

Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | May 13, 2026

 **Message from the Principal**

Dear Families,

As we continue through the beautiful month of May, we are reminded in a special way of our love and devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Mary's faith, kindness, and willingness to say "yes" to God serve as an example for all of us and are values we strive to model in our Catholic Academy community each day.

We warmly invite all of our families to join us for our May Crowning on Friday at 1pm in the church as we gather together in prayer and honor Mary in this cherished Catholic tradition. It is always a meaningful celebration for our students, staff, and families, and we would love to have you with us.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. We look forward to celebrating together!

Blessings,
Principal Richards

 **Important Dates**

Thurs. 5/14 - 8:30am Ascension Thursday Mass K-8 - Remember our 8th Grade class will be presenting "One Bread, One Body"

Fri. 5/15 - Pre-K 4, Kindergarten, 8th Grade (11am), and First Communion (noon) pictures; 1pm May Crowning and 8th Grade Hope Ribbon Ceremony

Mon. 5/18 - Scholastic Book Fair begins - Volunteers are still needed for certain days

Tues. 5/19 - STAR Testing ELA; Gr. 6/7 Sacred Heart & St. Joe's Visit; LAST Trimester clubs; CANF DQ Fundraiser 6-8pm

Weds. 5/20- STAR Testing Math; Chorus Club

 **School News**

• **SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, August 27th - Welcome Back to School Picnic!**

★ NEW! This event will continue to have mingling, food, Uniform Swap, Blessing of the Backpacks, & Supply Drop off, BUT will now include orientation for all grades! It will no longer be the first week of school. Flyer to come within the next few weeks!

• The **CANF 2026-2027 Tentative School Calendar** is being finalized and will be released soon!

• Attention all families: Remember you must walk your child into school using door #1 after the 8am bell rings. You must sign them in late. There are no exceptions for safety and legal attendance reasons.

• Please join us this Friday, May 15th at 1pm in the church for our beautiful **May Crowning & Hope Ribbon Ceremony**.

- ★ 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/suits and arrive at school at 12.
- ★ Gr. 8 should dress up and arrive at school at 11am.
- ★ Interstate Pictures will be taken for Pre-K 4 End of the Year, Kindergarten Graduation, First Communion children and 8th Graders on this day.

• **Summer Tutoring** - If you are interested in having your child tutored at school over summer in ELA or Math, please see the letters enclosed in today's folder.

- Letters are enclosed for all, but a note is attached to those who have been recommended to be tutored over the summer from his/her current classroom teacher to improve or maintain.

• **Final Assessments** - All schedules will be sent through email and paper form from your child's teacher this week.

- For grade 8, they will take place the week of June 1-5th.
- For grades 3-7, they will take place mainly June 8-12th (some may be done the previous week as well).

• **Walkathon** - Information went home last week. This year it will take place on Friday, June 5th. Please be sure to turn in your permission slip, which includes the lunch counts, and the pledge envelope and sheet by 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! Money must be donated in cash or a check (no venmo to the school).

• Our **Art Festival & Scholastic Book Fair** will be next week Thursday, May 21 from 4-6pm.

The Art activities will run from 5-6pm. There will be no afterschool care.

- Art Festival - See the enclosed flyer! Art activities will run from 5-6pm.
- Scholastic Book Fair - email that will go out on Friday regarding Scholastic Book fair and how to set up your ewallet.

• **NF K-8 District Residents:** Half of our NF 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. Please **return** these forms **ASAP** as they are now past due. Call Miss Jen with any questions at ext. 201.

• **Field Trip Alert!** Grades 5-8 will be going to the Niagara Falls Americans baseball game on Thursday, June 11th! Permission slips will be coming home soon!

👏🌟 **Congratulations!**

- Congratulations to the **Halpin Family** who welcomed Francesco Louis to their family on Friday!
- Congratulations to **Annie Raepple** who will receive the 5th Grade Lions Club Award tonight!

- Congratulations to **Isabelle Forgione** who will be crowning Mary and to **Cara McDonell** and **Andrew Raeppe** who are the crown bearers.
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♥ Thank You!

