

Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | May 6, 2026

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we take time to honor the incredible women in our lives who nurture, guide, and love so selflessly. In our Catholic faith, we look to Mary, our Blessed Mother, as the perfect example of faith, strength, and unconditional love.

We are grateful for all the mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures in our school community who play such an important role in shaping the hearts and minds of our children each day.

May God bless you for all that you do, and may you feel appreciated and loved this Mother's Day.

Blessings,
Principal Richards

Important Dates

Thurs. 5/7 - Gr. 3-5 NYS Math Day 2 CBT; Bundtlet Pick Up 11am-2pm (Door #1) and 2-3pm (Door #6); Last day to RSVP for Spring Dance

- If you have any Walmart or Target paper bags, please send them in tomorrow to help us package the bundtlets.

Fri. 5/8 - 8:30am Ma Spa Pre-K 4; Mass Gr. K-8; Teacher Appreciation Week ends; FSA Spring Fling Dance 6:30-8; SABRES DRESS DOWN K-8 - Pay \$1

Sun. 5/10 - Happy Mother's Day!

Mon. 5/11 - Gr. 8 NYS Science CBT

Tues. 5/12 - Gr. 5 NYS Science CBT; Gr. 6/7 MSM & Canisius Visit

Weds. 5/13- Chorus Club; Lions Club Dinner to celebrate Annie Raeppe!

School News

- Our annual **Walkathon** will be on Friday, June 5th. In your folder today, you will find the permission slip which includes the lunch counts, and the pledge envelope and sheet. ALL are due Thursday, May 28th. Each child must get a donation of at least \$5 to cover the cost of De Dee's. Our goal is to raise at least \$5,000 this year! Our goal thermometer will be outside the sports showcase. Each child needs their own permission slip and pledge money.


- Money must be donated in cash or a check (no venmo to the school)

- It's not too late to sign up for our **CANF Summer Camp!** Remember students entering Grades K-5 can attend Aug. 3-7 from 8:30-2:30 for only \$150 OR pick your days and pay just \$35 a day! Be sure to fill out the form and send in your payment.

- It's also time to think about **Summer Tutoring!** Notes will be going home in next week's folder.

- Our **Art Festival & Scholastic Book Fair** on Thursday, May 21 will be open from 4-6pm. The Art activities will run from 5-6pm. There will be no afterschool care.
 - **NF K-8 District Residents:** Many families have not yet returned the Title 1 Eligibility Blue Form that was sent home a few weeks ago. This information is vital to our Title funding from NY State for the upcoming school year. We kindly ask that all forms be returned to school **tomorrow**. Please call Miss Jen with any questions at ext. 201.
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FSA Upcoming Events

- ❖ THIS FRIDAY, May 8 from 6-8pm, we will have our **Spring Fling!** RSVP and money are due tomorrow, Thursday, May 7th!
 - Please note every child must be accompanied by an adult. This is NOT a drop off event.
 - ❖  **SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, July 23 at 6:30** - CANF Family Night at the Niagara Falls Americans Baseball Game - More information to come!
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Congratulations!

- **Congratulations** to the 3rd Graders who made their First Holy Communion this past weekend: Julia, Patrick, Addi, Charlotte, Mya, Aubriella, Ashlynn, Ellie, and Jacob!
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Thank You!

- Thank you to all those who worked hard on the **Middle States Accreditation**. We have been recommended by the Middle States Team for Accreditation!
 - Thank you to everyone who made Principal Richards feel extra special on **Principal's Day!** She felt all the love and feels so blessed to lead this wonderful school.
 - Thank you and keep the votes coming! Abel Summers was in 2nd Place as of yesterday for a **Junior Ranger competition**.
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Clubs & Sports

- **Join the CANF/SSS Fall 2026 Swim Team!** - Calling all swimmers from grades Kindergarten - 8th Grade! Beginning in September, they will practice Wednesdays 5:30-7pm and Saturdays 12:30-2pm. Meets will be on Sundays. All are held at Grand Island High School. The season starts the first week of school and the cost is \$135 per swimmer! Please fill out the registration form using the pdf link →  [Swim 2026.pdf](#)
- **Trimester 3 clubs** run until May 19! Remember that pick up is at door #6.
- **Weekly clubs:** Chorus Club (Wednesdays)

