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Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

The gift of an NCS education, which families have chosen to give to their children is a tremendous lifetime treasure that will positively impact all of these students, as they grow and mature into adulthood. Please share your experience about our programs with friends, neighbors, family members, or co-workers, who might be interested in attending Newman Catholic Schools.

Take a moment to visit our website (www.newmancatholicschools.com), to learn more about the exciting opportunities Newman Catholic Schools has, to support your child's educational journey. Below are some important dates:

February 2: Newman Registration begins for the 2026/2027 school year.

February 2: Tuition Assistance Applications available for: Scholarships, Grant Aid Program and Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

March 2: 4K Registration for the 2026/2027 Newman/DC Everest Collaboration Program begins.

Summer Camp Information to be coming soon!

Thank you for the honor of being able to partner with you in the education and care of your children. You have blessed us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Amy Faust, Site Director

Valentine Prayer

*I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.*

*I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.*

*I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end*



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:

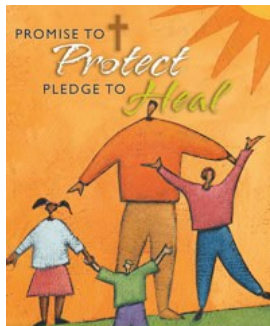
Please check you parent mailbox on a daily basis for important information.



4K families, please make sure you check your child's folder on a daily basis.

Please make sure that your child(ren) are coming to the center with a jacket, snow pants, boots, gloves and hat and have a **full spare set of clothes available** (Shirts, Pants, Socks, Underwear and shoes) to change into in case their original clothes become wet or dirty from being outside.

We would like to send out a special **THANK YOU** to Paul and Ruth Schultz for the wonderful donation, that allowed us to do some wonderful events during Catholic Schools Week. The center was able to have a magician come perform, take a bus to the Food & Farm Exploration Center and then go home with a snuggly Newman blanket. It was a very exciting week!



DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its polices 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.diolc.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@diolc.org.

5 Ways to show you care!

- Unwind together
 - Be happy
- Ask them to help you
 - Support them
- Applaud their success

Classroom News

Little Einstein's (Infant/Toddlers)

Wow! It's already February. We have a lot of fun and exciting things planned. Some of our themes will be Dinosaurs, Valentine's week, and Reptiles. We will be having a Valentines Day party— a sign up sheet will be put up on the door. Watch for all the cute activities/projects to follow.

Please make sure your children have all the proper snow gear, as we do go outside when the temperature is right. Please remember to have spare clothes for your child as well.

Ms. Brittney and Ms. Toria

Explorer Room (2/3 yr. olds)

Hello February,

We had a lot of fun ending January with Catholic Schools week and all the dress up days. We start this month with learning about Dental Health. Then we will be talking about Dinosaurs, Friendship and Kindness, and Reptiles.

We will also have a Valentine's Party on the 13th. You can bring Valentine cards for our friends.

The kids have been doing such a great job with getting dressed to go outside. We will be working on sharing and taking turns this month.

Have a Great February,

Ms. Deb and Ms. Jennifer



Jungle Room (3/4 yr. olds)

We are quickly making our way into the New Year and are already approaching the start of Lent and Valentine's Day. This month we will focus on Ground Hogs day and learning about shadows. This will be followed by Dental Health, and who could forget about Valentine's Day. We would love for you to be ambassadors for our early childhood center, which includes child-care, 4K programs and summer camp for school age children. Please share your experiences about our programs with a friend, other family member, or a coworker who may be interested in our program. So spread the word, and as always Thank You for your support.

Ms. Therese and Ms. Lori

Discovery Room (4/5 yr. olds)

Happy Valentine's Day!

During the month of February we will be learning about Dental Health, Valentine's Day, Dinosaurs, and Reptiles.

Our concepts for the month are same/different, inside/outside, phone numbers, and shoe tying. Our letters and numbers will be: J, C, Q, 13, 14, and 15.

Our special activity for the month is making a valentine for someone special and we will have a Valentine's Day party.

Please remember to have snow gear here every day and bring in an extra set of clothes in case we get wet outside.

