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March 2025

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are moving quickly through the school year as March is already upon us! We have hit many milestones and continue to make strides towards a successful completion of our school year.

March is always a great month at NCECC: St. Michael. The month will begin with a celebration of Dr. Seuss and the timeless story, The Cat in the Hat along with "Read Across America" week from March 3rd through 7th. Learning about Wisconsin weather in March and if the month comes in as a lamb or a lion is also a popular theme. Please continue to make the positive connections between home and school with your child. We are so very blessed to have such a strong school community where we can celebrate our Catholic faith and the joys of early childhood education.

Don't forget it's NCS registration time! If you haven't registered your child for Preschool, 4K, or Kindergarten yet for the 2025-2026 school year, please see me! Please spread the word and encourage your friends and family to join our early childhood center and all the great programs we have to offer! I look forward to working with your family as your child continues on in their NCS journey! More information regarding NCS registration can be found at: www.newmancatholicschools.com.

Ms. Sarah,
Site Director
NCECC: St. Michael



NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

- **Monday, March 3 through Friday, March 6 - "Read Across America" Week**
Weeklong celebration of Dr. Seuss for his birthday (March 2). A paper copy of the activities / dress up days was shared the week of February 17 and a Constant Contact with the same information went out earlier this week. An additional copy of the information is on page 9 of this newsletter.
- **Thursday, March 6 - Wausau School District 4K Family Night**
Join 4K families from the Wausau School District as NCECC: St. Michael hosts the monthly 4K Family Night.
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the NCECC: St. Michael Gym. **4K Families - please make sure to RSVP to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office.**
- **Wednesday, March 12 - 4K Program Hearing & Vision Screenings **** RESCHEDULED DATE ******
Originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 25. If you do not want your 4K student to participate, please make sure you inform Ms. Sarah and / or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office of this decision.
- **Monday, March 17 - Dress Up Day - St. Patrick's Day**
Wear your greens and golds.
- **Friday, March 21 - REMINDERS**
 - **No School for Preschool** - Newman Catholic Schools Inservice
 - **No School for 4K AM and 4K PM** - Wausau School District Recordkeeping Day
 - **Childhood Center Closed for Staff Inservice Day** - Licensed Child Care services will not be available.
- **Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28 - Spring Break**
 - **No School for Preschool**
 - **No School for 4K AM and 4K PM**
 - **Licensed Childcare Services still available - Please make sure to turn in your green attendance form.**

Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

Registration for 2025 - 2026 School Year

Registration for the 2025 - 2026 school year continues. Please make sure you register your child for the next school year.

- **Licensed Child Care families** - don't forget to turn in your planning survey (sent home on yellow paper in early February) so we can start planning classrooms for Summer 2025 and the 2025 - 2026 school year. The deadline is Friday, March 14. Extra copies are available from the Early Childhood Center Office by request.
- **4K Families** - Whether you are staying with Newman Catholic Schools for Kindergarten, staying with the Wausau School District, or enrolling with a different school District, please let Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office know so we can help get your student's records transferred to the appropriate school at the end of the school year.

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9 at 2 am. Don't forget to spring your clocks ahead one hour!

Thank You!

NCECC: St. Michael is blessed by the following people and families with their generous acts of kindness:

All of the NCECC: St. Michael families who donated something for Casa Hogar during our Catholic Schools Week collection.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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 3:30 pm with a break between the Morning and Afternoon sessions.
- ◆ Class only meets when the Wausau School District is in session.
- ◆ Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided.

IMMEDIATE NEED - 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.

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

Volunteering As a Classroom Helper or Field Trip Chaperone

If you are interested in volunteering as a classroom helper, field trip chaperone, or in any other capacity, 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 **PRIOR** to volunteering..

- 1) Complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse ([Link to online portion](#)).
 - ※ For "School", select "Newman Catholic Schools".
 - ※ For a "Position", select "Other" and then answer "Classroom Volunteer", "Field Trip Chaperone", or "Classroom Volunteer and Field Trip Chaperone". **Be specific.**
 - ※ **Make sure to take your time when completeing the online portion.** The online portion will not be considered complete if it feels you went through the process to fast.
- 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 fields **MUST** be completed in order for the background check to be run.

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)
- Virtue Walk (May 2, 2025)



Classroom News

Little Lambs

In the month of March the themes are Dr. Seuss, Colors of the Rainbow, St. Patrick's Day and Bunnies. The children will be working on sitting up, rolling over, tummy time, standing and walking with support.

God Bless, Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

Little Angels

As the warmth of spring allows us to play outside more frequently, please dress the children in play clothes which are expected to get dirty in the play yard. Layers can also be helpful in accommodating for the morning chill and afternoon warmth.

Our themes for March are: Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Ash Wednesday, and Spring.

Some of our activities are: Dr. Seuss's ABC's, St. Patrick's Story, and Egg Painting.

May God bless your families!

Ms. Gabriela and Ms. Rachel

Rainbow

Hello, Rainbow room families. In the month of March, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss, the school will have themed days for the first week of March in honor of Dr. Seuss birthday. In the Rainbow room we will be learning how to rhyme and making bookmarks, at the end of the week we would like to watch "The Lorax". Later in the month we will be learning about St. Patrick's Day and listening to Scotland bagpipes along with learning a dance called the Irish jig. During this month we will be talking about some changes coming up with the start of Spring, to better understand and see how things grow we will be getting a class chia plant. Looking forward to a new month filled with fun and learning.

Mrs. Liz

Noah's Ark

Happy March Everyone! Our Valentine's day party was a success! Thank you to all the parents for all you do, your kiddos and myself appreciate every single one of you! This month we will be celebrating St. Patty's and Dr. Seuss Week. Our Learning focus for the month will be Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick day, baby animals and insects. We will also be working on sorting, counting and doing some science experiments.

