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## *The Cardinal Connection*

*"Faith in Education"*

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### **NCECC: St. Therese**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year at Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center-St. Therese. The start of the school year is always a fun and exciting time, as many of the students are changing classrooms or attending our school for the first time. It is a time for them to get acquainted with their new teacher, develop new friendships, explore a new classroom, and learn new lessons!

It is a pleasure and a privilege for all of us at Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center- St. Therese to work with you as partners in the education and care of your child(ren). This unique partnership developed between parents and teachers is the fundamental reason for the success of the program.

Please take some time to read over the contents of our monthly newsletters, as they are filled with great information about the activities throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Newsletters are sent to email links. Please make sure your email is up-to-date in the office. If you do not have an email, please let the office know and we can get a hard copy to you.

We wish you a wonderful year, and invite you to join with me in asking for God's blessing for the 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,  
 Mrs. Amy Faust, Site Director



## Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC—St. Therese



### Box Tops

Download the Box Tops App! It's the easiest way to earn for our school! The Box Tops App uses State-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipts, find participating products, and instantly add Box Tops to our schools earnings online. We use our earnings to buy items to be used in the center. Every little bit helps! We thank you for your support of this worthwhile project!

### Parent Reminders:

- Please check you parent mailbox on a daily basis for important information.
- As the weather transitions, please make sure your child has a spare set of clothing at the center at all times (pants, shirts, underwear, socks, & shoes). A sweatshirt to leave at school, would be great for our chilly mornings as well. Please remember to wear tennis shoes at all times. Sandals, Crocs, and flip flops are not safe shoes for the play-ground. If your child has gone home with any Newman spare clothing in the past, please return to center.

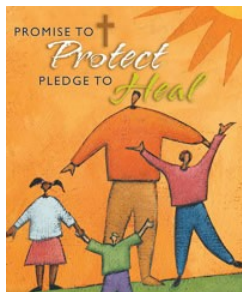
**NCECC-St. Therese is looking for energetic, fun, compassionate and motivated teachers. If you know of anyone who is looking to inspire children to be lifelong learners, please contact Amy Faust, Site Director, 715-355-5254 or [afaust@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto:afaust@newmancatholicschools.com)**

### THANK YOU!

Special Thank You-to the St. Therese Little Flower Council and St. Therese Parishioners, for there donation of school supplies. This will assist in making this a successful year for all.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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 Crosse, at 608-791-2679; or [dkunz@dioc.org](mailto:dkunz@dioc.org).



### Thank You...

Newman Catholic Schools recently received a generous donation from the family and friends of Mrs. Anne Berg. \$2,000 was raised in Mrs. Berg's memory which will go to support the NCS' Angel Fund.

The Angel Fund was established during the 2021/2022 school year and has been used to support families in need ever since.

This memorial donation will be used specifically to support families who struggle in covering food service payments to help ensure students are able to receive healthy lunches.

Thank you to the generous men and women who honored Anne Berg in support of the Angel Fund.

*Your support is a beautiful blessing!*

## Classroom News

### Little Einstein's (Infant/Tots)

Wow, can not believe it's already September and fall is upon us. During the month of September our themes will be Back to School, All About Me and My Family, Apples and Orchards, Community Helpers, and Ocean Predator. Please watch for all our cute crafts to follow the themes.

Make sure your child has enough clothes each day and that it is updated for the season and their size. Also a fall jacket for some cooler mornings.

Ms. Brittney & Ms. Hailey/Ms. Jennifer

### Explorers (2/3 yr. olds)

Hello September!!!

We are excited to start the new school year off. Our class is smaller than we are used to but that is okay because soon it will be full again. We are going to have a fun and exciting September. We will talk about All about me and get to know everyone more. We will also talk about apples and try different types to see what ones we like. Community helpers are important and we will spend a week learning about them. Then we will learn about Ocean Predators, how scary. It is going to be a great year.

Ms. Jenny and Ms. Jen

### School Age

I can't believe summer camp is already over with. I want to wish all our school ages a very happy and successful school year. Some of our friends are headed back to school, but may be back on school days off. In addition, we also will have some of our old Discovery kids, who are now in Kindergarten, here for school days off too. It is a very exciting time.

Ms. Therese & Ms. Sam

### Jungle Room (3/4 yr. olds)

Dear Families,  
Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year. We are excited to begin a new year. We are glad to meet many new families, as well as happy to reunite with our returning families. We hope you all had some time to relax this summer. We are looking forward to providing opportunities of learning and caregiving for you and your children. We encourage you to stay actively involved throughout the year and to take advantage of the various opportunities to learn about and support the many wonderful things that happen here every day. During September we focus on the rules and the routines of the classroom. Be kind to one another – Respect each other – Putting toys away – lunch routine – self help skills – manners. We work on these things to help manage the daily activities and routines, which then turns our room into a wonderful learning environment. We encourage the children to have a sense of belonging and ownership of their classroom. We look forward to a wonderful year with you and your children.

Sincerely,  
Therese and Stephanie

### Discovery (4/5 yr. olds)

Welcome Discovery families !!

We have started the school year with so much excitement!! We have been learning and reviewing school rules, finding our cubbies and making new friends!

