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August 2025

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The summer has been flying by and it will soon be time for the beginning of the 2025 - 2026 school year before we know it!

Mark your calendar!

- **Tuesday, August 5** - Bike Rodeo & Popsicles Day (Summer Activity)
- **Thursday, August 14** - Last Day of 2024 - 2025 Licensed Child Care
 - **End of the Summer Carnival** - 10 am to 11 am (NCECC: St. Michael Gym; Summer Activity).
 - **End of Summer Picnic** - 11 am to Noon on the NCECC: St. Michael playground green space; weather permitting (Summer Activity)
All students and staff need to provide their own lunch this day.
- **Friday, August 15** - NCECC: St. Michael closed for building cleaning and staff in-service.
- **Monday, August 18 through Friday, August 22** - NCECC: St. Michael closed for building cleaning and staff in-service.
- **Thursday, August 21** - Backpack Drop-Off Night for Licensed Child Care, 3-Year-Old Preschool and 4K from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- **Monday, August 25** - Licensed Child Care program begins 2025 - 2026 year.
- **Tuesday, September 2** - First day of School for 3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM.

I cannot wait to see what the 2025 - 2026 school year will bring! Enjoy the last couple weeks of summer with your family and friends!

Summer blessings,

Sarah Welch
Site Director

Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6



NCECC: St. Michael Staff Directory

	Staff Member	Role	Email
Early Childhood Center Office	Sarah Welch 715 - 848 - 0206, Option 2	Site Director	swelch@newmancatholicschools.com
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	Franki Raatz	"Float" (Supports all classrooms)	fraatz@newmancatholicschools.com
Little Lambs (6 weeks - 18 months) 715 - 848 - 0206 Option 3, Option 1	Amanda Feira	Teacher	afeira@newmancatholicschools.com
	Alexis Hogan	Teacher	ahogan@newmancatholicschools.com
Little Angels (18 months - 2 1/2 years) 715 - 848 - 0206 Option 3, Option 2	Gabriela "Gabby" Robledo	Teacher	grobledo@newmancatholicschools.com
	Linda Milligan	Teacher	lmilligan@newmancatholicschools.com
Rainbow (2 1/2 years - 3 1/2 years) 715 - 848 - 0206 Option 3, Option 3	Elizabeth "Liz" Hansen	Teacher	ehansen@newmancatholicschools.com
	Rebecca "Becky" Kusiak	Teacher	rkusiak@newmancatholicschools.com
Noah's Ark (3 years - 4 years) 715 - 848 - 0206 Option 3, Option 4	Danielle Cushman	Teacher	dcushman@newmancatholicschools.com
	Madison "Maddy" Ofstad	Teacher	mofstad@newmancatholicschools.com
Young Disciples (4 years - 5 years) 715 - 848 - 0206 Option 3, Option 5	Paula Pavlovich	Teacher	ppavlovich@newmancatholicschools.com
	Anne Fait	Teacher	afait@newmancatholicschools.com
3-Year-Old Preschool 715 - 848 - 0206 Option 3, Option 6	Monica Tatro	Teacher	mtatro@newmancatholicschools.com
	Laura Hansen	Classroom Aide	
4K AM, 4K PM and 4K Religion 715 - 848 - 0206 Option 3, Option 7	Franki Raatz	Teacher	fraatz@newmancatholicschools.com
	Coral Dziemarski	Classroom Aide	

Thank You!

NCECC: St. Michael would like to extend a special "THANK YOU!" to both the Children's Imaginarium and Sweets on Third for allowing our students to visit their businesses as part of our summer activities.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



Early Childhood Center Policy Reminders

Door Cards and Door Fobs

Each family is allowed a maximum of either two door cards, two door fobs, or one door card and one door fob. Additional items are distributed to families under special circumstances at the discretion of the NCECC: St. Michael Site Director.

