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The Cardinal Connection

*Fostering disciples of Christ
through Catholic faith,
service and academics.*

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February 2026

NCECC: St. Michael

Dear Parents and Friends,

February begins on a high note with the conclusion of our annual National Catholic Schools Week celebration. A number of fun things were planned for the students and this is the perfect time to reflect on the blessings and value of a Newman Catholic Schools' education. We are blessed that many parishes, staff members, and friends of Newman Catholic Schools work with our families, and together support the NCS system and its students. Catholic school students are blessed with an education that is faith-filled, academic, and emphasizes service and respect for all. Catholic schools work to educate the whole child; mind, body, and spirit. Graduates of Catholic schools are well prepared to handle the many challenges that arise as a person makes their way in the adult world. Catholic schools give students a "set of tools" for life including a strong moral code.

2026-2027 Registration News

February 2 Newman Catholic Schools Registration Opens—online process
www.newmancatholicschools.com

Wausau School District 4K Registration Opens – online process
www.wausauschools.org

May God bless you and your family.

God's blessings,
Ms. Sarah



NCECC: St. Michael Upcoming Calendar Reminders

- **Friday, February 6 - Dress Up Day**
Wear the colors of either your favorite NFL team or your favorite team playing in the Super Bowl.
- **Friday, February 13 - Dress Up Day**
Wear reds and/or pinks for Valentine's Day
- **Monday, February 16**
 - **NO SCHOOL** - 4K AM and PM (Wausau School District Professional Learning Day)
 - **CHILDHOOD CENTER CLOSED** - Staff Inservice Day (Licensed Child Care services will not be available).
- **Wednesday, February 18 - 4K AM & PM Field Trip**
Permission slips coming home the week of February 9. Remember, 4K PM meets with 4K AM on Field Trip days.
- **Wednesday, February 18 - Friday, February 20**
Preschool and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences. Schedule information sent home earlier this week.
- **Thursday, February 19- Friday, February 20**
Licensed Child Care, Preschool, and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences. Schedule information sent home earlier this week

Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

Student Absences - Licensed Child Care, Preschool, and 4K

If your child will be absent for any reason, please communicate the absence and the reason for the absence as soon as possible via phone call or email. If calling in an absence, please leave a voicemail if you aren't speak to someone; staff are not always able to immediately answer their phone especially if they are assisting students in a classroom.

We understand calling in absences takes time; however, we are responsible for the students in our care, no matter what program they are enrolled in. Even if your child ends up absent due to illness five days in a row, we need a phone call or an email each of those five days. Thank you for helping us continue to provide quality care here at NCECC: St. Michael.

Tuition Information For Taxes

Per a Constant Contact, please email account@newmancatholicschools.com if you are in need of your 2024-2025 and/or 2025-2026 statements reflecting tuition payments made in 2025. Please note that you will also need Newman Catholic Schools' address and tax ID number:

Address
1130 W Bridge Street
Wausau, WI 54401

Tax ID Number
39-1556442

Thank You's

NCECC: St. Michael would like to thank the following people and/or families for their generous acts of kindness.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

- ◆ The Scrip Office for all their hard work making sure our families and community members had their gift cards for the Christmas season!



NCECC: St. Michael Employment Opportunities

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).

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@newmancatholicsschools.com.

Newman Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

Volunteering As a Classroom Helper or Field Trip Chaperone

If you are interested in volunteering at NCECC: St. Michael please reach out to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Kristin in the Early Childhood Center Office for the appropriate forms from the Diocese of La Crosse that need to be completed.

- 1) Complete the online Safe Environment Training provided by the Diocese of La Crosse ([Link to online portion](#)).
 - ** When selecting a "School", select "Newman Catholic Schools".
 - ** When selecting a "Position", select "Other" and answer "Classroom Volunteer", "Field Trip Chaperone", or both. **Please be specific.**
 - ** Make sure to take your time. The online portion will not be complete if you rush through the process.
- 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 blanks MUST be completed in order for the background check to be run.** If you do not have a completed background check, you will not be able to volunteer.

