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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year at Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Therese. The start of the school year is always a fun and exciting time, as many of the students are changing classrooms or attending our school for the first time. It is a time for them to get acquainted with their new teacher, develop new friendships, explore a new classroom, and learn new lessons!

It is a pleasure and a privilege for all of us at Newman Catholic Early Childhood Center: St. Therese to work with you as partners in the education and care of your child(ren). This unique partnership developed between parents and teachers is the fundamental reason for the success of the program.

Please take some time to read over the contents of our monthly newsletters, as they are filled with great information about the activities throughout the coming year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Newsletters are sent to email links. Please make sure your email is up-to-date in the office. If you do not have an email, a few hard copies will be on the table outside the office.

We wish you a wonderful year, and invite you to join with me in asking for God's blessing for the 2025-2026 school year.

Sincerely,
Amy Faust, Site Director



Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC—St. Therese



Box Tops

Download the Box Tops App! It's the easiest way to earn for our school! The Box Tops App uses State-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipts, find participating products, and instantly add Box Tops to our schools earnings online. We use our earnings to buy items to be used in the center. Every little bit helps! We thank you for your support of this worthwhile project!

Parent Reminders:

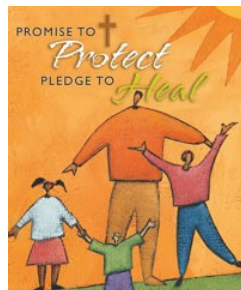
- Please check you parent mailbox on a daily basis for important information.
- As the weather transitions, please make sure your child has a spare set of clothing at the center at all times (pants, shirts, underwear, socks, & shoes). A sweatshirt to leave at school, would be great for our chilly mornings as well. Please remember to wear tennis shoes at all times. Sandals, Crocs, and flip flops are not safe shoes for the play-ground. If your child has gone home with any Newman spare clothing in the past, please return to center.

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Terry & DiAnn Hrdina for the donation of the big doll house and furniture. The children absolutely love it.
- Thank you to the, Green Bay Packers Give Back Program, for the funds to cover the cost of transportation. The summer camp kids were very excited going and coming back from a trip to Lambeau Field and the Hall of Fame. It was talked about for days.

DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (employee, volunteers, vendors, religious or clergy). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to the Most Reverend William Patrick Callahan, Bishop of La Crosse, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Karen Becker, Victim Assistance Ministry, 608-519-8002 or kbecker@cclse.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of the Vicar for Clergy or on the diocesan website at: www.dioc.org. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Monsignor David Kunz, Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608-791-2679; or dkunz@dioc.org.



Classroom News

Little Einstein's (Infant/Tots)

Wow, can not believe it's already September and fall is upon us. During the month of September we will be learning about Families and Cultures, All About Me and My Body, Art, Music, and Rhythm, and lastly School Pride.

We have new faces in the baby room; Melody and Charlie. Jason will be moving to the Explorers room.

Make sure your child has enough clothes each day and that it is updated for the season and their size. Also a fall jacket for some cooler mornings.

Brittney & Toria

Explorers (2/3 yr. olds)

Hello September!!!

We are excited to start the new school year off. We will talk about All about me and get to know everyone more. We will also talk about art and music. We will show our school pride during Newman Homecoming week.

Please make sure that there are extra clothes in your child's bucket. As weather changes it gets cold in the mornings when we play outside, please make sure your child has a jacket or sweat shirt and a pair of mittens and hat. It is going to be a great year.

Jennifer & Deb



Jungle Room (3/4 yr. olds)

Dear Families

Welcome to the 2025/2026 school year. We are excited to begin a new year. We are glad to meet many new families, as well as happy to reunite with our returning families. We hope you all had some time to relax this summer. We are looking forward to providing opportunities of learning and caregiving for you and your children. We encourage you to stay actively involved throughout the year and to take advantage of the various opportunities to learn about and support the many wonderful things that happen here every day. During September we focus on the rules and the routines of the classroom. Be kind to one another – Respect each other – Putting toys away – lunch routine – self help skills – manners. We work on these things to help manage the daily activities and routines, which then turns our room into a wonderful learning environment. We encourage the children to have a sense of belonging and ownership of their classroom. We look forward to a wonderful year with you and your children.

Sincerely,
Therese & Lori

Discovery (4/5 yr. olds)

Welcome Discovery families !!

We have started the school year with so much excitement!! We have been learning and reviewing school rules, finding our cubbies and making new friends!

In the month of September we will start by reviewing skills and concepts along with getting to know each other. To start out we will be learning about Families and Cultures, All About Me and My Body, Art and Music, and School Pride. We will also have some fun learning activities.

Please make sure you bring a family picture to add to our tree and that your student has a change of clothes just in case.

We are so excited to start the year with you and your children. Please don't hesitate to email us if you have any questions.