Important Dates:

March 3rd-7th-Read Across America Week (Dr. Seuss Week)

Friday March 17th -Dress up for St. Patty's Day

March 24-28 Spring break (No 3P/4K) Childcare still in session

Young Disciples

Hello and welcome to March, this month we will start off by talking and learning about Dr. Seuss. He is one of my favorite authors. There will be some activities we will be doing and art projects. Next, we will be talking about St. Patrick's Day and hopefully catch a leprechaun, fingers crossed. We have one birthday this month. Happy Birthday to Josephine who turns 5 on the 13th. I hope you have a wonderful day! God's blessings to you all during the Month of March and hoping it finds you happy and healthy.

Ms. Paula



Classroom News (continued)

Preschool

Hi 3P Families,

This March we will be learning about rainbows and God's promise to us, who St. Patrick was, and Lent! In Religion, we will begin talking about the Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).

We will continue working on handling our big emotions, practicing our colors, naming numbers 0-10 and counting to 10. Our shape of the month is oval. Feel free to search for ovals when you go places this month! We are also starting to talk about rhyming words, opposites, and patterns in class.

We are continuing to focus on beginning to be able to write our names independently! The kids are growing so much with this skill every day! I can't wait to see the amazing strides our 3P class will make this month. I hope everyone has a wonderful March!



4K AM & PM

Hello parents and guardians!

Welcome to March! This month is going to be a slower, less jam-packed month! We'll do a small celebration for St. Patrick's Day, but you won't have to worry about bringing anything special! The kids also get to enjoy 6 days off of school for Spring Break!

Amazing Critters!

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

- Insects that crawl and how they are important or pests
- Insects that hop and how they are important or pests
- Insects that fly and how they are important or pests
- Spiders, scorpions, and worms (which ones are dangerous and how to stay safe)

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

PLEASE NO REMOTE CONTROL TOYS

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

- Mar. 3 - 7: "Read Across America" week
- Mar. 6 (Thurs.): Wausau School District 4K family night (here at St. Michael)
- Mar. 17 (Mon.): Dress-up day
- Mar. 20 (Thurs.) - 4K Make-up vision and hearing tests
- **Mar. 21-28: NO 4K** (spring break & record keeping)

Thank you and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

~ Ms. Franki

From the Kitchen

Recipe - Healthy Easter Nest Bagels

Here's a great Easter snack to share with your family. Healthy Easter Nest Bagels are super easy to put together and kids will love them!

Ingredients (Makes 4 bagel nests)

- 2 bagels
- 4 tablespoons cream cheese or hummus
- 1 large carrot
- 1 cucumber

Directions

1. First split each of the bagels in half. Pop the bagel halves into the toaster and toast until golden brown. Spread your choice of hummus or cream cheese over the cut side of each bagel half.
2. Using a julienne peeler, cut the carrot into thin straw-like strips. If you don't have a julienne peeler, you can also use a sharp knife to cut the carrot into really thin strips or you could even grate the carrot instead.
3. Arrange the carrot strips on top of each bagel half to form nest shapes. Depending on the size of your carrot strips, you may need to cut some of the strips in half to make this easier.
4. Cut egg shapes from the cucumber slices using a round or oval shaped mini bento cutter. Place three of the cucumber eggs into the center of each bagel nest.
5. Serve immediately or refrigerate for later



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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.

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@newmancatholicschools.com

The following businesses can be special ordered on local Scrip order weeks. Please plan accordingly:

Brickner's of Wausau Menke Auto
Evolutions in Design Northstar Restoration

March 2025 Scrip Hours:

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

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

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

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

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

****Spring Break - Closed All Week****

Monday March 24	Closed
Tuesday March 25	Closed
Wednesday March 26	Closed
Thursday March 27	Closed
Friday March 28	Closed

Monday March 31	9:00-4:00
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NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Go to the Newman website (www.newmancatholicschools.com). Under "About", click "Calendars". 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. 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. 						1
2	<p>"Read Across America" Week - Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! (see daily activities flyer on next page)</p>					8
				<p>4K Family Night NCECC: St. Michael Gym 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm</p>		
<p>9 Daylight Savings Time Begins</p> 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	<p>17 DRESS UP DAY - St. Patrick's Day Dress in your greens and golds.</p> 	18	19	<p>20</p> 	<p>21 NO SCHOOL - Preschool, 4K AM, 4K PM</p> <p>NO LICENSED CHILD CARE - Staff Inservice</p>	22
23	<p>NO SCHOOL - Preschool and 4K - Spring Break Licensed Child Care services are still available.</p>					29
30	31					



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

**Read Across
America Week**

**Monday, March 3
through
Friday, March 7**

**** Remember, all outfits need to be dress code appropriate ****

This means dressing your child in clothing appropriate for both their age and what activities they may be participating in.

“Cat in the Hat” - Monday, March 3

Bring in your favorite stuffed animal or wear a favorite hat.

“Oh the Places” - Tuesday, March 4

Wear your vacation clothes. Early Childhood Center Office will provide a lei for the students & staff in attendance to wear.

“Wacky Wednesday” - Wednesday, March 5

Wear a wacky outfit or mismatched shoes and socks.

“All the Things” - Thursday, March 6

Wear your reds and blues or crazy hair like Thing 1 and Thing 2.

“Cozy up to a good book” - Friday, March 7

Wear your pajamas and bring in your favorite book to read.



**“You’re never
too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and
read to a child.”**

-Dr. Seuss



CARDINAL CHARACTER BRING IT!

Be **RESPONSIBLE**

RESPECT the learning environment
yourself and others

INTEGRITY wins

Nurture **EMPATHY**

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