mailbox each time you come in the building and return any forms in a timely manner. **Your family mailbox is for outgoing items ONLY.**

### Document Dropbox

Items that need to be returned should either be given to your child's teacher to bring to the Office, or can be placed in the blue document dropbox (pictured at right) outside Ms. Marie's window by the Early Childhood Center Office. The document dropbox (pictured at right) is always locked. Only Ms. Sarah and Ms. Marie from the Early Childhood Center Office have keys to unlock it.



### Door Reminders

If your family did not yet request any door cards or fobs to use, please talk to either Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office. Door cards or fobs are assigned upon request to parents, they are not automatically assigned. NCECC: St. Michael policy allows for a maximum of two (2) items to be assigned to a family to use.

If your family has door cards / fobs, or if you choose to be buzzed in every time you want to enter the building, please wait until you see a green light **AND** you hear the sound of the door unlatching before you try to open the door.

### Licensed Child Care Tuition

- **Families Returning to Licensed Child Care** - Your annual registration fee and weekly charges through the end of September 2024 have been added to accounts.
- **Families New to Licensed Child Care** - Your annual registration fee and weekly tuition charges through the end of September were added to accounts after your first day of attendance. Since your account is being newly set up, please be patient as there are many steps behind the scenes to make your account active.

### Licensed Child Care Blankets During the Nap / Rest Period

All licensed child care families are required to bring a blanket for your child's rest time. Blankets should be child-sized because there is not adequate spacing in your child's cubby for a large one. We also ask that all blankets are taken home **every** Friday to be laundered.

## NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

### Licensed Childcare Teachers - Immediate Need

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

- ◆ Second teacher in the Rainbow classroom (2 1/2 years to 3 years).
- ◆ Second teacher in the Noah's Ark classroom (3 years to 4 years).
- ◆ Second teacher in the Young Disciples classroom (4 years to 5 years).

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](mailto:swelch@newmancatholicschools.com).

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

## NCECC: St. Michael Library Volunteer Needed

NCECC: St. Michael is looking for a library volunteer for the 2024-2025 school year. This person would come in to meet with the NCECC: St. Michael Preschool and 4K Programs to read them a book and supervise checking library books in and out.

If you like working with young children and love reading this volunteer position may be for you.

If you are interested or have more questions in this opportunity, please contact Sarah Welch, NCECC: St. Michael Site Director at 715 - 848 - 0206 option 2 or [swelch@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:swelch@newmancatholicschools.com).

## Volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael

If you are interested in volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael during the 2024-2025 school year, please reach out to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office for the appropriate forms from the Diocese of La Crosse that need to be completed. The background check can take up to two (2) weeks to clear, so please make sure you complete the online training and forms sooner rather than later.

- 1) Complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse ([Link to online portion](#)).
  - \*\* When selecting the "School", select "Newman Catholic Schools".
  - \*\* When selecting a "Position", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer", "Field Trip Chaperone", or both. Please be specific.
- 2) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check & Authorization for Release of FBI Information" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).
  - \*\* Under "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer" or Field Trip Chaperone".
  - \*\* **All blanks must be completed or the background check will not be run, therefore preventing you from volunteering.**

At the bottom of the form:

- \*\* Parish / School - Newman Catholic Schools
- \*\* Parish / School Contact Person - [hr@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:hr@newmancatholicschools.com)
- \*\* City/Unified System - Wausau / Newman Catholic Schools
- \*\* Contact Phone Number - 715-845-5735

- 3) Complete the "Annual Verification of Protect and Heal Training" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).
- 4) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal Employee and Volunteer Confidential Questionnaire" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).

Paper copies of the three website PDF's are available from the Early Childhood Center Office.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office.



## Classroom News

### Little Lambs

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school Year! We are excited to have your child in the Little Lambs classroom.

During the month of September, the children will be learning all about apples and all about themselves and each other. Infants and Toddlers learn and grow at a fast rate. It is cool to watch how much they learn in a short amount of time.



God Bless,  
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis H.

### Little Angels

There is always excitement in starting a new school year as we see old friends and make new friends. The possibilities of what we will learn in the upcoming year holds a certain hopeful expectation of exploration, discovery, and fun to be had in the many activities that are being planned. Among these, the newly redone playground is sure offer the most anticipated activities and to be the favorite of all the learning materials. Let's get the school year off to a good start and let the joy of learning begin!

Our themes for September are: Back to school, Family/ Friends, and Grandparents day.

