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January 2025

NCECC: St. Michael

Hello St. Michael Families-

God blesses us with so many wonderful things. We all have very busy lives and it might be easy to have the winter blues at this time of the year. Remember, this is a wonderful and beautiful time in your child's life. Celebrate the winter through their eyes!

As always, please know how grateful I am that you entrust your most precious gift, your child, to us at Newman Catholic Schools. You and your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

God's blessings,
Sarah Welch



Is it time for Preschool, 4K, or Kindergarten??

Thursday, January 9, 2025

NCECC: St. Michael Open House (9 am - 3 pm)

NCECC: St. Michael Parent Informational Meeting (6 pm)

**** Building tours available at both events. ****

Monday, January 27, 2025

NCES: St. Anne Open House (8 am - 2:30 pm)

NCECC: St. Michael Parent Informational Meeting (6 pm).

**** Building tours available at both events. ****

Registration for the 2025 - 2026 school year begins February 3!

NCECC: St. Michael January Calendar Reminders

- **Wednesday January 1**
 - No Licensed Child Care services due to employee holiday.
 - 4K AM and PM not in session due to Christmas Break
- **Friday, January 17 - NO 4K AM AND PM** - Wausau School District Recordkeeping Day
 - Licensed Child Care services still available
 - Preschool program is still in session.
- **Monday, January 20 - NO 4K AM AND PM** - Wausau School District Professional Learning Day
 - Licensed Child Care services still available
- **Monday, January 27 - Friday, January 31 - Catholic Schools Week**
 Watch for a flyer to come home with daily dress up themes and information on our weeklong-service activity.



Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

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.

NCES: St. Anne Open House for 2025 - 2026

Happy New Year! A new year leads us to think of all the possibilities! All those wonderful things that God has planned for our futures! At NCES: St. Anne we would like you to think about being part of our school family in the near future as kindergarteners!

YOU ARE INVITED!
Open House and Prospective Parent Informational Meeting
Newman Catholic Elementary School: St. Anne
604 N 6th Ave. Wausau, WI
715-845-5754

Open House: Monday, January 27 – 8:00am to 2:30pm - come anytime throughout the day!

Informational Parent Meeting: Monday, January 27 at 6:00pm with tours

Mr. Feidt, NCES: St. Anne Principal

Winter Weather Clothing

Please remember to send your children to school properly dressed to be outside, whether they are in Licensed Child Care, 3-Year-Old Prschool, or 4K. The teachers are taking the classrooms outside for walks and to play on the playground as often as possible as long as the weather conditions cooperate. All students - Licensed child care, Preschool, and 4K - are expected to have winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens in order to 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.



The "Bits 'N Pieces" section of the Newsletter covers reminders on Early Childhood Center policies. For a full list of Early Childhood Center policies, the Parent handbook is available:

- (1) In a 3-ring binder on top of the licensed child care family mailboxes outside the Early Childhood Center Office by Ms. Marie's window.
- (2) On the website (www.newmancatholicschools.com) under "Parent/Family Resources" ⇒ "Forms and Resources" ⇒ "Handbooks".

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@newmancatholicsschools.com.

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

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@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 ([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:

- NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael Yearbook Committee (March / April 2025)
- NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael Spring Fling (April 2025)



Classroom News

Little Lambs

It's hard to believe it's the start of a new year. During the month of January the children will learn about snowflakes, snowman, winter clothes, penguins, polar bears and winter fun. The toddlers will be working expanding vocabulary and small motor skills. Our littles ones will be working on tummy time and rolling over.

God Bless
Amanda and Alexis

Reminder-Center is Closed January 1st



Little Angels

A new year to fill with joyful moments and to appreciate the precious gift of family life has arrived. A child learns primarily through their family and culture, and here at school we all experience some glimpse of each other's family life in what we share about ourselves. It is not so much the learning materials that the children learn the most from but rather from each other.

Our themes for January are: Animals, Artic, Jungle, Forest, and Water. Some of our activities are: Animal Tracks, Artic Ice with Penguins, and Jungle Hide and Seek.

A happy, healthy and blessed new year to you!

Ms. Gabriela and Ms. Rachel

Young Disciples

Happy New Year from Young Disciples and Welcome to 2025, I hope you had an amazing Holiday with your families and friends. This month we have a lot of interesting things we will be learning about from the Jungle, to the forest, water and Artic and all the animals that live in these areas. We will be working on numbers 1-4 learning to write them. For religion we will be talking about Noah and the Ark and all the animals that were in it. We have 3 birthdays this month, Lettie celebrates hers on the 1st, Jack celebrates his on the 6th and Theodore celebrates his on the 24th. Please help me wish them a wonderful day! Here's hoping the New Year brings you, Joy, Love, Peace and Happiness.