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 ([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. Kristin 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)



Classroom News

Little Lambs

During the month of February the children will be learning about Catholic Schools, Healthy Habits, Hearts & Feelings. The babies will be working on rolling over, sitting up and crawling. The children enjoy listening to stories, interacting with friends and teachers, playing and discovering with different toys.

God Bless,
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Alexis



Rainbow

Hello, Rainbow room families. In the month of February we will be learning more about our feelings and emotions, along with celebrating Valentine's Day and Groundhog's day. A few things we are looking forward to doing include creative storytelling about a friendship, and shadow games. We also plan on having a small Valentines party in the class, any treats that are brought in need to be individually wrapped and have visible ingredients listed. I look forward to having a fun February, Mrs. Liz.

Little Angels

In the month of February Little Angels will review and reinforce daily rules and habits with the children (rules of coexistence). We will work on different emotion by encouraging expression through words, gestures and play. We will be celebrating Valentines Day on Friday, February 13th. Our class can dress in red, pink or white if they want. Ms. Linda will be bring in treats for that day. We looking forward to warmer weather and are eager to get back outside to play.

God Bless!
Ms. Linda and Ms. Gabby

Noah's Ark

Our weekly themes for February are: Ground Hog day, Valentine's Day and Snowflakes

Reminders:
13th-Valentine's day-dress up

16th-Center Closed-Staff In-service day

18th-20th-Preschool/4K parent teacher conferences

19th-20th- LCC parent teacher conferences

Young Disciples

It's February Yay, this month we will be talking about love and how important it is to love everyone. We will be having a Valentine's day party this month. It will probably be with 4k so we can just do everyone together. February 11th is Ray's birthday. Hope you have a great day Ray! The end of the month we will be talking about the 5 senses and how important they are. Please remember it's still winter so make sure your child has appropriate clothing. We do go outside weather permitting. We wish you a month of love and laughter.
May God continue to bless you and your family.

Ms. Paula

Classroom News (continued)

Hello 3P Families,

As we enter the month of February, we will be learning about some really fun topics. This month we will talk about Arctic and Antarctic animals and habitats. We will learn about St. Valentine and celebrate our Valentine's day party. We will learn about dental and body health/self-care. Our letters this month are R,S,T, and U. Our 3P kiddos are doing amazing things independently. We are going to continue to build on those skills by working on starting to write our name, practicing our cutting skills, and working on our buttons, zipper, and snapping skills. We will also have our second set of parent-teacher conferences. I'm looking forward to another wonderful month in 3P! With such a great month ahead, I want to make sure we don't miss any important dates.

Save the Date

Feb. 2nd- Registration for the 26-27 school year

Feb. 13th-Our Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 19th-21st Parent teacher Conferences

Feb. 27th-March 6th- **BOOK FAIR**

March 27th-No School

March 30th-April 3rd-Spring Break

April 7th-3P Resumes

4K AM & PM

Welcome to February!

February is already here! A lot of very exciting things happen this month such as kindergarten registration, parent-teacher conferences, the planetarium field trip, and our Valentine's Day party!

We will be having our class party on Thursday, February 13th in order to include all of our 4K friends! We'll have snacks, deliver valentine's, and show off the super cool mailboxes you'll make with your child(ren) at home! More details will be sent home in their folders!

Also, I've noticed a lot of friends are bringing their own snack in lately. I don't mind at all! Just remember the \$40 snack & activity fee you paid at the beginning of the year pays for their provided snack at school and the remaining field trips for the year! There are friends in 4K that provide their own snack and lunch due to food allergies, and the snacks that we provide are carefully chosen in order to avoid cross-contamination scares! If you do bring snacks from home, please be mindful of the ingredients! (is this okay to have in there?)

What We're Learning About

This month's theme is On the Move! We'll be talking about:

Personal space and maneuvering their bodies

Land, water, and air travel

Where people around the world like to visit

Places that they like to go to!

Reminders

Make sure your child has a water bottle at school!!!

Library books due on Tuesdays

No remote control toys or electronics for Show & Tell (try to match the weekly themes!)

Keep an eye out for important paperwork in their folders!