Ms. Amy and Ms. Sam

4K Classroom News

In February, we are looking forward to learning about shadows, friendship, dental health, and transportation. Our repeated reads this month are, Snowmen at Work, Be Kind, and National Geographic: Things that Go. We will be focusing on writing the letters c, o, u, a, g, d, s, e, and r. Developmental checklists are getting finished up and report cards/conferences will be held in March, so be on the lookout for sign ups. We are very excited to have First Impressions Dental come and talk to our class on the 13th of February and then we have a field trip to the Grand Theater on the 26th to see Click Clack Moo.

Reminder, there is no school February 19th or 20th. Also, be sure to check your child's folder each day for upcoming events and activities in 4K!
Ms. Sarah

Children's Letter to God

- Dear God, I think the stapler is one of your greatest Inventions.
- Dear God, if I was God, I wouldn't be as good at it. Keep it up.
- Dear God, Why is Sunday school on a Sunday? I thought that was our day of rest.
- Dear God, can you please make me run faster? I sure hope so.

Kids say the funniest things

- My mouth doesn't want to be quiet right now.
- My dad used to be rich, but then he married my mom.
- If you love someone you have to buy them flowers otherwise, you will get told off.

Orange Ice Cream Bowls

Ingredients:

- 1 whole orange
- 2 Scoops (1/2 cup each) of your favorite ice cream

Make it!:

- Cut orange in half
- Scoop out the middle of the orange
- Fill the orange bowl with ice cream
- Enjoy!

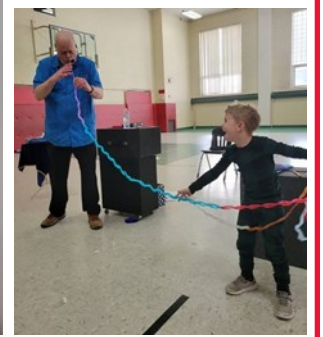
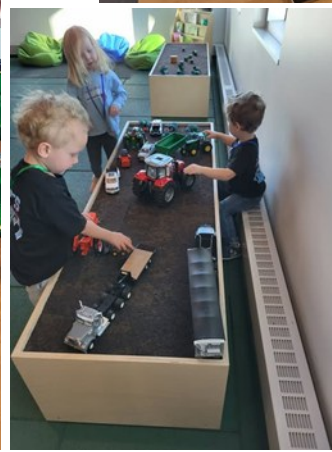


Glow Stick Dance Party Balloons

Get ready to dance and boogey away in a quick and easy way. Turn down the lights, blow up some balloons, put a glow stick in, tie and dance away!!!



Catholic Schools Week



10 Ways to Play in February

1. Set up a stuffed animal vet!

Make signs, tickets, prescriptions, and feeding schedules. Treat your patients to treats, bandages, medicine and love!

4. Paint some cardstock or watercolor paper (with brushes or fingers). When dry, cut the paper into postcards and **send notes to friends and family!**

6. Have a living room picnic!

9. Try batting balloons! Around the room using your head, elbows, knees, or nose. Can you bat a balloon back and forth with a fly-swatter?

2. Make **structures** with toothpicks and marshmallows!

3. Tell a **story** and have a grown up write it down. Add some pictures too!

5. Do a sink and float experiment!

8. Make a single color **collage!**
Gather yarn, paper, buttons, crayons, paint and anything else you can find that is your special color. Grab some glue and start creating!

7. *Paint with unusual tools!*
Some ideas: tree branch, toy cars, toothbrush, sponge, bath scrubby, or cookie cutters!

10. How tall of a **block tower** can you build? How many blocks can you stack in one minute?

Who do I love, and Why do I love them?....