Some of our planned activities include: First day picture frames, Family ties, Class friendship wreath, and Storybook, "How to babysit Grandparents" by Jean Reagan.

May your families be blessed by God as we learn about Him and His creation.

Ms. Liz and Ms. Rachel

### Young Disciples

Welcome back and Happy September from Young Disciples. Summer seriously flew right by, hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends. This month we will be getting back into our routine of being back upstairs, we will be learning how to write our names, draw shapes and numbers and doing some matching games. We will be talking about Family and Friends and what they mean to us.

Grandparents day is also this month, its Sunday September 8th, so we will be making something special for them and talking about how important Grandparents are to us.

I am so excited to have a new group of kids this year. Can't wait to see their different personalities and make wonderful memories. Here's to a wonderful school year filled with God's love and Grace. Have a blessed school year.

Ms. Paula

### Rainbow

Welcome new and existing friends! I am so excited to spend this year getting to know all of you and your families!



Please remember to bring in or email a family photo for our family tree

Our learning focus for the month will be: feelings and emotions, Farm animals, space and Family

Our classroom could always use extra blankets for naptime.

Ms. Alexis A.

### Noah's Ark

Happy September Everyone! Welcome returning and new families here in Noah's Ark, we are happy to have you! I have a ton planned for this year. Let's make it a great school year. You will be getting a "all about me" sheet and a "get to know me" sheet. If you could fill them out and return them that would be awesome!

Our learning focus for September will be:

- \*back to school
- \*family
- \*fall
- \*all about me

We will also focus on numbers 1 and 2 along with working on our shapes

Please don't forget to bring a water bottle for the week, a family photo for our classroom family tree.

Important Dates;

Monday September 2nd- Center Closed

Friday September 6th- Dress in your favorite team colors

Thursday September 12th- Family night at St. Anne

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me  
mofstad@newmancatholicsschools.com

Ms. Maddy



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## Classroom News (continued)

### Preschool

Welcome 3P Families!

Our summer flew by so quickly and here we are beginning our school year! During 3P this September, we will be working on so many fun and exciting things! To begin we are slowly getting adapted to what we do in a classroom setting. We will be focusing on making friends, sharing, working with others, and functioning in a classroom setting. These are very important things and we will continue to work on these the whole year. Our units during this month are all about ourselves and our emotions, Family, weather, and we will start our Apple unit. Our Shape of the Month is Circle. Our Numbers of the month are 1, 2, and 3. Our letters of focus this month will be the A, B, and C. I'm so excited to get to know all of you and for the wonderful year that lies ahead!

Ms. Monica

### Welcome to Mr. Peters!

Hello my name is Nick Peters, and I am excited to be the new music teacher for Newman Catholic St. Anne and Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center St. Michael Preschool and 4K programs.



This is my second year of teaching after teaching at Rib Mountain and Stettin Elementary Schools in the Wausau School District. Before that I grew up in the Wausau area. After graduation from D.C. Everest High School in 2017, I attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where I graduated with my Bachelors of Music in General and Instrumental Music Education in December of 2022. Now, I am excited to combine my passion for teaching with my Catholic faith.

I look forward to an exciting year of music making and learning with your student

Nick Peters  
Music Teacher  
NCS: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael

### 4K AM & PM

Hi 4K Families

My name is Katie Bochenek, and I am the new 4k teacher! I am looking forward to teaching your child this year. Please feel free to check out the parent board in our classroom where I will post each month's newsletter as well as each week at a glance. As I am preparing for each new month I will be sure to reach out in case there are any supplies your child might need. Be sure to keep up with our newsletters as we will be having many fun and exciting events that we will be participating in as well!

Here is a brief preview of what the month of September will look like for our 4k classroom. The theme is "My School and Me."  
Week 1: We will be learning all about our school; the classroom, teachers, classmates, and what a school looks, and how it operates.  
Week 2: We will be learning about our bodies, and how bodies come in different shapes, sizes, and colors. We will also be learning about how the body functions.  
Weeks 3: We will be learning about our senses, their role, and how they help us enjoy the world around us.  
Week 4: We will be learning about our feelings, and how to identify, how to understand, and how to manage them.

Ms. Katie

### 4K PM - Schedule Change

Do to staffing schedules, the optional 4K Religion class for the afternoon session of 4K will be at the beginning of class rather than the end of it.