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2: Kindergarten Registration

Feb. 11: Planetarium Trip

Feb. 12: Valentine's Party

Feb. 16: **NO 4K & NO CHILDCARE**

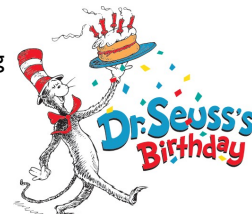
Feb. 18-20: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Have a wonderful February!

Wausau School District 4K Family Event Hosted by NCECC: St. Michael

All 4K families from NCECC: St. Michael and the Wausau School District are invited to join us the evening of Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 pm in the NCECC: St. Michael gym to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.

Activities, stories, and a snack are all planned. Please RSVP to the NCECC: St. Michael Early Childhood Center Office at 715-848-0206 Option 1 or 2 by **Monday February 16.**



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4K RELIGION NEWSLETTER

February 2026

What We're Learning

Week 1: We will discover the things the Holy Family did together as well as sharing ways members of our family love and care for one another.

Week 2: We will read a story called "Helping Mom". As a class we will celebrate our love for family and friends and how we show love for God when we help others.

Week 3: This week we will discuss that Lent is a time to grow in love for God and for others.

Week 4: We will be learning that Jesus gives himself to us in Holy Communion and how to give thanks to God for doing so


Ms. Coral

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No Greater Love

- The hallmark of the life of a disciple of Christ is laying down our life for others as Jesus did. In small and significant ways, we lay down our lives for our family, friends, neighbors, and strangers, as each situation invites us to do so. Our friendship with Christ is so deep that we strive to respond to every situation by loving one another as Jesus would.
- Saint Valentine is one of the many disciples of Christ whose life gives witness to sacrificial love.

Important Dates

- February 14: Valentines Day
 - February 16: No School
 - February 22: First Sunday of Lent
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- A small, solid red heart located at the bottom right of the page.

Kitchen News

Ways to Encourage Your Child to Try New Foods

- 1 Offer one new food at a time.** Start small. Let your child try small portions of new foods.
- 2 Offer new foods first.** Your child is most hungry at the start of a meal.
- 3 Cook and garden together.** These activities make new fruits and vegetables fun.
- 4 Be a good role model.** Try new foods yourself. Describe the taste, texture, and smell.
- 5 Be patient, new foods take time.** It may take 10 or more tries for a child to accept a new food.

New Food Badges

Celebrate with these fun badges for trying new foods. Simply cut the badge out and attach tape to the back.



Nibbles for Health

Nutrition Newsletters for Parents of Young Children
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★ February 2026 SCRIP NEWS



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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.

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



February 2026 Scrip Hours:

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

Monday February 2	9:00-4:00
Tuesday February 3	Closed
Wednesday February 4	Closed
Thursday February 5	9:00-4:00
Friday February 6	Closed


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

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

Monday February 16	9:00-4:00
Tuesday February 17	Closed
Wednesday February 18	Closed
Thursday February 19	9:00-4:00
Friday February 20	Closed

Monday February 23	9:00-4:00
Tuesday February 24	Closed
Wednesday February 25	Closed
Thursday February 26	9:00-4:00
Friday February 27	Closed

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar - February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1	2 NCS Registration Opens Online 4K Registration Opens Online	3	4	5	6 DRESS UP DAY Super Bowl Wear the color(s) of your favorite football team	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 DRESS UP DAY Valentine's Day Dress in reds and/or pinks.	14
15	16 NO CLASS - 4K AM & PM CENTER CLOSED - Staff Inservice Day	17	18 FIELD TRIP 4K AM and PM to Planetarium NO 4K PM THIS DAY Preschool, and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 pm - 6 pm	19 LCC, Preschool, and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 pm - 6 pm	20 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors) LCC, Preschool, and 4K Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 pm - 6 pm	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Spirit Day - Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	28

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CARDINAL CHARACTER BRING IT!

Be RESPONSIBLE

RESPECT the learning environment
yourself and others

INTEGRITY wins

Nurture EMPATHY

GRATITUDE is key

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Catholic faith, service and academics.