- If you lose your door card or door fob, please let either Sarah or Marie know **IMMEDIATELY** so the item can be deactivated.
- A \$25.00 fee is charged to replace a lost door card or a lost door fob.
This fee can be paid with cash or check (payable to NCECC: St. Michael) to the Early Childhood Center Office; or it can be added to a family's account to pay with a credit card via eFunds.
- A \$25.00 fee is charged in the event a family wants to exchange a door card for a door fob or a door fob for a door card, but the item returned to the Early Childhood Center Office does not work.
This fee can be paid with cash or check (payable to NCECC: St. Michael) to the Early Childhood Center Office; or it can be added to a family's account to pay with a credit card via eFunds.

Late Pick Up Fees

As a family, when you complete a schedule for your child on the Licensed Child Care Registration Form and Tuition Agreement (image below), we use that information for two things:

1. Determining how much to charge your family in weekly Licensed Child Care Tuition
2. Determining staff schedules so the proper teacher-to-child ratios are maintained both in the classroom and throughout the building as a whole.

We understand family budgets are sometimes tight, but it is better to plan a **LONGER** time in Licensed Child Care rather than a **SHORTER** time in Licensed Child Care. Once staff schedules are determined, we may not be able to accommodate any schedule changes.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____
 Date of Birth _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female
 Ethnicity ☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Asian ☐ Hispanic ☐ Multi-Racial
☐ American Indian / Native Alaskan ☐ Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
 Start Date _____ Day(s) Attending ☐ Mon ☐ Tues ☐ Wed ☐ Thurs ☐ Fri
 Drop Off Time _____ Pick Up Time _____
 Meals ☐ Breakfast (Served from 8:00 - 8:30) ☐ Lunch (Served from 11:00 - 11:30) ☐ Snack (Served from 2:00 - 2:30)

Because families continued to abuse our Late Pickup policies in the 2024 - 2025 child care year, the "Late Pickup Fees" policy will be strictly enforced once the new Licensed Child Care year begins on Monday, August 25.

Enforcement of these policies means a fee will be added to your account anytime:

- **Your child is signed out more than ten minutes after the "Pick Up Time" indicated on your Registration Form and Tuition Agreement.** This happened 249 times between Monday, January 6, 2025 and Friday, July 25, 2025; an additional 27 times since the July newsletter was published.
- **Your child is picked up 5:30 pm.** This happened 26 times between Monday, January 6, 2025 and Friday, July 25, 2025; an additional 3 times since the July newsletter was published.

The specific "Late Pickup Fee" amount can be found on the Licensed Child Care Registration Form and Tuition Agreement.

Consistent failure to pick up a child by either their scheduled pick up time or by the close of business can result in disenrollment from the Licensed Child Care program.

These "Late Pickup" policies are outlined further on page 30 of the Early Childhood Center Parent Handbook. A paper copy of the Early Childhood Center Parent Handbook is always available in a 3-ring binder on top of the Family Mailboxes outside the Early Childhood Center Office. A PDF version of the Early Childhood Center Parent Handbook is available on the Newman Catholic Schools website under "Handbooks" of the Parent / Family Resources page.

Early Childhood Center Policy Reminders (continued)

Licensed Child Care Tuition Payments

Tuition is due the Friday before the week of service. Cash or check payments can be turned in to the Early Childhood Center Office to apply to accounts. Credit Card payments are done online through eFunds.

If you have any questions on your account, please bring them to the Office's attention. If you have problems paying your tuition, please take those concerns directly to the NCECC: St. Michael Site Director.

Student Schedules

Any changes to your child's schedule from what is indicated on your completed Registration Form and Tuition Agreement need permission from the Early Childhood Center Office **BEFORE** the change to the schedule will occur. These changes include:

- ◆ Changing what time you drop off at
- ◆ Changing what time you pick up at.
- ◆ Changing how many days of care your child needs.

Any change made to schedules affects staff schedules and our teacher-to-student ratios both in the classroom and throughout the building.

Student Attendance

We understand NCECC: St. Michael families and staff may share personal contact information with each other and may be friends on social media, but we discourage sharing student attendance information this way since not everyone may receive the same information. Please remember to call or email NCECC: St. Michael with any attendance information for your child rather than texting or reaching out via social media. A staff directory with contact information was provided on page 2 of this newsletter.

