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November 2025

NCECC: St. Michael

Hello NCECC: St. Michael Families,

Our parent-teacher conferences will be held November 19th (3P/4K only) 20th (LCC / 3P / 4K) and 21st (LCC / 3P / 4K) Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to update you on his/her progress and their school activities. We look forward to seeing all of our families at one of our conference nights. Your communication with us is very important as well.

As we enter into November please remember your child's class does continue to go outside during the day and we know sooner or later the white stuff will be falling. Please remember to bring jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens.

God bless your Thanksgiving holiday!

Sarah Welch,
Site Director
NCECC: St. Michael

NCECC: St. Michael Staff Directory

	Staff Member	Role	Email
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DO NOT BE AFRAID TO LEAVE A MESSAGE IF YOU GET A CLASSROOM'S VOICEMAIL.

Staff may not always be able to get the phone while it's ringing due to other responsibilities., but they can always check a voicemail.

Thank You!

NCECC: St. Michael would like to extend a special "THANK YOU!" to:

all of the NCECC: St. Michael grandparents for their wonderful support during our Grandparents Day celebration on October 17.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!



NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

Licensed Childcare Teachers - **Immediate Need**

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

- ◆ Second teachers in the 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 classrooms (4 years to 5 years).
- ◆ Licensed Child Care "Float" - supports all classrooms from 6 weeks through 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 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:

⇒ **EVERY FIVE YEARS** - 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 |



⇒ **EVERY YEAR** - complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse ([Link to online training](#)).

- **Take your time**; 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".

⇒ **EVERY YEAR** - complete the "**Annual Verification of Protect and Heal Training**" form ([Link to website PDF](#)).

⇒ **EVERY YEAR** - 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 Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie in the Early Childhood Center Office.



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Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

Winter Wonderland Auction - Saturday, November 15

If you signed up to volunteer at or attend Winter Wonderland - Newman's largest fundraiser - don't forget to hire a babysitter that night so you can attend.

Calendar Reminders for November / Early December

Friday, November 7	NO SCHOOL - 4K AM & PM Licensed Child Care still available.	3-Year-Old Preschool still in session.
Friday, November 21	Picture Retakes Day - Licensed Child Care, 3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM	
Wednesday, November 26	NO SCHOOL - 4K AM & PM Licensed Child Care still available.	
Thursday, November 27	NO SCHOOL - 3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM Licensed Child Care NOT available.	
Friday, November 28	NO SCHOOL - 3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM Licensed Child Care NOT available.	
Monday, December 1	3-Year-Old Preschool and 4K Christmas Concert @ 6 pm in NCECC: St. Michael Gym	



Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall parent-teacher conferences will be held at NCECC: St. Michael for each program as follows:

- **Wednesday, November 19** 4 pm to 6 pm Preschool, and 4K Conferences
- **Thursday, November 20** 4 pm to 6 pm LCC , Preschool, and 4K Conferences
- **Friday, November 21** 4 pm to 6 pm LCC , Preschool, and 4K Conferences

A blue paper handout was sent home on Monday, October 27 for families to request conference times. **Conferences are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis based on how the slips are returned.** Finalized conference schedules will be sent to those that requested a conference the week of Monday, November 10. Your child does not have to attend the conference with you, but they can if you would like them to.

Outdoor Gear

Weather permitting, students can spend time outside year round while in Licensed Child Care, 3-Year-Old Preschool, or 4K. With fall here and winter close behind, please make sure your children are dressed appropriately to be outside for extended periods of time, whether it's a walk around the neighborhood or playing on the playground. This means:

- A warm coat
- A separate hat if the coat doesn't have a hood.
- Gloves / mittens
- Snowpants and boots (once snow starts falling).

Licensed Child Care Mailboxes

Each family enrolled in Licensed Child Care has a mailbox outside the Early Childhood Center Office. Any paper handouts from the Early Childhood Center Office will be placed in mailboxes to be picked up. Please remember to check your mailbox daily and return things on a timely manner. **Your mailbox is for OUTGOING items; INCOMING** items should be:

- Given directly to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Marie
- Given to your teacher for them to bring to the Early Childhood Center Office
- Placed in the blue document dropbox (pictured at right) outside the Early Childhood Center Office by Ms. Marie's window.

Document Dropbox

A blue document dropbox (pictured at right) is located outside the Early Childhood Center Office by Ms. Marie's window. This dropbox is always locked; only Ms. Sarah and Ms. Marie from the Early Childhood Center Office have a key to unlock it and retrieve the items inside.



