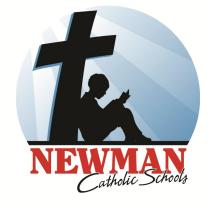
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May 2025

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that May is upon us so soon. It is a beautiful time of the year as new life can be seen, and we are moving quickly towards the end of the school year. As the weather turns warmer, let's remember to be thankful for all our blessings this past year.

The week of May 5 is reserved for National Teacher Appreciation Week. The students and families of Newman Catholic Schools are blessed with awesome, caring teachers from the classrooms of our youngest students to our seniors. Catholic school teachers are like our Catholic school parents, they make a purposeful decision to be a member of a Catholic school family. Our students' teachers certainly include classroom teachers, but our classroom and playground aides, food service, office, maintenance/custodial, advancement, athletic and administrative staff members. As a collective group, we all teach in some way. This week, Newman Catholic Schools parents and students are encouraged to take a moment out of their busy lives and acknowledge their child's teachers – classroom, specialists, and all of our support staff members – in prayer, thoughts, or deeds. Let this dedicated crew know how much they are valued and appreciated. May God bless our Newman Catholic Schools teachers and staff members!

Our end of the year picnic will be Thursday May 22. RSVPs are due by Thursday, May 8. We hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate together the wonderful year we had together.

The month of May is also the month of Mary, the Mother of God. Together we celebrate the gift of a mother in our lives. May God bless all women who serve in the special calling of motherhood. You are a blessing to others and an example of God's love for us. Have a Happy Mother's Day – May 11.

The last day of school for Preschool will be Friday, May 30th.

The last day of school for 4K will be Thursday, June 5th.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of NCECC: St. Michael. We appreciate all your volunteer efforts throughout the year. The students, faculty, and families are dedicated to the success of this school. This makes our school a shining example of Catholic education! God bless each of you!

God Bless, Sarah Welch Site Director

Pictures from Week of the Young Child - April 7 to 11





Why Choose Newman Catholic Schools?

Spiritual environment builds Christian values and love of God, respect for others, and respect for self • Respect and reverence are key elements that are infused throughout the day • Develops the total child in mind, body, and spirit • Liturgies, retreats, mission projects, community service, and daily school-wide prayer enhance the spiritual development of each child • A strong academic program challenges students to increase their love of learning • Students gain high quality academic success through a well rounded educational curriculum • Ambitious academics and a variety of teaching techniques help children learn • Independent and cooperative work, along with critical thinking assignments, engage students • Student-centered environment promotes personal responsibility and lifelong learning • Classes for world language, technology, art and music along with social science and fine arts focused field trips, offer students unique opportunities in the community • Small class sizes, ensure a learning environment which benefits students through college • More direct student interaction with teacher • Students staying more focused for greater on-task performance • More personal connection between teacher and students • Opportunities for students to work individually and in small groups • Enhanced teacher parent communication · The teachers are highly qualified and possess a wealth of experience • Teacher holds Bachelor Degrees or higher and are licensed by the State of Wisconsin • All teachers hold Catholic Religious Certification through the Diocese of La Crosse • Highly experienced teaching staff, with an average of twenty years in the classroom.



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NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

- Thursday, May I Spring Fling at NCES: St. Anne at 5:30 pm
 - Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM Family event hosted by the NCES: St. Anne and NCECC: St. Michael Home & School Association.
- Friday, May 2 Preschool Field Trip
 - Permission slips were due Friday, April 25 for the Virtue Walk / May Crowning Event at the Newman School Forest (Rudolph Environmental Center).
- Monday, May 5 4K AM and 4K PM Field Trip
 - Permission slips were due Monday, April 28 for the visit to the Wausau School Forest.
- Friday, May 9 "Muffins with Mom" Mother's Day Event Please RSVP with Sarah or Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office which snack period you will attend.
 - 10:00 am Preschool and 4K AM Snack
 - 2:00 pm Licensed Child Care and 4K PM Snack

A paper handout with this information was distributed to Licensed Child Care Family mailboxes and Take Home folders for Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM on Tuesday, April 22. A Constant Contact reminder was sent yesterday (April 29).

