

# The “Magical Message” of the Week

<b>Wed. 9/13</b> <b>Parent Orientation</b> 6:00pm PK 3 & 4 6:30pm K, 1 & 6 7:00pm Gr. 2 & 3 7:30pm Gr. 4 & 5	<b>Thurs. 9/14</b> Honor Hat Day Classes meet with their Buddies	<b>Fri. 9/15</b>	<b>Sat. 9/16</b>
<b>Sun. 9/17</b> <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Mrs. Connolly</i>	<b>Mon. 9/18</b> 8:10 Morning Prayer in Gym <i>Welcome Sr. Denise!</i>	<b>Tues. 9/19</b> Dad's Bring your Child to School 7:50am – 9:00am  <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Mrs. Weaver</i>	<b>Wed. 9/20</b> Art Club Gr. 3 - 6

Welcome to our weekly newsletter “**The Magical Message**” that will be sent home to your family every Wednesday. Please read over all information and return any response that is needed. All folders should be returned the next day to the classroom teacher.

**THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR** can be an exciting time. It opens up many opportunities for you and for each child. Maybe this year your child will discover a new talent or interest or learn about something that inspires a new hobby. Maybe your child will earn excellent grades this year or have a piece of artwork in the student show. This is the time for a fresh start, and you can help your child achieve great things by setting the stage and encouraging a positive attitude and work ethic.

Here are a few tips to help you and your child start school with a positive and determined attitude:

**KNOW YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS**, and set high expectations: Have a discussion about his or her strengths and academic goals for this year. Express your support and your confidence in his or her efforts and success.

**ESTABLISH A ROUTINE:** Help your child succeed this school year by establishing a daily homework schedule and a consistent bedtime. Be sure to stay involved by communicating with teachers, checking grades, and asking your child about how school is going on a regular basis.

**MAKE A PLAN:** Ask yourself and your child this question: What is needed to support your child's work toward their goals? Brainstorm baby steps he or she can take toward these goals.

When you encourage and support your child-and hold him or her accountable-everyone can enjoy a successful school year.

Wishing you and your child a blessed school year,

Principal

**Most Important** - Please join us tonight for our **Parent Orientation**. All families are asked to enter through door #6 and register at the table. It is a very important 1/2 hour to hear an overview of the plans for your child(ren)'s class for the year. Each teacher has important announcements and some special handouts. It is very helpful to hear this presentation and to have the time to ask questions now that we have started on a new school year. **We ask that, if at all possible, children stay home.** The classrooms will be very crowded with parents trying to hear what to expect for the year. If children must come, they are to wait in the downstairs hallway. Home-School Association representatives will be on hand to answer questions about the Parent Association (please return volunteer page of packet to your child's teacher) and our School Counselor – Mr. Bryan Saj will be here to explain our Character Development program and Counseling services that are offered at Catholic Academy. Please check out the "gently used" uniform table if you are still in need.

### **Information:**

Our upcoming **Dads Take Your Child to School** event will be held in conjunction with the Niagara Falls Public Schools on *Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>*. All Dads, Uncles etc. bringing students to Catholic Academy should escort them to their classrooms between 7:50am – 8:00am and return to the café for coffee, donuts and a short program which will be followed by a student led tour until **9:00am**.

**STREAM:** Please read over the enclosed information and brochure regarding our new and exciting **STREAM** academies for students in grades PK4 – 6 this year (**PK will be offered 2<sup>nd</sup> semester**). An application is enclosed for your child to sign up for one of the after school academies that will be offered this semester. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. There are **limited spots** so return your paperwork ASAP.

**Free/Reduced Lunch Application:** The applications must be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible for processing through Niagara Catholic.

**Lunch Money:** When sending in your child's lunch money, pre-paid or daily, please make sure it is in the right amount. Lunch this year is **\$2.75** and we can't make change. When pre-paying, please make your checks payable to: **Niagara Catholic**. Also, there will be no French Fries or Yogurt offered this year. Salad will be offered when available.

**Cafeteria Procedures:** Enclosed is a note from Mrs. Champoux regarding our cafeteria for this school year. Please read over with your child(ren), sign and return bottom portion **TOMORROW**.

**Lunch Room:** We are still in need of **aides to work during the lunch periods** helping our students during this time. You will receive in-kind service credit which will be applied to your FACTS tuition account. If interested, please fill out the enclosed form.

**Latch Key** – if you are in need of a registration form for our morning or after-school care program please contact the school office and one will be sent home.