Calendar Update - Christmas Holiday Closure

Dear NCECC: St. Michael Licensed Child Care Parents,

The decision was made to include Christmas Eve 2025 as a paid holiday for staff due to how Christmas falls this year.

As a result of this decision, **NCECC: St. Michael will now be closed on December 24, 25, and 26 for Christmas** instead of just December 25 and 26 as originally scheduled on the 2025 - 2026 calendar shared in your registration packets. This change has been made to our online / website calendar. **Paper copies of the 2025 - 2026 calendar with this update will not be reprinted to save on paper and ink costs.**

For families that already subscribe to the NCECC: St. Michael online / website calendar:

- The original all-day calendar event covered Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.
- The updated all-day calendar event now covers Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26.

For families that do not already subscribe to the NCECC: St. Michael online / website calendar, subscribing to an online / website calendar for Newman Catholic Schools is easy:

1. Go to the "[Calendars](#)" page of the Newman Catholic Schools website.
2. On the "Academic" calendars tab; 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 (ex. NCECC: St. Michael).
4. Select the appropriate option for your device.

Remember, **Licensed Child Care tuition is not reduced due to holiday closures per current Early Childhood Center Parent Handbook policy.** Even though we will now be closed three days the week of Monday, December 22, your tuition rate will remain the same.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either one of us in the Early Childhood Center Office.

Sincerely,

Sarah Welch, Site Director
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**** PLEASE NOTE - This update was originally shared via Constant Contact message to families on October 22. ****

Kitchen News



Pumpkin hummus, frozen pumpkin yogurt bites, pumpkin oatmeal, mini pumpkin pancakes. Whether pureed, mashed or sliced and baked, that gorgeous orange pumpkin is an excellent and very nutritious food for children. It's loaded with essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that support growth and development at all ages. It's naturally low in calories, high in fiber, plus nutrient-dense. A versatile vegetable, pumpkin can be prepared in many forms, making it safe and fun for babies, toddlers, and everyone! Anytime! I'm sure you'll find just the right way to enjoy this amazing vegetable.

Classroom News

Little Lambs

In the month of November the children will be learning about manners, family, Turkeys and Thanksgiving. Just a reminder, LCC will be closed Thursday and Friday November 27-28th for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis

Little Angels

November, Little Angels will be working on Thanksgiving projects. We will continue learning shapes, colors and numbers. We have started mimicking sounds of the alphabet and will continue to do so throughout the year.

Weather permitting we will be spending our playground time outside. With the Wisconsin winter approaching us, please make sure your child has warm clothing for outdoor.

Hope you all have a Happy Turkey Day!
Ms. Linda and Ms. Gabby

Rainbow

Hello, Rainbow Room families, in the month of November we will be learning about Thanksgiving, family traditions, kindness and what it means and we will be learning about being thankful and what we are thankful for. A few fun activities we have planned include disguising a turkey, making placemats to use for Thanksgiving dinner and we will be making our own class cook book to share. I'm looking forward to all of the fun and learning that November will be bringing.

Ms. Liz

Noah's Ark

Please remember the following dates for the month of November:

20th-21st Parent Teacher Conferences

21st Picture Retake day

27th-28th Center Closed (No Preschool, No LCC)

Our classroom theme for November is Thanksgiving

Young Disciples

Well fall is officially here, as a reminder please remember to have your children in appropriate clothing. This month will be all about thanksgiving and what we are thankful for. We can't wait to see what the kids are thankful for. We will also be talking about how important family is. I am so blessed to work with each and every one of your children. They are a wonderful group of kids and are such a blessing in our lives.

Upcoming reminders:

November 7th : No 4k but childcare is still in session

November 19-21st 4k Parent teacher conferences

November 20-21st is childcare parent teacher conferences

November 21st is picture retake day

November 27th-28th St. Michaels closed for Thanksgiving

December 1st is our Christmas concert at 6pm.

Wishing you all a blessed thanksgiving with your loved ones.
Ms. Paula & Ms. Leah

Welcome to Ms. Leah (Licensed Child Care)!

Hi everyone! I'm excited to be part of the Newman team. I'm just relocated to the area so I'm joining a bit later in the year, but I already feel so welcomed here. I love creating a classroom environment that's full of teamwork, laughter, and learning! Outside of work, I enjoy reading, spending time outdoors, cooking, and spending time with my two kittens. I am very much looking forward to meeting all of you throughout the year, and I'm looking forward to a wonderful November with lots of fun activities and milestones ahead!

- Ms. Leah



Classroom News (continued)

3-Year-Old Preschool

Hello 3P Families!