- Friday, May 23 No 4K AM or PM due to a Wausau School District Professional Development Day.
 - Preschool is still in session.
 - Licensed Child Care services are still available.
- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day
 - No School for 4K AM and 4K PM.
 - Licensed Child Care services are not available.
- Thursday, May 30 Last Day of School for Preschool
- Thursday, June 5 Last Day of School for 4K AM and 4K PM

"Step Up" Days

New to Kindergarten at NCES: St. Anne for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

• Thursday, May 8 - 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Visit your classroom, meet your teacher(s), meet some of your new classmates, and participate in "Signing Day" celebration for all of the new students.

New to Kindergarten at NCES: St. Mark for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

• Friday, May 9 - 8:00 am to 10:30 am

Visit your classroom, meet your teacher(s), meet some of your new classmates, and participate in "Signing Day" celebration for all of the new students.

New to Preschool at NCES: St. Michael for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

• Friday, May 23 - 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Visit your classroom, meet your teacher(s), and meet some of your new classmates.

New to 4K AM and 4K PM at NCES: St. Michael for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

• Friday, May 23 - 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Visit your classroom, meet your teacher(s), and meet some of your new classmates.



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 nest school year.

- Preschool for 2025 2026 is full with twenty students enrolled! Families can still register, but they will be on a "wait list" in the event any of the original twenty student applicants withdraws from the Preschool program.
- Incoming 4K Families We still have space available in both the 4K AM and 4K PM sessions. Please make sure you register with both Newman Catholic Schools AND the Wausau School District.
- Outgoing 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.

Parking Lot Reminders

- Please remember that our parking lot can experience a lot of traffic.

 1. **SLOW DOWN** when both entering and leaving the parking lot at anytime throughout the day. We want to make sure EVERYONE gets to school, work and home safety...
 - Avoid accidents by entering and exiting the parking lot at the appropriate entrance / exit. Follow the signs on the fences: **ENTER** the parking lot by the Parish Office and **EXIT** the parking lot by the playground.



Thank you for your cooperation.

Scholastic Book Fair Wrap-Up

Thank you all for helping us have a successful Scholastic book fair again this year! From your purchases:

- We earned almost \$400.00 in Scholastic Dollars to purchase items for our classrooms and Library.
- We collected just over \$23.00 in "Share the Fair" from rounding up purchases to purchase new items for our Library.

Thank you for your generosity!

NCECC: St. Michael End of Year Picnic

Our End of the School Year Picnic will take place on Thursday, May 22 from 11 am to Noon in the Gym and outside on the green space next to the parking lot - weather and roof construction permitting. Please bring a sack lunch and join us to celebrate the end of the school year. NCECC: St. Michael will provide a beverage and a dessert.

Thank You!

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



All of our wonderful families.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



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NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

NCECC: St. Michael is looking for people to help full the following roles:

For the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Preschool Program Classroom Aide - Part Time

Preschool meets Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays from 8:05 am - 10:45 am Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided.

If you have questions or are interested in this position, 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.

NCECC: St. Michael Volunteer Opportunity

NCECC: St. Michael is looking for a volunteer in the library for the 2025-2026 School Year.

This person would come in on Thursdays to meet with the NCECC: St. Michael Preschool and 4K Programs to read them a book and supervises the checking in and out of library books.

If you like working with young children and love reading this volunteer position may be for you. You would need to go through all of the "Volunteering" steps mentioned in the box below.

If you are interested or have more questions, 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

The following steps need to be completed **PRIOR** to volunteering in any capacity. This is both a Diocese of La Crosse and Newman Catholic Schools policy.

- Complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse (Link to online portion). Make sure to take your time; it will not be considered "complete" if it feels you went through to fast.
 - For "School" select "Newman Catholic Schools".
 - For "Position" select "Other" and then answer "Classroom Volunteer", "Field Trip Chaperone", or "Classroom Volunteer and Field Trip Chaperone". Be specific.
- Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check & Authorization for Release of FBI Information" form (<u>Link to website PDF</u>). All fields **MUST** be completed for the background check to be
 - Under "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer" or Field Trip Chaperone".
 - At the bottom of the form:

Parish / School Newman Catholic Schools
 Parish / School Contact Person City/Unified System
 Newman Catholic Schools
 Wausau / Newman Catholic Schools

• Contact Phone Number 715 - 845 - 5735

- Complete the "Annual Verification of Protect and Heal Training" form (Link to website PDF).
- 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 Sarah or Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office.



Classroom News

Little Lambs

The babies will be working on tummy time, rolling over and sitting up. The toddlers will work on sharing. Our themes will be Mother's day, Bugs, flowers, Caterpillars and Butterflies.

Happy Spring! Ms. Alexis and Ms. Amanda

Little Angels

The children all have a great love for their mothers. This month the expression of that love is given special attention. Know that throughout the year every picture that they make, every painting, every card, and the prayers of thanksgiving that they pray are for you.

Our themes for May are: Mother's Day, and Gardening Fun. Some of our activities are: Growing bachelor buttons, Nature walk, and reading "My Mother is Mine".

May God bless your families!

Ms. Gabriela and Ms. Rachel

Rainbow

Hello Rainbow room families, in the month of May we will be learning about Mother's Day and gardening. We will be doing plant growth activities and looking at all different kinds of life cycles. We will be putting together special gifts for mom's and looking at how animal moms are different and similar to our own. Joining us this month to help with learning and having fun will be Mrs. Becky, we are very excited for a warm fun filled month.

Ms. Liz and Ms. Becky



Noah's Ark

Happy May Everyone! We are getting closer to the end of the children's year in preschool. It is crazy how time has flown by but, they all have grown so much! Let's make this last month of school year count!

For the Month of May we will focus on:

Mother's Day, Community Helpers, Health and moving on to 4 year old Kindergarten in the fall.

We will also focus on:

Writing our numbers, literacy and also how to be kind and helpful

Important Dates:

Friday, May 2nd Virtue Walk
Friday, May 9th Muffins with Mom
Thursday, May 22nd End of the year picnic @ I Iam
Friday, May 23rd 4K step up day @ 9am
Monday, May 26th CENTER CLOSED
Friday, May 30th LAST DAY of PRESCHOOL

The weather is getting warmer! WOO-HOO Spring! Please send water bottles, sunscreen and a light jacket.

Ms. Madison

Young Disciples

Happy May from Young Disciples,

Finally, the beautiful weather has started and that means less layers (fingers crossed) Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing.

This is a big Month for us because first we celebrate our Mom's and everything they do for us. Happy Mother's Day to all Moms. This part always makes me sad but it's also time to say goodbye to some of our friends as they leave for the summer. I will be throwing an end of school year party for the entire Young Disciple class. More of that information will be coming out very soon so please watch for that in your children's backpacks. I truly have enjoyed having your children

in my room this year and am going to miss them so much. Thank you, parents, for all your help with parties and even gifts you have given me. I am so blessed to care for your children and am sad to see them go but I know they are on to bigger and better things. There is one birthday this month. Ethan turns 5 on May I 3 th . Happy Birthday to you! Also

wishing the kids who celebrate birthdays this summer, I hope you have a fantastic day! You deserve it! Wishing you all a warm and beautiful summer filled with fun, love and memories that will last forever.

