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## *The Cardinal Connection*

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through Catholic faith,  
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### April 2025

### NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you all enjoy the Easter season and your Lenten journey was personally meaningful. Spring is definitely in the air at NCECC: St. Michael and you can hear it through the happy cheers of the young children as they look forward to time spent outside and seasons changing.

The month of April will also bring the celebration of the Week of the Young Child from April 7-11. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. The Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment – at home, at child care, at school and in the community – that will promote their early learning. We invite you to join us in the celebration of this special week. This year's theme focuses on our youngest learners and the activities will combine fun and learning through each day's projects. Hopefully you saw the flyer sent home with your child earlier this week with the daily dress-up themes and activities!

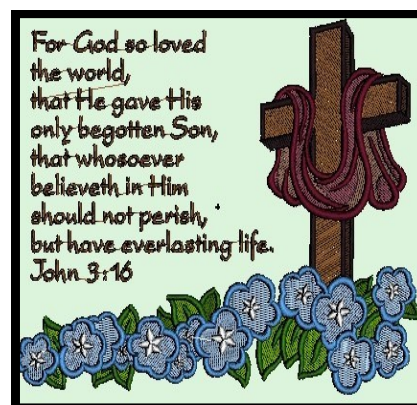
This month we will also have our Scholastic Book Fair. This will be held from April 7 - 11. We invite you to come and check out the wonderful books that will be available for purchase both in person and online through a website: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/newmancatholiccecc>. This is a great time to expand your child's library. Every child loves a new book!

Don't forget there's still time to register! NCS' 2025-2026 registration materials are available on our website, [www.newmancatholicschools.com](http://www.newmancatholicschools.com). Please see me if you have any questions.

We value your trust and support in our ability to nurture and educate your child, and we take this responsibility very seriously and will continue to strive for the very best for each and every student.

God Bless,

Sarah Welch  
Site Director



## NCECC: St. Michael "Read Across America" Week Pictures



**Like us on Facebook!**  
See all the fun things happening at Newman  
Catholic Schools by "Like"ing us on Facebook!  
Look for the Newman Catholic Schools logo!

## NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

- **Tuesday, April 1** - Open House from 8 am to 2 pm at all Newman Catholic Schools locations.
- **Friday, April 4**
  - **No School for Preschool** - Diocese of La Crosse Staff Inservice Day
  - 4K AM and 4K PM still have class.
  - Licensed Child Care is still open..
- **Monday, April 7 through Friday, April 11** - **Scholastic Book Fair**  
Shop with us in person or online at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/newmancatholicecc>
- **Monday, April 7 through Friday, April 11** - **Week of the Young Child**  
See page 8 for a copy of the paper handout that was sent home prior to Spring Break.
- **Friday, April 11** - **4K Program Hearing & Vision Rescreening Day**  
For the students that were absent on Wednesday, March 12 or students a rescreening was scheduled for.
- **Friday, April 18** - **Good Friday**
  - No School for Preschool, 4K AM and 4K PM
  - **Licensed Child Care is closed for the employee holiday.**
- **Monday, April 21** - **Easter Monday**
  - No School for 4K AM and 4K PM (Preschool does not meet on Monday).
  - **Licensed Child Care is closed for a Staff Inservice Day.**



## 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** - Planning surveys for Summer 2025 and the 2025 - 2026 school year were due on Friday, March 14. Reminders were sent to families that missed the deadline. Please return these ASAP so we know how many new families we can potentially bring in to Licensed Child Care.
- **4K Families** - After you have registered for the 2025 - 2026 school year, please let Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office know so we can send your student's records to the appropriate school. Thank you.

## Licensed Child Care Schedules and The Door

**To our Licensed Child Care Families** - We understand using the temporary entrance may be throwing off dropoff and pickup times. Even with the temporary entrance, **we need families to stick to the schedule they indicated on their 2024 - 2025 Registration Form & Tuition Agreement.**

Unfortunately, we have families that have been picking up their child(ren) 15 - 30 minutes **LATER** than scheduled, which results in staff working overtime and a negative impact on our building's budget.

If you have a question on your schedule, Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office can show you your form, or you can review the information on your child's classroom log.

## Thank You!

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

Scrip Program Volunteers — thank you for all you do for Newman Catholic Schools!!

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**



## NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

**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](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:hr@newmancatholicschools.com">hr@newmancatholicschools.com</a>
** 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 April the themes are Week of the Young Child, Easter, our Earth and Umbrellas. The babies will be working on tummy time, rolling over and sitting up. The toddlers will work on eating at the table.



God Bless,  
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

### Little Angels

Spring! The best dog in the neighborhood is out in his yard. The mourning doves are building their nests, and the robins have returned. Our walks in the school's neighborhood are enjoyed by all and the excursion gives us many wonderful opportunities to appreciate nature and converse about the many topics that we happen upon.

Our themes for April are: Flowers, Baby animals, and Easter. Some of our activities are:

Painting a flower crown, Matching baby animals with their mothers, and Easter 1 to 10.

A joyful Easter season to you all!

Ms. Gabriela and Ms. Rachel

### Young Disciples

Spring is finally here Yay, hopefully that means warmer weather and less layers.