We are having an amazing year so far. The kids have been learning our daily routines and are doing an amazing job with our projects and carpet time. I'm so excited to see them all growing and learning so much!

This month we will be learning about harvesting and Thanksgiving. We are also working very hard on our Christmas songs for our concert on Monday, December 1st!

In class, we will be working on our pen control. The kids have been working hard on coloring with the correct grip on their crayon. Now, we will be moving to expo markers and pencils to help us begin to trace lines!

Our class will also be working more with scissors. We will keep working on keeping our thumb up when we cut and building our strength to squeeze the scissors and open them.

We will continue working on our letters and letter sounds. Currently, we have covered letters through G. Each week we add a letter from our alphabet. We also talk about the letters in our name, the days of the week, and the first letter of each month we are in.

3P had been doing great with our number identification. We have almost covered all numbers through 10, and will continue to work on our number recognition and counting skills.

I hope you are all seeing these amazing skills at home! I'm so impressed with our 3p class this year! Have a wonderful month and a very happy Thanksgiving.

Dates to remember:

November

19th-21st - Parent-Teacher conferences 4-6 pm

21st - Picture retake day

26th-28th - No School - Thanksgiving Break

December

1st - Christmas Program - 6 pm, Drop kids in 3P room at 5:30 pm

15th - 19th - Holiday dress up week

22nd - January 2nd - Christmas Break

January

6th - 3P Resumes

15th - Open House for 26-27 school year, 8 am - 6 pm

3-Year-Old Preschool Snack Fee Letter

Dear NCECC: St. Michael Preschool Families,

Please watch for a letter coming home next week regarding the annual snack fee that we collect to help offset the cost of providing a snack to the 3-Year-Old Preschool students. For the 2025 - 2026 school year, the 3-Year-Old Preschool snack fee is \$40.00.

As it will also be explained in the letter, due to how we need to track the payment, we can only accept cash or check payments to cover this fee; we are not able to put it on your Skyward account to be paid with a credit card in eFunds.

Please turn cash or a check payment in to the Early Childhood Center Office by Friday, November 14. Checks should be made payable to "**NCECC: St. Michael**".

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

Thank you for your understanding and continuing to support your child's education.

Classroom News (continued)

4K AM & PM

Welcome to November! We're officially 2 months into school; routines are being established, Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up, and germs continue to spread! Please remember to help your child develop healthy habits in order to help them through this time of year! If your child is sick, please call the LCC office or send us an email so we can properly report your child's absence!

This month, our overarching topic is Safe, Healthy, Helpful Me! We will be talking about things like:

- People in our neighborhood and community that help us stay safe and healthy
- How to be kind and helpful to others
- How to be mindful of the food we eat to make good habits
- Why it's important to be active and develop their muscles, balance, and coordination

Reminders:

- Library books should be returned every Tuesday
- Show & Tell is every Thursday
- Bring a water bottle every Monday, it will be sent home at the end of the week
- Please bring warm outdoor clothes so we can still use the playground!

Important Dates:

- Fri. 7: NO 4K
- Wed.-Fri. 19-21: Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wed.-Fri. 26-28: Thanksgiving Break
- Mon. Dec. 1st: Christmas Concert-please have your children here in our 4K classroom by 5:30pm

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year, let's keep up the great work!

4K Activity Fee Letter

Dear NCECC: St. Michael 4K Families,

Please watch for a letter coming home next week regarding the annual activity fee that we collect to help offset the cost of providing a snack to the 4K students and two of the four field trips coordinated by the Wausau School District. For the 2025 - 2026 school year, the 4K activity fee will be \$40.00.

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Classroom News (continued)

Religion Newsletter

November 2025



What We're Learning

November is almost here and soon the holidays will be upon us.

This month we will be talking about things we are thankful for. Since November 30th marks the first Sunday of Advent we will also start on some advent activities.

Upcoming Events

- No School: November 7
- Classroom Party: November 25 (Movie & Snack)
- Thanksgiving Break: November 26-28



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SCRIP NEWS



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Download our RaiseRight mobile app



New to scrip? Find the instructional video at newmancatholicsschools.com, click on scrip. Please call or email

scrip@newmancatholicsschools.com for the NCS enrollment code.

November Local Order Week:

Due to Thanksgiving there will only be one Local Scrip Order Week during the month of November 2025. Please plan accordingly.