God Bless you all, Ms. Paula

Classroom News (continued)

Preschool

Hi 3P Families,

We are entering our last full month of 3P! The kids have all grown so much this year, and it has been amazing to watch them learn and grow. This last month, we will talk about plant life cycles and bees and flowers. We will run through our final assessments for the end of the year and continue practicing all of our shapes, letters, numbers and colors. In class we have covered every letter and its sound so we are reviewing those daily! If you have time, see what letters and sounds they can tell you about. We will also be working very hard on independently writing our first name, starting to write some of their numbers if they can, and drawing a full picture of a person. I just want to thank all of the families I have had this year. You are all so wonderful, and it has been such a joy to work with your kids this year. They have accomplished so much! This summer keep those hands strong and ready for 4K with lots of coloring, cutting, painting, and sidewalk chalk fun! Have some fun doing letter and number hunts or playing I spy!

Ms. Monica

4K AM and 4K PM

Hello parents and guardians!

Welcome to May and June! We've made it to the end of the school year! As the school year comes to a close, I just wanted to say thank you for welcoming me to the 4K position so late in the year. The transition may have been a bit strange for some of the students, but they did a fantastic job with accommodating!

Change!

In these last weeks of school, the students will be learning about:

- What change is and how it can be big, small, fast, or slow
- Earth changes, such as weather, day and night, and the seasons
- Ways to protect animals, plants, and all of Earth's gifts
- All the changes that have happened during their year of 4K

Show and Tell will continue throughout the school year, so please remind your child to bring something each and every Thursday! <u>PLEASE NO REMOTE CONTROL TOYS</u>

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

- Mon. May 5: Field Trip to the school forest (leaving at 8:30 am, returning around 11 am)
- Fri. May 9: Muffins with Mom (10 am for morning 4K, 2 pm for afternoon 4K)
- Thurs. May 22: End of Year Picnic @ 11 am
- Fri. May 23: No 4K (WSD professional learning day)
- Mon. May 26: Center Closed (Memorial Day)
- Wed. June 4: LAST DAY OF 4K!

Enjoy the rest of the school year!

~ Mrs. King



NCES: St. Anne & NCECC: St. Michael Home and School

Thank you to all of the families that where involved in Home and School this year. Your service, time and support makes a big difference. Thank you!!

We will be looking for more involvement from our families during the 2025 - 2026 year. Everyone is a member of the Home and School Association and it cannot function properly without response and involvement. We are looking at breaking the events down, looking at each one separately, and asking families to commit to helping with that one event. Many hands make light work. Please think about what you can do and how our events ultimately benefit the children!



Healthy Snacks with Smiles

At child care, we offer a variety of healthy snacks for your child. Think of snacks as mini-meals. They help provide the nutrition and energy your child needs to grow, play, and learn.

Your child is offered at least two of the following types of foods at each snack:

Milk (½ cup)

Examples: ½ cup low-fat (1%) milk, ½ cup fat-free (skim) milk

Meat or Meat Alternate (1/2 ounce equivalent)

Examples: ¼ of large egg, ½ ounce of cheddar cheese

Fruits (½ cup)

Examples: 1/2 cup of berries, 1/2 cup of peaches

Grains (1/2 ounce equivalent)

Examples: 4 whole-wheat saltine crackers,

1/2 slice of whole-wheat bread



Fun Snacks

There are many easy ways to make healthy snacks fun. Try these ideas at home.

Fruity Faces

Create smiley faces with pieces of fruit.

Dippin' Vegetables

Thin strips of bell pepper and low-fat dressing or hummus (bean dip) make a great snack.

Smart Drinks

Plain water and low-fat milk make great beverage choices for snack time.

Snacks-to-Go

Decorate sandwich bags or fruit cups with markers or stickers. Healthy snacks can also come in fun packaging.

Super Shapes

Use cookie cutters to cut fun shapes out of sliced whole-grain bread, watermelon, low-fat cheese, and more.

Offering a variety of healthy foods as snacks helps kids get the nutrients and fiber they need for good health.