Amy B & Sam

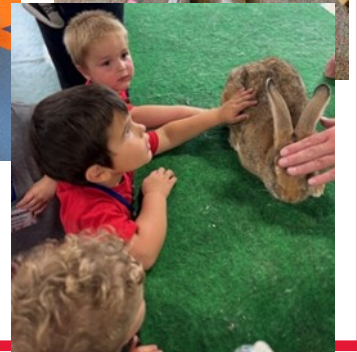
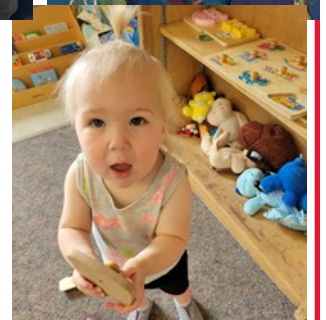
4K News

Welcome to 4K!

I am very excited for the new school year! It was so nice to meet my new students and families during Backpack Drop Off & I look forward to getting to know everyone better. During the month of September, we will be talking about how we are feeling as we start a new school year & what we can do when we have big/strong feelings. We will also be reviewing and talking about colors, starting to work on letter & letter sound identification, and will be talking about our families. Our Take Home Project for the month of September is a Family Tree, so be on the lookout for that! Each week you will be send a weekly newsletter that will go a little more in depth about what our focus is for the week. At the end of each month, I will be sending home a reading & activity calendar for the following month. Those will be turned in for a special treat! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

Ms. Sarah

End of the Summer Fun



10 Ways to Play in September

1. Have a mystery food taste test.

A grown up can offer you some foods to try with your eyes closed. Can you guess the mystery foods?

2. Start (or add to) a collection.

Rocks, Buttons, stamps, coins, and beads are a few good ideas to get started. Try sorting your collection different ways, too.

3. Rip and tear colorful paper into pieces.

Use the pieces to make a collage. You could glue the pieces or stick them to clear contact paper.

4. Make something with an egg carton

6. Play "Repeat my Rhythm"

Take turns creating rhythm patterns with claps, stomps, taps, clicks, or any other sound you can make. Can everyone follow along with your rhythm?

5. Make your own snack mix.

Set out bowls of crackers, cereal, dried fruit, pretzels, etc. and create a custom snack mix.

7. Draw a tree that is in your yard or neighborhood.

8. Sleep in a different bed or room than you usually do.

9. How far can you jump?

Mark a starting line (tape or chalk), then jump as far as you can and mark it, too. Measure your long jump with a tape

10. Set-up a pretend museum.

Your displays might include artwork, toys, or "artifacts" from around your house. Be creative and let your child give you the full tour!

The Nutritious Corner!

Tips to avoid the evening rush:

- Plan ahead: make sure you always have plenty of ingredients on hand.
- Know what you are going to make before you get home so that you aren't rummaging around looking for the quickest thing (often the unhealthiest)
- Don't become a short order cook. Make one meal for everyone; give each child a night to choose what will be served.
- Give each child a job to help out. Young children can set the table, get items from low shelves in the refrigerator, mix, and help clean up.

Did you know?

- More than 50% of American adults do not get the recommended amount of physical activity to provide health benefits.
- Obesity is a risk factor for many chronic conditions and health problems
- Preschool children who are overweight are almost 5x more likely to be overweight as young adults.

Children's letters to God

- In the Bible times did they really talk that fancy?
- Dear God, I would like to know why all the things you said are in red?
- Dear God, what does it mean you are a jealous God? I thought you had everything.
- Dear God, do you know about things before they're invented?
 - Did you really mean do unto others as they do unto you, because if you did then I'm going to fix my brother.

5 ways to show you care...

- Be flexible
 - Delight in their uniqueness
 - Let them make mistakes
 - Notice when they grow
- Wave and honk when you drive by them

Volunteering at NCECC: St. Therese

If you are interested in volunteering at NECC: St. Therese During the 2025-2026 school year, please reach out to Ms. Amy or Ms. Lisa in the child care office for the appropriate forms from the Diocese of La Crosse that need to be completed. The background check can take up to two (2) weeks to clear, so please make sure you complete the online training and forms sooner rather than later.

- 1) Complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse.
 - ** When selecting the "School", select "Newman Catholic Schools".
 - ** When selecting a "Position", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer", "Field Trip Chaperone", or both. Please be specific.

- 2) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Authorization and Acknowledgement of Criminal Background Check & Authorization for Release of FBI Information" form.
 - ** Under "CATHOLIC SCHOOLS", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer" or Field Trip Chaperone".
 - ** **All blanks must be completed or the background check will not be run, there fore preventing you from volunteering.**

At the bottom of the form:

- ** Parish / School - Newman Catholic Schools
- ** Parish / School Contact Person - hr@newmancatholicsschools.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
- 4) Complete the "Diocese of La Crosse Protect and Heal Employee and Volunteer Confidential Questionnaire" form

Paper copies of the forms are available in the child care office. If you have any questions, please reach out to either Ms. Amy or Ms. Lisa

CARDINAL CHARACTER BRING IT!

Be **RESPONSIBLE**

RESPECT your school,
yourself and others

INTEGRITY wins

Nurture **EMPATHY**

GRATITUDE is key

If we work together we can
BRING IT!

Newman Catholic Schools fosters disciples of Christ through
Catholic faith, service and academics.



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7	8	9	10 B-DAY Owen B	11	12 B-DAY Jericho J	13
14 B-DAY Kaden K Caleb P Mason P	15 B-DAY Emilia B.	16	17	18	19	20 B-DAY Emelyn Z
21 B-DAY Gabrielle R.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