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@newmancatholicsschools.com



November 2025 Scrip Hours:

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

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

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

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

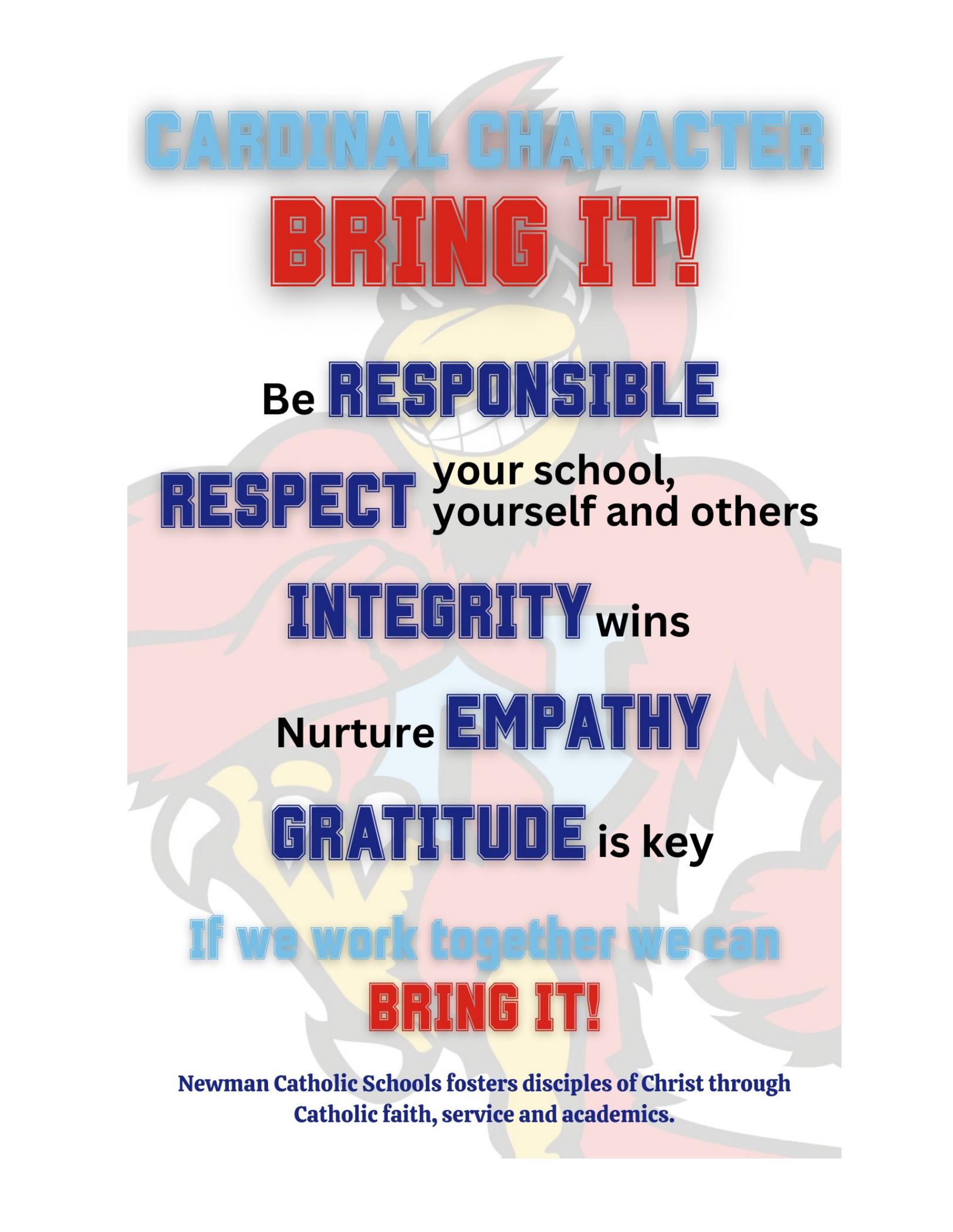
Monday November 24	9:00-4:00
Tuesday November 25	Closed
Wednesday November 26	Closed
Thursday November 27	Closed
Friday November 28	Closed

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar

November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Daylight Savings Time Ends  FALL BACK SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR	3	4	5	6	7 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	15 NCS Winter Wonderland @ Hilton Garden Inn
16	17	18	19 Parent Teacher Conferences (see page 4)		21 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors) Picture Retakes Day	22
23	24	25	26 NO SCHOOL 4K AM & PM Licensed Child Care still available.	27 Closed for Thanksgiving 		28 29
November 30	December 1 Preschool and 4K Christmas Concert @ 6 pm in the Gym with Social to follow.	SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR TO STAY UP-TO-DATE ON BUILDING EVENTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) On the Newman website, (www.newmancatholicschools.com) click "Calendars" under "About". 2) On the "Academic" calendars tab; 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. 4) Select the appropriate option for your device. 				



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