Student Clothing

Please remember to dress your child according to what they will be doing throughout the day so they are comfortable for all aspects of it. If your child prefers to wear sandals please make sure to have straps around their ankles for their safety. **NO FLIP FLOPS!**

Additionally, please make sure you have at least one complete outfit (top, shorts/pants, underwear) in the building for your child in the event they have an accident or clothing gets dirty during an activity.

Bits 'N Pieces from the Office

Registration Packets for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

NEW FOR 2025 - 2026 - We tried something new and put registration information together in 2-pocket folders with one pocket for forms that need to be completed and returned to the Early Childhood Center Office with the folder and the other pocket for forms that can stay at home. **Please complete your forms for 2025 - 2026 and return them with the folder to the Early Childhood Center Office sooner rather than later.**

- ◆ **If your child is currently in the building for Licensed Child Care**, your folder was placed in your family's mailbox outside the Office the week of Monday, July 7.
- ◆ **If your child is not currently in the building for licensed child care**, your packet was mailed to the address listed on your family's Skyward account the week of Monday, July 21.

Only forms that needed to be filled out for your child were included in your packet. If a form was not included in your packet, it is currently up to date in your child's file.

End of Summer Reminders

If your child(ren) will not be using licensed child care at NCECC: St. Michael after **Thursday, August 14**, your withdrawal notice is due to the Early Childhood Center Office - either a handwritten note or an email to either Sarah, Marie, or Sarah and Marie - by **Thursday, July 31**.

If your child(ren) will not be using licensed child care at NCECC: St. Michael after **Friday, August 29**, your withdrawal notice is due to the Early Childhood Center Office - either a handwritten note or an email to either Sarah, Marie, or Sarah and Marie - by **Friday, August 15**.

Please make sure any door cards and/or fobs issued to your family by NCECC: St. Michael are returned to the Early Childhood Center Office on or before your last day of attendance.

NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

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

Immediate Need

Licensed Childcare Teachers

Experience preferred but not required. Any necessary training will be provided.

- ◆ Second teacher in the Noah's Ark Classroom (3 years to 4 years).
- ◆ Licensed Child Care support staff (works with all age groups in all classrooms).

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 at NCECC: St. Michael

As a requirement of both the Diocese of La Crosse and Newman Catholic Schools, the following steps need to be completed **PRIOR** to volunteering in any capacity at NCECC: St. Michael:

1. Complete the **online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse** ([Link to online training](#)).
 - Make sure to take your time while completing this, it will not be considered "Complete" if it feels you went through it to fast.
 - For "School" select "Newman Catholic Schools".
 - For "Position" select "Other" and then answer "Volunteer".
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](#)).
 - All fields **MUST** be completed for the background check to be run.
 - Under "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS", select "Other" and answer "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](#)).

Paper copies of all of the PDFs are available from the Early Childhood Center Office.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either Sarah or Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office.

Classroom News

Little Lambs

This month we will be focusing on enjoying outdoor activities while the weather is still nice. Talking about the different animals that we see, and how the animals prepare for the colder months. Each child will be working on their next skill that is developmentally appropriate. We will be joined by a new child/children this month, so our current children can work on social skills.

God Bless,
Miss Amanda and Miss Alexis

Little Angels

In August, Little Angels will be excited to see Ms. Gabby return to the classroom. Ms. Linda will be gone for a week to travel to South Dakota to see her family. We will be preparing our classroom for the start of the new school year. We will continue to get outside as much as possible. We plan on doing sensory activities in the month of August. Hope everyone is having a great summer!

Miss. Linda and Miss. Gabby

Rainbow

Hello, Rainbow room families. In the month of August, we will be learning about farm animals, fairs/ the circus, Grandparents' day and saying farewell to summer. A few activities we have planned include clown faces, piggy plates, mosaic names and Grandparent gift making. We look forward to ending our summer with fun and memories and gearing up for school to start.

Mrs. Liz and Mrs. Becky

Young Disciples

Welcome to August from Young Disciples

I can't believe we are almost done with summer. Soon school will be starting up again. We have two birthdays this month, Ms. Anne has one on the 12th and Elizabeth has one on the 21st. Happy Birthday to you both! This month we will be learning about farm animals and different tractors that are on the farm. We will also be talking about Carnivals and all the things you can do at one. Also we will start to say goodbye to our almost kindergarteners as they leave and prepare to get ready for school. It's always a bitter sweet time because they have grown so much. Wishing you all a wonderful few weeks left of summer and memories that will be made.