"Mom and Dad, because they love me." -Jameson U. age 4

"Daddy, because I don't get to see him much and Grandma, Grandpa, and all my grandpas because I don't get to see them for a long time and my Mommy because they are all my favorites."
-Elizabeth age 5

"Mom, because she lets me sleep in her bed." -Mason age 3

"Mom, Dad, Travey Boy, Puppy, My Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie, and Papa, because they are nice. Mommy because she cares for me a lot. Ms. Sarah, because she's my teacher and she cares for me."
-Emilia age 5

"Mom, because she's my mom"
-Axel age 3

"Mason, because he plays with me." -Kendall age 4

"Mom and Dad, because dad goes downstairs and they cut up apples for me." -Leah age 3

"My mom, because we watch TV. Mom, Dad, Grandma, Sister, Ms. Sam, Ms. Amy B. because they are family."
-Everett age 4

"Mom, because she's my mom." -Hank age 2

Grandpa, Gigi, Marcus, and Auntie Toshy, because I like to clean with them." -Jericho age 4

"My friends, because they make me happy."
- Cooper age 3

"Daddy and Mom because I love to snuggle and play toys with them."
-Jameson P. age 4

"Maci, because she is my best friend."
-Waylon age 3

"My Dad, because he gives me chocolate and my Grandpa, because he gives me lots of things."
-Keziah age 4

"Mom, Dad, Sisters, and my dogs, because they do the dishes."
-Selena age 5

"Mom, because she reads books."
-Avery age 3

"Mason, because he is funny."
-Finley age 4

"Mom, because she does laundry with me." -Kenzie age 4

"Mom, because she lets me go on my tablet." - Emelyn age 4

"Mom, Dad, and Brother, because my mom plays with me and lets me have her phone. My dog because he licks me." -Rosie age 4

"Mom and dad, because they snuggle me." -Michael age 3

"Daddy, because he gives me treats." -Laney age 3

"Mom, because she yells at us."
-Hudson age 3

Who do I love, and Why do I love them?....

"All my family because they play with me and watch movies with me." -Lila age 5

"My Dadda, because he goes to work and does chores and Mommy and daddy because they play with me." -Raelynn age 4

"My Mom, Dad, and Bianca, my dogs, cats, and cousins I love them because I draw pictures for them and they hug me and they play with me." -Ares age 5

"My Mother, Brother, Sister, and Dad, because they give me Reeses Cups and love me and my brother plays Xbox with me." -Wyatt age 5

"Mom, Dad, Grammy, Grandpa, because I do fun stuff with them." -Owen age 5

"My Mom and Dad because they let me play games when I'm not in trouble." -Duke age 4

"Mommy and Daddy, because I love her all the time and daddy cleans up after us." -Aaliyah age 4

"Mom and Dad, because they do the dishes every time." - Sebastian age 4

"Ashton, because I like mom." -Levi age 3

"Daddy, because I do." -Penny age 2

"Mommy, because she's my mommy." -Jason age 2

"Mommy, I love mommy." -Noelle age 2

"Momma" -Mikah age 2

"My cousins, because I go up north with them." -Brody age 4

"Dadda, because I love dadda and momma." -Lavinia age 2

"Daddy, because he is so nice." -Ashton age 3

"My brother" Davelle -age 3

"Mom and Dad, because they swim with me." -Rhett age 5

"Baby Adrianna because she talks to me when I talk to her, Elliana because she gives me hugs and kisses, Dad because he plays with me, Mom because she brings Adriana to my room to kiss and hug her and Kallie." -Millie age 4

"Mom" -Lennox age 3

"Adrianna, because I give her kisses and say goodnight. Daddy and Mommy, because they let us play on the phone and tablet. Elliana and Millie because they play hide-n-seek with me." -Kallie age 4

"My Mom, Dad, and Brother, because they play with me." -Jaymus age 5

"Mommy, mommy, mommy" -Turner age 2

"Momma, because." -Emery age 2

"Papa, Momma." -Liam age 2"

"Dad, because he is my best friend." -Maci age 3

Who do I love, and Why do I love them?....

"Momma, because she plays with me." -Elijah age 4



"Momma, Daddy, Mommy, Memo, Keaton, Olivia, and Peyton because they spend time with me. Momma because I like to snuggle her." -Jack age 5



"My Mom, Dad, dog and my sisters, Bella and Hunter because they play with me with a balloon." -Alanna age 5



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8	9	10	11	12	13 First Impres- sions visit	14 Valentine's Day Everett's bday Finley's bday
15	16 Closed Teacher In-service 4K Today	17	18	19 No 4K	20 Rosie's bday No 4K	21
22	23	24	25	26 Elaina's bday Grand Theater Click Clack Moo	27	28 Avery's bday Marcus' bday

