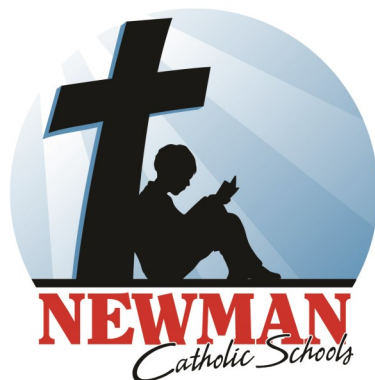


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February 2025

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Friends,

February begins on a high note with the conclusion of our annual National Catholic Schools Week celebration. A number of fun things were planned for the students and this is the perfect time to reflect on the blessings and value of a Newman Catholic Schools' education. We are blessed that many parishes, staff members, and friends of Newman Catholic Schools work with our families, and together support the NCS system and its students. Catholic school students are blessed with an education that is faith-filled, academic, and emphasizes service and respect for all. Catholic schools work to educate the whole child; mind, body, and spirit. Graduates of Catholic schools are well prepared to handle the many challenges that arise as a person makes their way in the adult world. Catholic schools give students a "set of tools" for life including a strong moral code.

2025-2026 Registration News

February 3 Newman Catholic Schools Registration Opens—online process
www.newmancatholicschools.com

Wausau School District 4K Registration Opens – online process
www.wausauschools.org

May God bless you and your family.

God's blessings,
Ms. Sarah



NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

- **Friday, February 7 - Dress Up Day**
Wear the colors of either your favorite NFL team or your favorite team playing in the Super Bowl.
- **Friday, February 14 - Dress Up Day**
Wear reds and/or pinks for Valentine's Day
- **Monday, February 17**
 - **NO SCHOOL** - 4K AM and PM (Wausau School District Professional Learning Day)
 - **CHILDHOOD CENTER CLOSED** - Staff Inservice Day (Licensed Child Care services will not be available).
- **Tuesday, February 18 - 4K AM & PM Field Trip**
Permission slips coming home the week of February 4. Remember, 4K PM meets with 4K AM on Field Trip days.
- **Wednesday, February 19 - Friday, February 21**
Licensed Child Care, Preschool, and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences. Schedule information sent home earlier this week on bright pink paper.
- **Tuesday, February 25 - 4K AM & PM Hearing & Vision Screenings**
Additional information coming home the week of February 11.
- **CALENDAR UPDATE - Friday, March 21 - No School for Preschool**
Friday, March 21 is now a day off of school for Preschool. Previously, this was only a day of no school for 4K AM and 4K PM.

Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

Student Absences - Licensed Child Care, Preschool, and 4K

If your child will be absent for any reason, please communicate the absence and the reason for the absence as soon as possible via phone call or email. If calling in an absence, please leave a voicemail if you aren't speak to someone; staff are not always able to immediately answer their phone especially if they are assisting students in a classroom.

We understand calling in absences takes time; however, we are responsible for the students in our care, no matter what program they are enrolled in. Even if your child ends up absent due to illness five days in a row, we need a phone call or an email each of those five days. Thank you for helping us continue to provide quality care here at NCECC: St. Michael.

Tuition Information For Taxes

Per a Constant Contact email sent out on January 8, 2025, please email account@newmancatholicsschools.com if you are in need of your 2023-2024 and/or 2024-2025 statements reflecting tuition payments made in 2024. The Tax ID number works for all programs within Newman Catholic Schools. Thank you.

Thank You's

NCECC: St. Michael would like to thank the following people and/or families for their generous acts of kindness.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

- ◆ The Scrip Office for all their hard work making sure our families and community members had their gift cards for the Christmas season, even with all of the weather delays!
- ◆ The two families that donated gently used toys and books to the classrooms that their children had outgrown.



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 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).
- ♦ 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.

Volunteering As a Classroom Helper or Field Trip Chaperone

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:

- 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

During the month of February the children will be learning about Catholic Schools, Healthy Habits, Hearts & Feelings. The babies will be working on rolling over, sitting up and crawling. The children enjoy listening to stories, interacting with friends and teachers, playing and discovering with different toys.

God Bless,
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis



Rainbow

Hello families, In the month of February in the Rainbow Room we will be learning about: Feelings, Friendships, Valentine's Day and Groundhog's Day. A few of our activities will be targeting learning more about letters and writing with our own Valentine cards. We will be learning more social emotional skills through games of hide and seek, the love bug jitters dance, The Pout-pout Fish book and facial expression emotion match. We will also be putting our creativity and sensory skills to use with coffee filter flowers, friendship bracelets, and making our own Pout-pout fish.

Ms. Elizabeth

Little Angels

February always brings with it the anticipation of the much longed for season of Spring.

Let's hope the groundhog gives us a good report this year concerning its arrival. In the meantime, we can be thankful for the gymnasium and all the fun running games, ball games, and indoor activities it affords us.

Our themes for February are: Feelings, Friendship, St. Valentine's Day, and Groundhog's day. Some of our activities are: Experimenting with shadows, Class friendship wreath, and Stirring up some dirt cake.

May God bless your families!

Ms. Gabriela and Ms. Rachel

Noah's Ark

Happy February Everyone! I hope you all have been enjoying this lovely weather mother nature has been bringing us. This month is our Valentine's day party.

We will focus on friendships, feelings and groundhog's day. We will also be working on matching and comparing numbers.