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★ May 2025 SCRIP NEWS



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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 Evolutions in Design Menke Auto

Northstar Restoration

May 2025 Scrip Hours:

Thursday May 1 9:00-4:00 Friday May 2 Closed

Local Scrip Order Week

Monday May 5 9:00-4:00
Tuesday May 6 Closed
Wednesday May 7 Closed
Thursday May 8 9:00-4:00
Friday May 9 Closed

Monday May 12 9:00-4:00
Tuesday May 13 Closed
Wednesday May 14 Closed
Thursday May 15 9:00-4:00
Friday May 16 Closed

Local Scrip Order Week

Monday May 19 9:00-4:00
Tuesday May 20 Closed
Wednesday May 21 Closed
Thursday May 22 9:00-4:00
Friday May 23 Closed

Monday May 26 Closed/Memorial Day Tuesday May 27 9:00-4:00 Wednesday May 28 Closed

Thursday May 29 9:00-4:00
Friday May 30 Closed

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Spring Fling (see flyer on page 13)	2 FIELD TRIP Preschool	3
4	5 FIELD TRIP 4K AM & PM	6	7	8 Kindergarten Step-Up Day at NCES: St. Anne (see page 3)	9 Kindergarten Step-Up Day at NCES: St. Mark (see page 3) Muffins with Mom (see page 3)	10
Happy- Mothers Day-	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 End of School Year Picnic (see page 3 & 12)	23 NO SCHOOL 4K AM & PM Preschool still has class. Licensed Child Care IS still available. Preschool & 4K Step-Up Day at NCECC: St. Michael (see page 3)	24
25	MEMORIAL DAY CENTER CLOSED No School for 4K AM and PM Licensed Child Care IS NOT available.	27	28	29	30 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Preschool HAPPY last day of SCHOOL	31

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NCECC: ST. MICHAEL CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON EVENT INFORMATION

- Go to the Newman Catholic Schools website ($\mbox{www.newmancatholicschools.com}$).
- Under "About NCS", click "Calendars".
- 3)
- On the "Academic" calendars tab; click the grey RSS icon.

 A "Calendar Feeds" box opens. Click the green "ICAL" button to the right of "NCECC: St. Michael".
- Select the appropriate option for your device.

YOU'RE INVITED!

WHAT End of School Year Picnic

WHO All students enrolled in Licensed Child Care, Preschool, 4K AM, or 4K PM at NCECC: St. Michael and their families.

WHY In appreciation of your support of the Licensed Child Care, Preschool, and 4K programs offered at NCECC: St. Michael.

WHEN Thursday, May 22 at 11 am

- This will be a "Sack Lunch" day for Licensed Child Care students.
- Religion for 4K AM and 4K PM will not meet this day to allow all families to attend the End of School Year Picnic together.
- 4K PM Families are welcome to join us at 11:00 for the picnic before going to class at 12:20.

WHERE NCECC: St. Michael Gym - Bring a blanket! If the weather permits and the roof project is complete, families are welcome to use the grass next to the playground to enjoy their meal outside.

To keep costs minimal, everyone attending the picnic is asked to provide their own lunch. NCECC: St. Michael will provide milk, water, and allergy friendly dessert options.



Separate at above perforation and return this RSVP to the Early Childhood Center Office by Thursday, May 8.

	members of the	(Last Name) family will attend the End				
	of School Year Picnic.					
	Guests will drink milk provided by NCECC: St. Michael					
	Guests will drink water provided by NCECC: St. Michael					
	Our family	(Last Name) will not be able to attend the End of				
	School Year Picnic.					



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DANCING

under the stars

St. Anne & St. Michael's

*Spring Fling *
Thursday
MAY Ist
5:30 - 7pm

St. Anne School Gym

Families of students in 3P through 5th grade are invited to the annual Spring Fling Dance at NCES: St. Anne! There will be music, a photo booth, and light snacks and drinks. Parents must stay at the event, and siblings are welcome!

Dress code: pajamas or comfy clothes!



Be RESPONSIBLE

RESPECT the learning environment yourself and others

INTEGRITY wins

Nurture EMPATHY **GRATITUDE** is key

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