The schedule for the afternoon session will now be as follows:

- **12:00 pm (Noon) - Optional 4K Religion Class starts**  
If enrolled, please make sure your student is dropped off at Room 218.
- **12:20 pm - 4K Starts**  
If not participating in 4K Religion, your child is dropped off at Room 216 at this time.
- **3:00 pm - 4K Ends**  
Students are either picked up from Room 216 or are walked to their licensed child care classroom.



#### **Like us on Facebook!**

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



## Playground Update

NCECC: St. Michael is very thankful to JK Excavating LLC and Adventure Turf for updating our playground. We are so blessed and thankful for all of the hard work that went in to making our playground safer and cleaner for the students. Our staff and children are looking forward to years of fun playing on the new playground surface.



# ★ September 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](http://newmancatholicschools.com), click on scrip. Please call or email

[scrip@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:scrip@newmancatholicschools.com) for the NCS enrollment code.

**We will start delivering Scrip orders to school the week of September 2, 2024.**

**Please note -**

**Scrip Hours**

**Monday 9:00-4:00**

**Thursday 9:00-4:00**

**Follow RaiseRight on Facebook for tips and rebate bonus information.**

### 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](mailto:scrip@newmancatholicschools.com).

### September 2024 SCRIP HOURS

Monday Sept 2	Closed
	Labor Day
Tuesday Sept 3	9:00-4:00
Wednesday Sept 4	Closed
Thursday Sept 5	9:00-4:00
Friday Sept 6	Closed

#### **\*\*Local Scrip Order Week\*\***

Monday Sept 9	9:00-4:00
Tuesday Sept 10	Closed
Wednesday Sept 11	Closed
Thursday Sept 12	9:00-4:00
Friday Sept 13	Closed

Monday Sept 16	9:00-4:00
Tuesday Sept 17	Closed
Wednesday Sept 18	Closed
Thursday Sept 19	9:00-4:00
Friday Sept 20	Closed

#### **\*\*Local Scrip Order Week\*\***

Monday Sept 23	9:00-4:00
Tuesday Sept 24	Closed
Wednesday Sept 25	Closed
Thursday Sept 26	9:00-4:00
Friday Sept 27	Closed

Monday Sept 30	9:00-4:00
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Contact us: 715-849-7713  
615 Stark St. Wausau, WI 54403  
[scrip@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:scrip@newmancatholicschools.com)

### Home & School Association

The first Home & School meeting of the school year will be on Monday, September 9th at 8:15 am at NCES: St. Anne

All families are welcome to be part of the Home & School Association that serves the needs of students at both NCECC: St. Michael and NCES: St. Anne.

## NCECC: St. Michael Calendar

### September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<b>2</b> <b>CENTER CLOSED -</b> Labor Day (No Child Care)   <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>3</b> <b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b> 4K AM & 4K PM	4	5	<b>6</b> <b>Spirit Day -</b> Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)  OR  <b>DRESS UP DAY -</b> Wear the colors of your favorite Football team	7
8	<b>9</b> <b>Home &amp; School Meeting at NCES: St. Anne</b> 8:15 am	10	11	<b>12</b> <b>Family Night at NCES: St. Anne</b> Preschool & 4K Event 5:30 pm - 7 pm	<b>13</b> <b>Spirit Day -</b> Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	14
15	16	<b>17</b> <b>Preschool Program Vision Screenings</b> @ 9 am	18	19	<b>20</b> <b>Spirit Day -</b> Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	21
22	23	24	25	26	<b>27</b> <b>NO SCHOOL -</b> 4K AM & PM  <b>Spirit Day -</b> Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	28
29	30	<b>SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS</b> 1) On the Newman website, ( <a href="http://www.newmancatholicsschools.com">www.newmancatholicsschools.com</a> ) click "Calendars" under "About". 2) On the "Academic" calendars tab; click the grey RSS icon. 3) 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.				







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AND ACADEMICS



You're invited to

# Back to SCHOOL

FAMILY NIGHT!



**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12  
5:30 - 7:00 P.M.**



**ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL  
PLAYGROUND**  
604 N. 6th Avenue  
Wausau, WI 54401



Families of students in Three-Year-Old Preschool (3P) through 5th grade are invited to our Back to School Family Night at the NCES: St Anne playground!

Enjoy frozen treats and a casual evening of interacting with teachers, school staff, and fellow Newman families. No RSVP needed.

Families will be notified via email if unfavorable weather will impact the event.





# CARDINAL CHARACTER BRING IT!

Be **RESPONSIBLE**

**RESPECT** the learning environment  
yourself and others

**INTEGRITY** wins

Nurture **EMPATHY**

**GRATITUDE** is key

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