**Publicity Release & Walking Permission Slip** is enclosed. Please sign and return to your child's homeroom teacher by tomorrow.

**Uniform Policy:** Please refer to the policy that was sent home in the August packet in regards to uniforms. Please note the following: Summer uniforms will not be allowed after **September 29<sup>th</sup>**. All shirts, blouses are to be tucked in and **belts** are to be worn with slacks. This makes for a much neater appearance. Don't forget to label all uniforms with your child's name - especially sweaters and gym wear. We have noticed that some girls are not wearing the correct blouses. **Peter Pan collars** are to be worn with jumpers and **oxfords** with skirts. **Cargo pants and shorts are not acceptable.** Please purchase these items from Flynn & O'Hara so we can remain "**uniform**" in appearance. **Students may wear stud earrings only.** No danglers or hoops are allowed. **All students must remove their stud earrings for gym class. This is a safety issue that must be adhered to.**

**Art Club** will once again be offered for Gr. 3 – 6. Mrs. Weaver will meet with the students according to the enclosed schedule. Please return the permission slip and fee to Mrs. Weaver by Friday.

**Save the Date:** Your family is invited to a **Home-School Association Gathering and Picnic** on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. More information will be sent next week.

**Room Parents & Home-School Fee:** If you are interested in being a Room Parent for this school year please fill out the enclosed form and send back **TOMMOROW**. Also, **Home-School** collects a **\$20.00 fee per student** to help defray the cost of classroom parties and activities. Please return the **CLASSROOM FEE** to your child's teacher by **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**.

**Pesticide Notification:** Please read over the information regarding the use of pesticides on school grounds. If you wish to receive notification prior to any use of pesticides at Catholic Academy, sign and return.

**Asbestos Management Plan:** Is available in the school office for anyone to read. This is a public document.

**Classroom Elections:** Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to serve their classes for the 2016 -2017 school year.

**President:**

Gr. 3 Ellie Muth  
Gr. 4 Allison Smith  
Gr. 5 Akyra Starks  
Gr. 6 Hailey Crawford

**Vice President:**

Gr. 3 Leo Arrigo  
Gr. 4 Luke Esposito  
Gr. 5 Max Townsend  
Gr. 6 A'iana Hayes

**Secretary**

Gr. 3 Parleen Dosanjh  
Gr. 4 Julian Savard  
Gr. 5 Gia Sgro  
Gr. 6 Olivia Corcoran

**Treasurer**

Gr. 3 Sophia Felschow  
Gr. 4 John Connolly  
Gr. 5 Olivia Noel  
Gr. 6 Johnny Esposito

**Student Council Representatives**

Gr. 3 Nykira Egger, James VanEgmond  
Gr. 4 Cole Carter, Nathan Muth, Danny Nicoletti  
Gr. 5 Derrick Hilson, Larissa Spears  
Gr. 6 Alyssa Bower, Kaitlyn Jakubowski

**Fundraising:**

**All checks for any school fundraiser should always be made out to: Catholic Academy of NF.**

**Candy Bars** We have a great deal of excitement about the chance to ride in a limo for lunch. **The sale ends Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. Money is to be turned in by that date. Each box sells for \$48.00 and if you would like more boxes please contact the school office. If you want to sell the "7" box goal for the Limo ride & lunch you will need to pay for your 2 original boxes then order your additional 5. Remember once you receive your additional 5 boxes **you are responsible** to sell them all. **NO returns will be taken**. Don't forget to ask permission from your parish to sell after masses.

Enclosed in today's folder is our second mandatory fundraiser "**Football Frenzy**". Each ticket sells for **\$10** each and fundraising families are required to sell **15**. This sale has a longer sell time on it so that is why we are sending it home early this year. All stubs and payment are due into the school office by Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are in need of more tickets, please contact the school office

Enclosures

KEEP AT HOME

Newsletter  
Updated Tentative Calendar  
Updated September Calendar

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Publicity and Walking Permission Slip  
Lunch Application  
HSA Classroom Fee \$20 per student  
Candy Bar Payments  
Room Parent Sign Up  
Lunchroom Rules Signature Page  
STREAM application with fee

## Help Wanted

The school is looking for a cleaner(s) to work 4 hours per weekday starting at 3:00p.m.

This includes cleaning of classrooms, bathrooms and floors. If interested contact, Ray Beaudy, Business Manager of Catholic Academy at 283-1455 x 204 from 5p.m. to 8p.m. Monday – Wednesday.