

Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | April 15, 2026

 **A Message from the Principal**

Dear Families,

I hope you had a wonderful and restful two-week break filled with time to relax and recharge. We are excited to welcome everyone back to school and back into our routines of learning and growing together.

As we return, we look forward to refocusing on our academic goals and finishing the year strong. We also have many exciting events, activities, and celebrations coming up in the weeks ahead. There is so much to look forward to!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful to have such a strong school community.

Blessings,  
Principal Richards

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 **Important Dates**

**Thurs. 4/16** - Celebrating Assistant Principal's Day - TY Mr. D! We appreciate all you do!; Theater Club until 4:30

**Fri. 4/17** - Mass K-8; Sports & Clubs Picture Day; Theater Club until 4:30 - Dress Rehearsal.

**Sat. 4/18** - First Holy Communion Retreat 8:45am - 12:30pm at the Faith Formation Center

**Mon. 4/20** - Autism Acceptance & Awareness - Pay \$2 and dress in Blue. All proceeds will go to the Summit Walk to support Team JoJo; Volleyball practice 2:30-4:30

**Tues. 4/21** - Gr. 3-5 ELA NYS CBT; Trimester 3 clubs begin; Volleyball games at home with concessions (proceeds going to support Team JoJo)

**Weds. 4/22** - Administrative Assistants' Day - celebrating Miss Jen, Miss Bianca, & Miss Amanda

**Thurs. 4/23** - Sabres day! Let's support our hometown team! Pay \$1 and dress in Sabres clothing or colors (blue/gold)!

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 **School News**

• **Sports and Club pictures** are on Friday!! **Please follow the directives enclosed! It is very important that you wear and bring what you need to be in the pictures.** Picture order forms are also enclosed.

• Principal Richards has sent out emails if you are a current family and have not yet registered your child(ren) for the **2026-2027 school year**. Thank you to those who responded! If your child is not returning, please let us know!

• Abel Summers, a first grader here at CANF, is currently in 6th place for a **Junior Ranger competition**. Please see the enclosed flyer to cast your vote today! [The link is also on our Facebook page.](#)

- **Middle States Accreditation** update: We, along with the other elementary schools in the diocese, are working to become Middle States Accredited. Our school team has been working around the clock to do the schools self studies and our visit will be on Tuesday, April 28th.
    - Just a reminder that Pre-K 3 - Gr. 8 students that arrive after 8am **MUST** go through door #1 for security/safety reasons.
  - **BISON renewal** for current families closes **TODAY!!!!**
  - There are a ton of items in our **Lost & Found** bin! Please view the video and claim what is yours!
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### **Musical Information**

- ❖ Our school musical this year will be Pure Imagination!
    - Performance #1: Friday, April 24 at 7pm
    - Performance # 2: Saturday, April 25 at 2pm
  - ❖ Cast members should wear black t-shirts, black school pants, and black dress shoes. They should arrive 1 hour before show time and report to
  - ❖ The Wrap Party will be on Monday, April 27 until 3:30.
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### **FSA Upcoming Events**

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE:** On Friday, May 8 from 6-8pm, we will have our **Spring Fling!** Mrs. Sarah Hull will be spearheading this event! - More information coming very soon!
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### **Congratulations!**

- **Congratulations** to **Emily Woods** who was welcomed into the church and made 3 of her sacraments over break!
  - **Congratulations** to our alumni, Colin Halpin and Ian Waikel-Corral, for making the Honor Roll at Canisius High School in the 3rd Marking Period!
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### **Thank You!**

- Thank you to everyone who bought Easter Eggs!
  - Thank you to the 8th grade led by Mrs. McDonell who beautifully presented the Living Stations of the Cross before break!
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### **Faith Formation Information**

- Attention First Holy Communion students!: The retreat will be held this Saturday, April 18 from 8:45-12:30 at the Faith Formation Center - 2748 Military Rd. Parents need to arrive at noon for a prayer service. Banners are also due on this day, if you have not previously handed them in.
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## Clubs & Sports

- **LAST CALL!** Trimester 3 clubs start next week. Sign ups went home before break. Each club is \$20 per child, and will be held on Tuesdays beginning April 21. Spots are limited!
    - ★ K-2 - Mini Cooking Club with Mrs. Connolly & Miss Dimpy - CLOSED
    - ★ Gr. 3-5 - Book Club with Mrs. Woods - few spots remaining
    - ★ Gr. 5-8 - Fibers Club (Textile/Crocheting) with Miss Meranto - few spots remaining
    - ★ Gr. 5-8 - Lacrosse Club with Mr. Magil - few spots remaining
  - **Volleyball:** Continue to follow the practice and game schedule.
  - **Weekly clubs:** Chorus Club (Wednesday) & Theater Club (Thursdays and Fridays) until 4:30 moving forward
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## Fundraising Updates

• **Nothing Bundt Cakes!** - Treat the sweet people in your life! 🍩💕 Order forms are enclosed again in today's folders. All orders and payment are due by Thursday, April 30. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, May 7—just in time for Mother's Day!

• **Show off that CANF School Spirit!!! We have merchandise and Spirit Wear on sale now!**

CANF Fleece Blanket - \$30

CANF Car Magnet - \$5

Spirit Wear - see enclosed flyer - Orders and payments are due on Thursday, April 30th!

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## Reminders

### 1. **Amazing School Recognition Days** 🙌🌟

Friday, May 1 - Principal Richards' day

May 4-8 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week - We had a lot of positive feedback from doing a Sign Up Genius the past few years. The link will be sent out soon!

2. Sign up now for our week-long summer camp - Aug 3-7! The **Summer Camp Sign Up** went home last week.

3. **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!**

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## Looking Ahead

- ❖ Thursday, May 14 at 6:30pm - Want to be more involved in our wonderful school? We will be having a FSA meeting to review the year, plan for next year, etc. Mark your calendars!
  - ❖ Friday, May 15 - Please mark your calendars and join us for one of the most beautiful celebrations of our school year. All students will have a special role in our May Crowning Paraliturgy, which will also include the 8th Grade Hope Ribbon Ceremony. We warmly welcome all families and friends and hope to fill the church for this meaningful tradition. We are also honored that our Diocesan Superintendent will be in attendance.
  - ❖ Tuesday, May 19th is the Dairy Queen Fundraiser!
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