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## *The Cardinal Connection*

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December 2024

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 Preschool and 4K Christmas Concert is Monday, December 2 at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael gym due to a scheduling conflict with the church. Parents, please have your children to their Preschool or 4K classroom by 5:30 pm that evening.

I pray that this Advent season brings you peace.

Merry Christmas!

Sarah Welch  
Site Director  
NCECC: St. Michael



## NCECC: St. Michael Program Holiday Schedules

### Preschool Christmas Break

- No class Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1
- Classes resume on Thursday, January 2

### 4K Christmas Break

- No class Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1
- Classes resume on Thursday, January 2



### Licensed Child Care Holiday Schedule

- Monday, December 23 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Tuesday, December 24 - **CLOSED** - Employee Christmas holiday
- Wednesday, December 25 - **CLOSED** - Employee Christmas holiday
- Thursday, December 26 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Friday, December 27 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Monday, December 30 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Tuesday, December 31 - **CLOSING AT NOON**
- Wednesday, January 1 - **CLOSED** - Employee New Year's holiday
- Thursday, January 2 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.
- Friday, January 3 - Center open from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm as normal; weather permitting.

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

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

### Preschool & 4K Christmas Concert - Monday, December 2

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

### NCES: St. Anne & NCECC: St. Michael Home & School Association

The next Home and School Meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm at NCES: St. Anne. All NCECC: St. Michael families are invited to attend as the Home & School supports our Licensed Child Care, Preschool, and 4K students as well.

### Winter Weather Clothing

Please remember to make sure your children come to Licensed Child Care, Preschool, or 4K dressed for winter weather. Teachers are still able to take the children outside with the colder weather. All students - Licensed Child care, Preschool, and 4K - are expected to have winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens so they can go outside. Thank you in advance for your preparation.

### Extra Clothing

Please make sure the extra clothing your child has here at NCECC: St. Michael is appropriate for the winter weather if they need to change in the event of an accident (i.e. exchanging t-shirts for long sleeves and/or exchanging shorts for long pants). If you are able to provide more than one full change of clothing that would be appreciated.

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

## NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

**IMMEDIATE NEED - 4K Teacher** (permanent replacement for Ms. Franki or long-term sub to replace Ms. Franki)

- ◆ Full time from approximately 7:45 am to 3:00 pm.
- ◆ Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided.

**Child Care Teachers** - Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided. We're looking for:

- ◆ 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).
- ◆ Additional "float" teacher(s) to help support the needs of all classrooms (6 weeks to 6 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.

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

## St. Michael Parish Employment Opportunity

St. Michael Parish is looking for a custodian for the NCECC: St. Michael building. If you are interested please contact the St. Michael Parish Office at 715-842-4283.

## Volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael

If you are interested in volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael 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.

- 1) Complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse ( [Link to online portion](#) ).
  - \*\* When selecting a "School", select "Newman Catholic Schools".
  - \*\* When selecting a "Position", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer", "Field Trip Chaperone", or both. **Please be specific.**
  - \*\* Make sure to take your time. The online portion will not be complete if you rush through the process.
- 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 in order for the background check to be run.** If you do not have a completed background check, you will not be able to volunteer.

At the bottom of the form:

- \*\* Parish / School - Newman Catholic Schools
- \*\* Parish / School Contact Person - 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](#) ).

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

Upcoming events extra hands will be appreciated at are:

- NCECC: St. Michael Preschool & 4K Christmas Program (Monday, December 2).
- NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael Yearbook Committee (March / April 2024)
- NCECC: St. Michael and NCES: St. Anne Spring Fling (April 2024)

## Classroom 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.



God Bless, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

### Rainbow

Hello families, in the month of December we will be learning about Snow and Winter and Christmas. A few things we will be doing include snow angles, unique snowflakes, snow globes, and snowmen.

We will also be reading some books such as: What to Wear, Beware of cold and flu season, and the Mail Man's job. We do also have some fun Christmas art and activities on the agenda and not just in the class, on December 2nd our older friends are putting on a concert and on December 6th we have the Wausau Christmas parade. I am also planning on telling the true story of Saint Nick and the cobbler shoes and doing a small shoe gift on that day. December should be lots of fun making good memories. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me.



Ms. Liz

### Young Disciples

Welcome to a new month, can't believe it's almost Christmas 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 talk about Winter activities that are fun to do. On December 19, 2024 we will be having a Christmas party in Young Disciples room, we will be eating popcorn and watching a movie. Please Make sure to check your child's backpack because a note will be going home soon regarding our party. Just a reminder that because it's colder out we will be going outside so make sure your child has the right clothing for the outdoors. Here's wishing you all a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends. From my family to yours God's blessings to you all.

Ms. Paula

### Little Angels

As we enter into another Wisconsin winter, please keep in mind that the children will be outside if the real-feel temperature is above 20 degrees. The wind blows down the streets and quickly steals away any unguarded warmth so remember to think warmth over fashion when choosing your child's winter clothes. Bare ankles, bellies that show as arms are lifted, uncovered ears, and tad too snug boots will all contribute to an unpleasant outdoor experience. A snugly bundled toddler will be free to enjoy the wonderful season of fluffy white stuff.



Our themes for December are: Christmas, Snow, and Winter. Some of our activities include: St. Nicholas Day Surprise, Snow Globe, and Nativity Story with Playset.

May the Prince of Peace bring quite joy to your hearts as the excitement of Christmas fills your homes.

Ms. Gabriela and Ms. Rachel

### Noah's Ark

Happy December Everyone! Thank you to all the families for coming out for our Thankful Party! The kiddos had a lot of fun an it was nice to see everyone there!