Ms. Maddy

Young Disciples

It's a brand-new month and we are so excited because it's almost our Valentine's day party. More information will be sent home soon. This month we will be talking about our feelings and why they are so important to have. We will also discuss friendships and what it means to be a good friend. Also, the groundhog will be making an appearance to tell us if we get an early spring or longer winter, please give us spring! We have 1 birthday this month and that is Adalynn. Happy birthday to you!

Here's wishing you a month of love and happiness and continued health.

Ms. Paula

Classroom News (continued)

Preschool

Hello 3P Families,

I can't believe how quickly this year is moving. Watching the kids grow and learn has been absolutely amazing this year and they are all making such wonderful learning advances. This month we will be focusing on our units about Arctic and Antarctic Animals, celebrating Valentine's day and learning about St. Valentine, and talking about healthy habits. We will also be talking about dental health, and will hopefully be having a guest come in to talk about it. I know many of you have been working with the kids on writing their names on their Valentines at home. We will be continuing practicing our names with help and support when needed and independently, when they are ready! We will continue to review our numbers 0-10. We are hoping to continue practicing those scissor skills and for those who are ready, moving on to curved lines. We will also continue working on the idea of drawing a picture with parts. (ex: A face with eyes, ears, nose, mouth) It's going to be a fantastic month!

Ms. Monica

4K AM & PM

Hello parents and guardians!

Welcome to February already! This month is going to be sprinkled with fun and love for everyone! Valentine's Day is my favorite holiday, and I am super excited for our Valentine's party on the 14th (more info to come via your child's take-home folder)!

On the Move!

Each week in February, the students and I will be learning about:

- Personal space and how to keep appropriate distances from each other (familiar vs strangers)
- Different types of transportation (cars, trains, planes, etc.)
- Traveling and places around the world they might want to visit someday
- Adventures and places they've already gone to that they love (beaches, museums, zoos, etc.)

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
- Water bottles are very helpful to have for snack time, make sure your child remembers to bring theirs!
- Toys from home should stay at home! There have been too many instances of personal belongings getting broken when brought to school; please keep toys at home!

Upcoming Dates

- 7th (Fri): Dress up for the Super Bowl
- 14th (Fri): Valentine's dress up and party!
- 17th (Mon): No 4K and Center closed (staff inservice)
- 18th (Tues): Field Trip to the Wausau West High School Planetarium
- 19th - 21st (Wed-Fri): Parent Teacher Conferences
- 25th (Tues): Vision and Hearing Screening

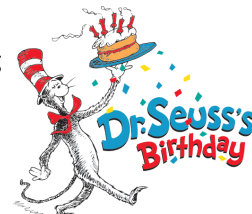
Thank you and Happy Valentine's Day!

~ Ms. Franki

Wausau School District 4K Family Event Hosted by NCECC: St. Michael

All 4K families from NCECC: St. Michael and the Wausau School District are invited to join us the evening of Thursday, March 6 at 5:30 pm in the NCECC: St. Michael gym to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Activities, stories, and a snack are all planned. Please RSVP to the NCECC: St. Michael Early Childhood Center Office at 715-848-0206 Option 1 or 2 by **Monday February 17**.



★ February 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 newmancatholicsschools.com, click on scrip. Please call or email

scrip@newmancatholicsschools.com for the NCS enrollment code.

Volunteers Needed:

Do you have a few hours to spare a month? The Scrip Office could use a couple of volunteers in the office helping customers with their orders. Please let us know if you are interested by calling the Scrip Office (715) 849 - 7713.

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@newmancatholicsschools.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

February 2025 Scrip Hours:

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

Monday February 3	9:00-4:00
Tuesday February 4	Closed
Wednesday February 5	Closed
Thursday February 6	9:00-4:00
Friday February 7	Closed

Monday February 10	9:00-4:00
Tuesday February 11	Closed
Wednesday February 12	Closed
Thursday February 13	9:00-4:00
Friday February 14	Closed

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

Monday February 17	9:00-4:00
Tuesday February 18	Closed
Wednesday February 19	Closed
Thursday February 20	9:00-4:00
Friday February 21	Closed

Monday February 24	9:00-4:00
Tuesday February 25	Closed
Wednesday February 26	Closed
Thursday February 27	9:00-4:00
Friday February 28	Closed

Kitchen News



United States Department of Agriculture

Fruit-a-licious Breakfast Cup

1 Start With Yogurt



Spoon yogurt into your cup.

2 Add Some Crunch



Spoon cereal on top of the yogurt.

3 Pick Fruit



Add some fruit on top of the cereal.

4 Make a Pattern



Add more yogurt, then cereal, then fruit.

5 Enjoy



Ingredients



low-fat yogurt



cereal

Choose fruits

apple



pineapple



raisins



peaches



blueberries



banana



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NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS 1) Go to the Newman website. 2) Under "About", click "Calendars". 3) On the "Academic" calendars tab; 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.						 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Catholic Schools Week (Jan 27 - Feb 1) </div>
2	3 NCS Registration Opens Online 4K Registration Opens Online	4	5	6	7 DRESS UP DAY Super Bowl Wear the color(s) of your favorite football team (in general) Of f the team you want to win the Super Bowl	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 DRESS UP DAY Valentine's Day Dress in reds and/or pinks.	15
16	17 NO CLASS - 4K AM & PM CENTER CLOSED - Staff Inservice Day	18 FIELD TRIP 4K AM and PM to Planetarium NO 4K PM THIS DAY	19 Preschool, and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 pm - 6 pm	20 LCC, Preschool, and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 pm - 6 pm	21 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors) LCC, Preschool, and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 pm - 6 pm	22
23	24	25 4K Hearing/Vision Screenings	26	27	28 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	





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