This month we will be busy learning all about Spring and what comes during that time like Baby animals, what they are called, how important they are and plus they are so cute! We will discuss flowers and how they help feed animals, what kind of flowers there are and do a poll on our favorite flower. We will have lots of exciting art projects that will be hanging in our hallway so please check them out. Our bible stories this month will be Noah and the Ark, the baby in the basket and Easter and why that is an important holiday. Wishing you a wonderful spring filled with health and happiness.

God's Blessings

Ms. Paula

### Rainbow

Hello, Rainbow Room families. In the month of April, we will be learning about flowers and making our own flowers along with learning how they grow and what types of flowers grow best in what seasons. We will also be learning about baby animals and how some animals don't stay with their moms as long as other animals stay together throughout adulthood. Towards the end of learning about baby animals we will pick a baby animal and create a baby book for them. The last thing we'll be learning about and celebrating is Easter the week before Easter we will be learning about how Christ was risen and why we celebrate Easter. We will also do an Easter egg hunt weather permitting outside on the playground, with plastic eggs the kids decorated.

Looking forward to a fantastic April

- Mrs. Liz

### Noah's Ark

Happy April Everyone! I hope everyone is loving this weather mother nature has been giving us. We will focus on our 5 senses, spring, Easter and weather for this month. We will also focus on writing letters and getting familiarized with what numbers look like and how to write them.

#### **Important Dates:**

April 4th- No Preschool

April 7th - April 11th - Week of the Young Child  
Watch for flyer to come out

April 8th - 11th - Scholastic Book Fair  
More information to come

Friday, April 18th - Center Closed (Good Friday)

Monday, April 21st - Center Closed-Staff Inservice

\*Reminder to dress your child for the weather as we do go outside.



### 4K Program Schedule Change

Due to the number of snow days the Wausau School District has had, the last day of school for 4K-AM and 4K-PM is now Thursday, June 5 rather than Wednesday, June 4.



## ★ April 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](http://newmancatholicschools.com), click on scrip.

Please call or email

[scrip@newmancatholicschools.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

### April 2025 Scrip Hours:

Tuesday April 1	Closed
Wednesday April 2	Closed
Thursday April 3	9:00-4:00
Friday April 4	Closed

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

Monday April 7	9:00-4:00
Tuesday April 8	Closed
Wednesday April 9	Closed
Thursday April 10	9:00-4:00
Friday April 11	Closed


Monday April 14	9:00-4:00
Tuesday April 15	Closed
Wednesday April 16	Closed
Thursday April 17	9:00-4:00
Friday April 18	Closed

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

Monday April 21	9:00-4:00
Tuesday April 22	Closed
Wednesday April 23	Closed
Thursday April 24	9:00-4:00
Friday April 25	Closed

Monday April 28	9:00-4:00
Tuesday April 29	Closed
Wednesday April 30	Closed

## NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	<b>4</b> <b>No Preschool</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4K AM and PM still have class.</li> <li>• Licensed Child Care is still available.</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <b>Scholastic Book Fair-Online ONLY</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Scholastic Book Fair-Online ONLY</b>	<b>7</b> <div>Scholastic Book Fair - In Person and Online</div> <div>Week of the Young Child (see page 8)</div>	8	9	10	<b>11</b> <b>4K AM &amp; PM Hearing &amp; Vision Rescreening Day</b>	12
13	14	15	16	17	<b>18</b> <b>CENTER CLOSED – Good Friday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM.</li> <li>• Licensed Child Care <b>IS NOT</b> available.</li> </ul>	19
20	<b>21</b> <b>CENTER CLOSED –Staff Inservice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No 4K AM, and 4K PM.</li> <li>• Licensed Child Care <b>IS NOT</b> available.</li> </ul>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**SUBSCRIBE TO THE NCECC: ST. MICHAEL CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS**

- 1) Go to the Newman Catholic Schools website ( [www.newmancatholicschools.com](http://www.newmancatholicschools.com) ).
- 2) Under “About NCS”, click “Calendars”.
- 3) On the “Academic” calendars tab; click the grey RSS icon. 
- 4) A “Calendar Feeds” box opens. Click the green “ICAL” button to the right of “NCECC: St. Michael”.
- 5) Select the appropriate option for your device.



**Monday, April 7, 2025  
through  
Friday, April 11, 2025**

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

This means outfits should be appropriate for the age of the student and what activities they may be participating in that particular day.

**“Music” Monday** – Dress for a dance or other special event (tutus, dresses, ties/bow ties, church clothes, etc.).

**“Tasty” Tuesday** – An age appropriate treat will be provided during snack times to Licensed Child Care, Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM students.

**“Work Together” Wednesday** – Wear bright and/or neon colors.

**“Artsy” Thursday** – Be creative with your outfit. Mix and match clothes, wear them the wrong way, wear as many colors as you want, etc.

**“Family” Friday** – Join us at 9:00 am in your child’s classroom for a Spring craft activity.

**RSVPs to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office are strongly encouraged.**

**4K PM Students** - If you would like to attend 4K AM this day to participate in the activity, or just stop in for the activity, you are welcome to do so. Please let Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie know so we can record attendance appropriately.







# **CARDINAL CHARACTER BRING IT!**

**B<sub>e</sub> RESPONSIBLE**

**RESPECT** the learning environment  
yourself and others

**INTEGRITY** wins

**N<sub>urture</sub> EMPATHY**

**GRATITUDE** is key

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