- Thank you to **Mrs. Hull** who outdid herself again this year with the Cinco De Mayo Spring Fling Dance. Everyone was impressed by everything from the decorations to activities to drinks/snacks! Lots of fun was had all in attendance. Thank you to those who helped set up and volunteered their time! The link for all the professional photos taken from this event will be sent out tomorrow in a separate mass email.
 - See THANK YOUs below for **Teacher & Staff Appreciation week!**
 - Thank you to everyone who brought in bags to help package our bundtlets and to everyone who helped support our wonderful and sweet fundraiser!
 - **Junior Ranger Competition** - As of today, Abel is currently 4th in the Quarter-Finals! Voting for the semi-finalists ends Thursday, May 21 at 7pm! Thank you and keep the votes coming!
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⚽ Clubs & Sports

- **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 in the Gym. The brunch is being catered by Zendaya Smith's family, we are so grateful to them for this. Kids and coaches will eat at 8:45am with the awards beginning at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us at 9:30am.
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👥 FSA Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Scholastic Book Fair** - Thank you to Miss Amanda (Monday) & Mrs. Hull (Weds.) who volunteered to help run the Book Fair alongside Mrs. Edel (M-Th.). **We are still in need of at least one more volunteer for Tues. and Thurs. 10:30am-1:30pm and Thursday night 4-6pm.**
 - ❖ ⚾ **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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✝ Faith Formation


- ❖ **Join Faith Formation and Sister Joanne for Vacation Bible School!** This summer, the program will run from July 27 - July 31 for students entering Grades K-5 (in September).

The registration forms and photo permission are enclosed in today's folder. If you are a middle school student and would like to help out, please email Principal Richards.

Fundraising Updates

- **Nothing Bundt Cakes!** - Thank you to all those who supported this fundraiser! We raised \$1,400 so a huge thank you to all who purchased.
 - **CANF School Spirit orders** - Orders were submitted last week and there is typically a 2-week turnaround for this. We will keep you updated 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!
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Reminders

1. 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.
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. **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](#)
7. **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
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May Crowning Memo - REMINDER

Pre-K 4, K, 1, and 2 - Your child is to dress up fancy!

First Communion students - Report to school at 12 in your First Communion outfits to get your picture taken in the church. (If you are coming in at that time, be sure to eat lunch at home.)

8th Grade students - Report to school at 11am for your picture to be taken in the Gym. Please eat before coming in as well.

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

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week THANK YOUs

The teachers and staff were so grateful for the amount of love and appreciation they were shown last week. The teachers absolutely loved these days with the amazing food and their bellies full!

Thank you to everyone who made that possible:

Thank you to **The FSA Planning Team (Mrs. Kratts, Principal Richards, Miss Amanda & Mrs. Traver)** who planned the week to make sure teachers and staff were taken care of.

Thank you to **Mrs. Kratts**, who set up and organized the week using Sign Up Genius, made signs to let staff know what was expected that day, cooked meat, ran the snack train, etc. .

Thank you to **Miss Amanda** who ensured everything ran smoothly. She helped set up and take down each day, and made sure staff had exactly what they needed. We appreciate all the running around, Starbucks run & Chick-fil-A, you did to make us feel extra special and loved.

Thank you to **all the CANF families** who sent in items or donated money to make each of these days special (snack train, Taco Day, Starbucks run, yogurt parfaits, ice cream treats, Chic-fil-a, and more):

→ Abel, Akins, Atkinson, Balassone, Belkota, Breen, Currie, Daniels, Dawson, DiMatteo, Dosanjh, Douglas, Dyl, Edwards, Forgione, Furey, Gaeta, Griffith, Hook, Jakubowski, Kelly, Kladke, Kratts, LaFountain, Manera, Noel, McDonell, Raepplis, Rankin, Scherer, Steele, Streck, Sweney, Warner, Wittcop, & Woodruff

Thank you is an understatement! To anyone who we may have forgotten, we appreciate you!