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Hello NCECC: St. Michael Families,

Our parent-teacher conferences will be held November 18th (3P/4K only) 19th (LCC / 3P / 4K) and 20th (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 Employment Opportunities

Licensed Childcare Teachers - Immediate Need

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

- 4K Teacher
- 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).
- 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 the Early Childhood Center Office.

SCRIP Office Hours

Did you know you can use your SCRIP credits toward child care? It's an easy way to save while shopping for things you already need! View current SCRIP office hours and find out more here: Link

Like us on Facebook!
See all the fun things happening at Newman Catholic Schools.
"Like" and "Follow" us on Facebook!
Look for the Newman Catholic Schools logo.

Bits 'N Pieces from NCECC: St. Michael

Winter Wonderland Auction - Saturday, November 14

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 20	**Picture Retakes Day** - Licensed Child Care, 3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM
Wednesday, November 25	**NO SCHOOL** - 4K AM & PM Licensed Child Care still available.
Thursday, November 26	**NO SCHOOL** - 3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM Licensed Child Care **NOT** available.
Friday, November 27	**NO SCHOOL** - 3-Year-Old Preschool, 4K AM, and 4K PM Licensed Child Care **NOT** available.
Tuesday, 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 18** 4 pm to 6 pm Preschool, and 4K Conferences
- **Thursday, November 19** 4 pm to 6 pm LCC , Preschool, and 4K Conferences
- **Friday, November 20** 4 pm to 6 pm LCC , Preschool, and 4K Conferences

A paper handout was sent home on Monday, October 26 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 9, 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
- Snow pants 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
- Given to your teacher for them to bring to the Early Childhood Center Office
- Placed in the blue document drop box (pictured at right) outside the Early Childhood Center Office window.

Document Drop box

A blue document drop box (pictured at right) is located outside the Early Childhood Center Office window. This drop box is always locked; only the Early Childhood Center Office have a key to unlock it and retrieve the items inside.



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 26-27th for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving
Ms. Amanda and Ms. Rachel

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 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. 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:

18th-20yh Parent Teacher Conferences

20th Picture Retake day

26th-27th 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 18-20th 4k Parent teacher conferences
November 19-20th is childcare parent teacher conferences
November 20th is picture retake day
November 26th-27th St. Michaels closed for Thanksgiving
December 1st is or Christmas concert at 6pm.

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

Kitchen News

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Potatoes?
Potatoes get a bad rap, but they don't deserve it. White potatoes are a fantastic source of carbohydrates, fiber and resistant starch. Resistant starch feeds the friendly bacteria in your gut and increases the production of short-chain fatty acids, which play a role in gut health and blood-sugar management. In addition, a medium potato provides around 25 percent of the RDA for vitamin C and potassium.
Different potato preparations have additional benefits: Mashed potatoes include fat from milk and butter that increases satiety; boiled and baked potatoes are easy to digest and provide quick energy; and adding a modest amount of salt to your potatoes helps replenish the electrolytes lost in sweat. Just don't overdue the gravy!

Classroom News (continued)

3-Year-Old Preschool

Hello 3P Families!

We are making leaps and bounds in 3P! The kids have been learning our daily routines and are becoming more independent with our projects. We are continuing to work on raising hands and taking turns speaking during 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 Tuesday, 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 F. 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 covered all numbers 0-6 and number 9, and will continue to work on our number recognition and counting skills.

I hope you are all seeing these amazing skills at home! Have a wonderful month and a very happy Thanksgiving.

Dates to remember:

November

18th-20th - Parent-Teacher conferences 4-6 pm
20th- Picture retake day
24th-Vision Screening for 3P
26th&27th - No School - Thanksgiving Break

December

1st - Christmas Program - 6 pm, Drop kids in 3P room at 5:30 pm
14th - 18th - Holiday dress up week
23rd - January 4th - Christmas Break

January

5th - 3P Resumes
21st - Open House for 27-28 school year, 8am-6 pm



Classroom News (continued)

4K AM & PM

Hello 4K families-
We are already at the beginning of November! So far this year Ms. Paula and Ms. Olson have been working hard on many different skills.

Our 4K has been learning vocabulary words each week to help build their language skill. At morning meetings these words are reviewed and the kids are hearing them used in sentences as they learn about how the words fit into the theme we are working on. This month the new theme 4K will be covering is Safe, Healthy, Helpful Me.

In class, the kids will continue building literacy skills as we talk about our morning message each week. Our 4K friends are really doing a wonderful job learning about upper and lowercase letters, how important spaces between words are and what a period is. This month the kids will be learning about compound words, which is a combination of two words working together. (Ex: Birdcage) 4k will also begin comparing characters in our stories and talking about what the setting of a story is and how-to retelling stories we hear.

In math, we will be talking about ordinal number and working on our number identification. We will begin to work on sorting items according to how they look.

4K is working very hard to prepare for the Christmas Concert on December 1st. They are practicing their songs and are all very excited to perform for everyone.
November is going to be a wonderful month! We are wishing all of you a happy Thanksgiving!

Important Dates:
November:
18th-20th-Parent Teacher Conferences
20th– Picture retake day
25th-27th –No School (Thanksgiving Break)

December
1st Holiday Program (4K and Preschool Friends)
5:30pm Drop 4K kiddos off in 4K
6pm-progaam starts in the Gym
14th-18th-Holiday dress up week
(watch for more details)
23rd-January 1st– Winter Break

January
4th 4K classes resume
21st– Open House for the 27-28 school year 8am-6pm
26th-Vision and Hearing Screening

November Religion News

Psalm 136:1: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever."

Hello Families,

The month of November is all about being Thankful. This month we are going to learn about different stories in the bible about that. We will start the month off learning about Jairus's Daughter and how he was thankful to Jesus for bringing her back from the dead. The second week we will learn about the man born Blind and how Jesus helped him see again. The third week we will talk about the ten lepers and how they were healed. And the last week will be about what we are thankful for and How Jesus has helped us. A reminder that we are closed the 26 th and 27 th to celebrate thanksgiving with our families. I pray you have an amazing Thanksgiving with your loved ones and you know how much Jesus loves you.

NCECC: St. Michael Calendar

November 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	**2**	**3**	4	**5**	**6** **Spirit Day -** Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	**7**
8	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13** **Spirit Day -** Wear Red & Blue (Newman colors)	**14** **NCS Winter Wonderland** @ Hilton Garden Inn
15	**16**	**17**	**18** **Parent Teacher Conferences**	**19**	**20** **Picture Retakes Day**	**21**
22	**23**	**24**	**25** **NO SCHOOL** 4K AM & PM Licensed Child Care still available.	**26** **Closed for Thanksgiving** 	**27**	**28**
29	**30**	**December 1** **Preschool and 4K Christmas Concert** @ 6 pm in the Gym				

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.
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.

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

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