God Bless

Ms. Paula

Rainbow

Hello families and Happy New Year. This month we will be learning all about different kinds of animals and where they live. We will be learning about Polar bears and the snowy fox and how they camouflage in the snow and how they stay warm. We will then explore the jungle and how the weather is in the jungle. The animals next on our list will be the ones we are the most familiar with, forest animals. We will learn about how they hibernate and how you can tell what animal is living in the forest by the footprint they left behind. We will be ending our lessons with animals with water animals. Telling the story of Jonah and the whale, reading the Pout Pout fish and the Rainbow fish to help with emotions and learning how water animals breathe underwater and what kind of skin or scales they have. We look forward to learning and you hearing about what they learned. Mrs. Liz

Noah's Ark

Happy January Everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break! Our Christmas party was a success, thank you parents for helping out with the gift exchange! I hope 2025 is good for you.

This months focus will be: Animals

Important dates:
January 1 2025 Center is Closed

Catholic School week is January 27-31st



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Classroom News (continued)

Preschool

Happy New Year! Things in class have been going so well, and I see the kids learning and becoming more independent each day!

This month our two themes are winter time and snowmen. We will be talking about big emotions and focusing on the emotion scared and naming what makes us feel scared. We will continue to practice our name puzzles in class and naming the letters in our name. We will also continue working on tracing our name letters and for those who are ready we will encourage them to try to make their letters on their own. Please watch for their amazing efforts! It is so wonderful to see them begin to make those first letters on their own. We will continue with our letter recognition, shapes, numbers and sign of the cross. I hope you all have a wonderful January!

January is also when we begin really working on skills such as using scissors, buttoning, zipping and snapping. Encouraging the kids to try this at home will give them a great chance to get extra practice and develop autonomy with their fine motor skills. I'm also very excited that 3P will be attending a field trip at the end of the month to Monk Gardens! There will be more information coming about this, so keep an eye out for it!

Ms Monica

4K

Hello parents and guardians!

Happy New Year! 2025 is finally here and I am so excited to be spending it with such fantastic people! Things will continue on as normal, and we'll continue to trek through the winter (my favorite season)!

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

- The names of big machines and construction vehicles and how they are used
- The tools that builders, artists, and children use to make life easier
- Imagination and celebrating their creative minds
- How to use their imagination to become artists, musicians, storytellers, and dancers

Show and Tell will continue throughout the school year, so please remind your child to bring something each and every Thursday!

Regular Reminders:

- 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 fully upon us, 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 4K - January 17 (Friday) and January 20 (Monday); the center will still be open but there will be no 4K

Thank you and Happy New Year!

~ Ms. Franki

Thank You's

NCECC: St. Michael has been blessed by the following people with their generous acts of kindness:

Nancy Losinski for playing wonderful Christmas music for our children for our Christmas program.
Ms. Nancy you are a blessing to us!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



★ January 2025 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 Gas Cards are available.

Highlight New Customer: Tidal Wave \$10 Gift Card, \$10 Gift Card good for \$30 Graph X4 Car Wash, Receive 50% 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



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

January 2025 Scrip Hours

Wednesday January 1	Closed - New Year
Thursday January 2	9:00-4:00
Friday January 3	Closed

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

Monday January 6	9:00-4:00
Tuesday January 7	Closed
Wednesday January 8	Closed
Thursday January 9	9:00-4:00
Friday January 10	Closed

Monday January 13	9:00-4:00
Tuesday January 14	Closed
Wednesday January 15	Closed
Thursday January 16	9:00-4:00
Friday January 17	Closed

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

Monday January 20	9:00-4:00
Tuesday January 21	Closed
Wednesday January 22	Closed
Thursday January 23	9:00-4:00
Friday January 24	Closed

Monday January 27	9:00-4:00
Tuesday January 28	Closed
Wednesday January 29	Closed
Thursday January 30	9:00-4:00
Friday January 31	Closed

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Center Closed No 4K	2 Licensed Child Care, Preschool and 4K Classes Resume	3 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	4
5	6	7	8	9 Prospective 3P and 4K Open House 9 am to 3 pm Prospective 3P and 4K Parent Informational Meeting 6 pm, Music Room	10 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors) No 4K - Wausau School District Recordkeeping Day	18
19	20 No 4K - Wausau School District Professional Learning Day	21	22	23	24 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Catholic Schools Week (Sunday, January 26 - Saturday, February 1)
Watch for daily activity schedule to be released.

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.



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yourself and others

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Catholic faith, service and academics.**