In the month of September we will start by reviewing skills and concepts along with getting to know each other. To start out we will be discussing ourselves and our families. Community deputies, apples/orchards and ocean predators will also bring some fun learning and activities. Please make sure you bring a family picture to add to our tree and that your student has a change of clothes just in case.

We are so excited to start the year with you and your children. Please don't hesitate to email us if you have any questions.

Amy B & Sam



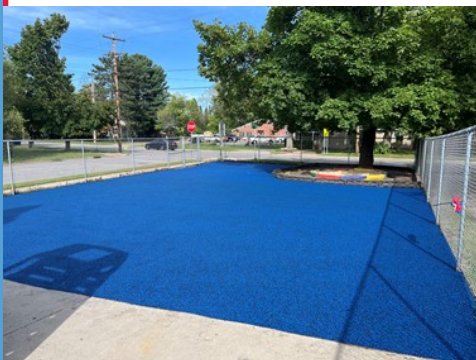
## 4K News

Welcome to 4K!

Ms. Chris and I are very excited for this new school year! It was great to meet our students and families during Backpack Drop Off & we look forward to getting to know everyone better. During the month of September we will be talking about our feelings as we start a new school year & what we can do when we have big/strong feelings. We will also be reviewing and talking about colors, starting to work on letter identification, and will be talking about our families. Our Home School Project for September will be a Family Tree, so be on the lookout for that!. Each week we will send home a weekly newsletter that will go a little more in depth about what our focus is for the week. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

Ms. Sarah & Ms. Chris

Playground Resurfacing:  
We would like to give a big Thank You to JK Excavating and Adventure  
Turf for doing all the work on our playground.



# 10 Ways to Play in September

## 1. Have a mystery food taste test.

A grown up can offer you some foods to try with your eyes closed. Can you guess the mystery foods?

## 2. Start (or add to) a collection.

Rocks, Buttons, stamps, coins, and beads are a few good ideas to get started. Try sorting your collection different ways, too.

## 3. Rip and tear colorful paper into pieces.

Use the pieces to make a collage. You could glue the pieces or stick them to clear contact paper.

## 4. Make something with an egg carton

## 6. Play "Repeat my Rhythm"

Take turns creating rhythm patterns with claps, stomps, taps, clicks, or any other sound you can make. Can everyone follow along with your rhythm?

## 5. Make your own snack mix.

Set out bowls of crackers, cereal, dried fruit, pretzels, etc. and create a custom snack mix.

## 7. Draw a tree that is in your yard or neighborhood.

## 8. Sleep in a different bed or room than you usually do.

## 9. How far can you jump?

Mark a starting line (tape or chalk), then jump as far as you can and mark it, too. Measure your long jump with a tape

## 10. Set-up a pretend museum.

Your displays might include artwork, toys, or "artifacts" from around your house. Be creative and let your child give you the full tour!

## The Nutritious Corner!

### Tips to avoid the evening rush:

- Plan ahead: make sure you always have plenty of ingredients on hand.
- Know what you are going to make before you get home so that you aren't rummaging around looking for the quickest thing (often the unhealthiest)
- Don't become a short order cook. Make one meal for everyone; give each child a night to choose what will be served.
- Give each child a job to help out. Young children can set the table, get items from low shelves in the refrigerator, mix, and help clean up.

### Did you know?

- More than 50% of American adults do not get the recommended amount of physical activity to provide health benefits.
- Obesity is a risk factor for many chronic conditions and health problems
- Preschool children who are overweight are almost 5x more likely to be overweight as young adults.

## Children's letters to God

- In the Bible times did they really talk that fancy?
- Dear God, I would like to know why all the things you said are in red?
- Dear God, what does it mean you are a jealous God? I thought you had everything.
- Dear God, do you know about things before they're invented?
  - Did you really mean do unto others as they do unto you, because if you did then I'm going to fix my brother.

## 5 ways to show you care...

- Be flexible
- Delight in their uniqueness
  - Let them make mistakes
  - Notice when they grow
- Wave and honk when you drive by them

## Volunteering at NCECC: St. Therese

If you are interested in volunteering at NECC: St. Therese During the 2024-2025 school year, please reach out to Ms. Amy or Ms. Lisa in the child care 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.
  - \*\* 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.
  - \*\* 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@newmancatholicsschools.com](mailto:hr@newmancatholicsschools.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
- 4) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal Employee and Volunteer Confidential Questionnaire" form

Paper copies of the forms are available in the child care office. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Ms. Amy or Ms. Lisa



## NCECC: St. Therese September 2024



1	2 CENTER CLOSED— Labor Day	3	4	5	6 B-DAY Ms. Jenny	7
8	9	10	11	12 B-DAY Charles	13	14 B-DAY Kaden K Caleb P Mason P
15 B-DAY Emilia B	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 B-DAY A'Zariah	26	27 B-DAY Carson C	28
29	30 No 4K					







# CARDINAL CHARACTER BRING IT!

Be **RESPONSIBLE**

**RESPECT** the learning environment  
yourself and others

**INTEGRITY** wins

Nurture **EMPATHY**

**GRATITUDE** is key

Newman Catholic Schools fosters disciples of Christ through  
Catholic faith, service and academics.