God Bless

Ms. Paula and Ms. Anne

Noah's Ark

Our weekly themes are:

Construction, Summer Animals and Dinosaurs

Upcoming Events:

8th Wheels Day-Please provide helmets-starts at 9am

14th Summer Carnival-10am-11am

End of Summer Picnic 11am-12noon

**Please provide your own Lunch

Center Closed:

August 15th-22nd

Center Reopens:

August 25th

First Day of Preschool

September 2nd



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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.

New Customer Gift Cards Available:

Tower Cafe located in the Dudley Tower is offering \$10 and/or \$25 gift cards with a 10% rebate. Tower Cafe is owned and operated by a Newman Catholic School alumni.

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:

Legato Ballroom - New Scrip Member
Brickner's of Wausau Evolutions in Design
Northstar Restoration

August 2025 Scrip Hours:

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

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

Monday August 11	9:00-4:00
Tuesday August 12	Closed
Wednesday August 13	Closed
Thursday August 14	9:00-4:00
Friday August 15	Closed

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

Monday August 18	9:00-4:00
Tuesday August 19	Closed
Wednesday August 20	Closed
Thursday August 21	9:00-4:00
Friday August 22	Closed

Monday August 25	9:00-4:00
Tuesday August 26	Closed
Wednesday August 27	Closed
Thursday August 28	9:00-4:00
Friday August 29	Closed

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar

August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Bike Rodeo & Popsicles Day (Planned Summer Activity)	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 10 am - 11 am End of Summer Carnival 11 am - Noon End of Summer Picnic Bring your own lunch	15 CENTER CLOSED Building Cleaning and Staff In-service	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	CENTER CLOSED - Building Cleaning and Staff In-service					
				Backpack Dropoff 2 pm - 6 pm		
24/	25 First Day of Licensed Child Care	26	27	28	29	30
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SUMMER
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SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS

- 1) On the Newman website, (www.newmancatholicschools.com) click "Calendars" under "About".
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.



NCECC: St. Michael Summer Activities July / August 2025



July 2025

- Thursday, July 31 - **Withdrawal notice due if your child(ren) will not be using Licensed Child Care AT ALL after Thursday, August 14.**

August 2025

- Tuesday, August 5 - Bike Rodeo & Popsicle Day - All students able to ride a bicycle or tricycle. (Little Angels, Rainbow, Noah's Ark, Young Disciples). Bike(s) can be dropped off in the main entryway of the building. Helmets are strongly encouraged. Please make sure bikes and helmets are labeled with the child's name.
- Thursday, August 14 - Last Day of Summer
 - 10 am to 11 am - End of Summer Carnival in the NCECC: St. Michael Gym
 - 11 am to Noon - End of Summer Picnic - Outside in the grass by the playground (weather permitting).
Guests are welcome. Everyone needs to provide their own lunch. Licensed Child Care will still provide Breakfast and Snack this day.
- Friday, August 15 - **Withdrawal notice due if your child(ren) will not be using Licensed Child Care AT ALL after Friday, August 29.**



Early Childhood Center is CLOSED Friday, August 15 and Monday, August 15 through Friday, August 22
for our annual building cleaning and staff inservice week.

Licensed Child Care WILL NOT be available during this time.

- Thursday, August 21 - Backpack Dropoff Night from 2 pm to 6 pm
Licensed Child Care, 3-Year-Old Preschool, and 4K classrooms.
**** Early Childhood Center Office will be open during this time to drop off your 2025 -2026 Licensed Child Care paperwork if you have not already done so. ****
- Monday, August 25 - Licensed Child Care 2025 - 2026 Year Begins
 - **New student schedules start** (as indicated on the yellow 2025 - 2026 Licensed Child Care Registration Form and Tuition AGreement).
 - **New Licensed Child Care tuition rates start** (as indicated on the yellow 2025 - 2026 Licensed Child Care Registration Form and Tuition AGreement).



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RESPECT the learning environment
yourself and others

INTEGRITY wins

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GRATITUDE is key

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