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The **Chorus and Band Spring Performance** will be on Thursday, May 21 at 8:45am in half of the gym. It will also be LIVE streamed for those who are unable to attend.
 - The **Sports Brunch** will be held on Friday, May 29th at 8:45am in the Gym. More information to come.
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Fundraising Updates

- **Nothing Bundt Cakes!** - Thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser! We sold 150 more than last year!
 - **CANF School Spirit orders** - Orders were submitted today. More information to come on delivery.
 - **Dairy Queen Fundraiser!** Visit DQ on Military Road on Tuesday, May 19th from 6-8pm! The school will receive 10% of every purchase made by anyone during this time!
 - **Scholastic Book Fair** - We will need volunteers to run the Book Fair. Please see the enclosed form.
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Reminders

1. **May Crowning - May 15th at 1pm**

- ★ All Pre-K 4-8 students should dress UP in their Sunday best (no jeans, no school uniform)
- ★ Gr. 3 First Communion students should wear their Communion dresses and suits
- ★ Gr. 8 - See the email that went home from Mrs. Bieniek
- ★ Notes will be coming home this week with more information
- ★ Interstate Pictures will be taken for Pre-K 4, Kindergarten Graduation, First Communion children and 8th Graders on this day.

2. **Scholarships** - Do you, or someone you know, have an interest in supporting our students through a scholarship? Gifts of \$100 or more can make a meaningful impact. Donors may choose the criteria, whether in memory of a loved one or to support a specific interest or need. If you would like more information, please contact Principal Richards via email.

3. **Registration** is ongoing! YOU are our best advocates. Thank you for continuing to share the good news about our amazing school with your friends and family. If you know a family with a child ready for Pre-K 3 or 4, please encourage them to register. We love welcoming new families into our community!

4. **INCENTIVE ALERT:** Help our enrollment grow! If you refer a student to us and they register for the 26-27 school year, you will receive **\$100 off your tuition!** Please email Principal Richards as the registration forms do not say if they were referred by someone.


5. ****Lunch help is NEEDED!! We are looking for lunch aide subs in the cafeteria for certain days. The times are 10:30-1:30. Please email Principal Richards if you or someone you know is interested!****

6. **Basketball and Cheerleading:** Now that Sports pictures are over, **please return your uniforms in a plastic bag with your name on it!**

Cheerleading

Return: vest, skirt, body suit, little shorts under it

Keep: socks and bows; Minis keep all

 **Looking Ahead - June Dates & Times**

★ Tuesday, June 2 - Scholarships & Snacks - 9:30am

★ Friday, June 5 - Walkathon

★ Tuesday, June 9 - High School Senior Grad Walk

★ Wednesday, June 10 - Pre-K 3 End of the Year Program at 8:30am, Pre-K 4 End of the year Program at 10:30am, & Kindergarten Graduation at 12:30am - more information to come

★ Friday, June 12 - 8th Grade Graduation

★ Wednesday, June 17 - Closing Liturgy & Awards - 10:30 dismissal

**Scholastic Book Fair
Volunteer Sign Up**



Parent's name: _____

Child's Grade: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Please circle the days and time you are available to volunteer:

May 18

May 19

May 20

May 21

10:30-1:30

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4-6pm

May Crowning Memo - What you need to know

Our beautiful May Crowning & Hope Ribbon Ceremony will be on Friday, May 15th in the church at 1pm.

Pre-K 4, K, 1, and 2 - Your child(ren) is to dress up!

(Pre-K 4 will have their End of the Year pictures taken and K will have their graduation pictures taken.)

First Communion students - Report to school at 12 in your First Communion outfits to get your picture taken in the church.

8th Grade students - Report to school at 11am for your picture to be taken in the Gym.

ALL other students, please dress up and report at regular times.

We look forward to a beautiful May Crowning Ceremony! Be sure to invite all of your loved ones to join us!