We will be learning about Christmas, winter and identifying feelings in the Month of December. We will also be having discussions on different types of emotions and what they look like.

Please remember to send your child with a jacket, hat, boots and mittens as the cold is creeping up on us!

Important Dates:

3P/4K-Christmas Program December 2nd @6pm in the Gym  
Dress up week-Monday December 16th (Dress up themes will be announced)

Christmas Party Noah's Ark-Friday December 17th

Center Closed-Tuesday December 24th and Wednesday December 25th

Center Closing at Noon Tuesday December 31st

Ms. Maddy

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Look for the Newman Catholic Schools logo!



## Classroom News (continued)

### Preschool

In 3P this month we will be talking about our 5 senses and the Christmas story. We will continue working on our letter identification. We are going to continue working on using our pincer grip to trace letters. Each child will be starting with the letters in their name. We will continue naming the parts of a book, working on our shapes and becoming more independent with scissors. In religion, we will continue talking about Jesus and His family and continuing practicing the sign of the cross.

Ms. Monica

### 4K AM & PM

#### **Hello parents and guardians!**

Happy December! It's hard to believe the new year is right around the corner! The last month has been super fulfilling and productive, and the kids have been learning about so many new things!

Each week in December, the students and I will be discussing:

- The difference between living and nonliving things
- Different aspects of stories (characters, setting, and plot)
- Fiction vs Nonfiction (make-believe vs real)
- Opposites!

Show and Tell will begin the first Thursday after Thanksgiving break (December 5), we're going to keep all the crazy on one day, as music and library are Thursdays as well!

If your child is wanting to bring Christmas gifts for their friends, be sure to be mindful of the variety of nut allergies that are in the room and to be mindful of including all friends!

#### **Some quick parent reminders:**

- Don't forget library books are due as late as each Thursday morning; they do not get to check out a new one if they forget their previous one
- With the cold weather slowly creeping in, please continue bring hats, gloves/mittens, and jackets for them to wear outside, along with appropriate footwear
- Water bottles are very helpful to have for snack time, make sure your child remembers to bring theirs!

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

No school - Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1

School resumes - Thursday, January 2

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

~ Ms. Franki

### Preschool & 4K Activity Fee Payment Reminder

If you have not already paid your annual activity fee for the 2024 - 2025 school year, please make sure you do so.

- **Preschool Families** - your annual fee is \$80.00 and goes towards helping cover the cost of the snack provided to the students.

**We are still missing payments from 11 families.**

- **4K Families** - your annual fee is \$40.00 and goes towards helping cover the cost of both the snack provided to the students and two of the potential four field trips coordinated by the Wausau School District for the students.

**We are still missing payments from 10 families.**

Due to how we need to track the payments, we only can accept cash or check payments for this fee. We are unable to put the fee in eFunds to be paid with credit card. Checks should be made payable to "NCECC: St. Michael".

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

# ★ December 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.



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**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.

**Kwik Trip 20% Rebate Grocery Only Gift Cards and 10% Rebate Gas Cards are available.**

**New Customer: Blissful Bites & Brunch  
\$20 gift cards - 10% Rebate**

### Scrip Hours

*Monday 9:00-4:00*

*Thursday 9:00-4:00*

Follow RaiseRight on Facebook for tips and rebate bonus information.

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



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 2024 Scrip Hours

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

Monday December 2	9:00-4:00
Tuesday December 3	Closed
Wednesday December 4	Closed
Thursday December 5	9:00-4:00
Friday December 6	Closed

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

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

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


Monday December 23	Closed
Tuesday December 24	Closed
Wednesday December 25	Closed
Thursday December 26	Closed
Friday December 27	Closed

Monday December 30	Closed
Tuesday December 31	Closed



## NCECC: St. Michael Calendar December 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>Preschool and 4K Christmas Program @ 6 pm in the Gym with Social to follow.</b>	3	4	5	6 <b>St. Nicholas Day</b>  <b>Spirit Day - Wear Red &amp; Blue (Newman colors)</b> <b>Wausau Holiday Parade @ 6 pm</b>	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <b>Spirit Day - Wear Red &amp; Blue (Newman colors)</b>	14
15	<b>Holiday Dress Up Week - More information on next page. A paper handout will come home at a later date.</b>					21
22	<b>No 4K and Preschool— Christmas Break</b>					28
		<b>Center Closed for Christmas</b>				
29	<b>No 4K and Preschool— Christmas Break</b>		31 <b>Center Closing at Noon</b>	January 1 <b>Center Closed for New Year's</b>	January 2 LCC services resume  Preschool resumes 4K AM & PM resume	January 3
					January 4	January 4

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS

- 1) Go to the Newman website ( [www.newmancatholicschools.com](http://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.



Join NCECC: St. Michael for  
a week of Holiday cheer!

**Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Blue Christmas**

Wear your blues because you'll miss us during Christmas.

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - Grinch Green**

Crazy hair day like the Grinch and the Who's.

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Candy Cane**

Wear red and white to look like a candy cane.

**Thursday, December 19<sup>st</sup> - Reindeer Games**

Wear your favorite Christmas headwear, such as a Santa hat, Elf hat, antlers, Christmas headband, Christmas hat, Christmas scarf, etc.

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Spirit**

Wear your ugly Christmas sweater.

**THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER IS  
CLOSED**

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.**

We'll see you again on  
Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>  
with our regularly scheduled hours.





# CARDINAL CHARACTER BRING IT!

Be **RESPONSIBLE**

**RESPECT** the learning environment  
yourself and others

**INTEGRITY** wins

Nurture **EMPATHY**

**GRATITUDE** is key

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