Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | November 10, 2026
Growing Hearts & Minds

✉️ A Message from the Principal

Dear CANF Families,

Today, our CANF family came together for a special Veterans Day program to honor and thank the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to pause, reflect, and recognize the courage, sacrifices, and dedication of those who have helped protect our freedoms. We are especially grateful to the veterans in our own school families and community. Thank you for your service and for all you have given.

At Catholic Academy, we strive to teach our children the importance of gratitude, respect, kindness, and service to others. Days like today remind us that freedom is a gift, and that behind that gift are real people and families who have made tremendous sacrifices. I hope our students carry the spirit of today's celebration with them—not just on Veterans Day, but throughout the year. To all of our veterans and their families, thank you. We are proud to honor you and grateful to have you as part of our CANF family!

❤️Principal Richards🖤

📅 Important Dates

Weds. 11/11 - NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
Thurs. 11/12 - Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia order forms and payment are due!!; School store; JV Cheer 2:30-3:45 & V Cheer 3:45-5; JV boys and girls practice 5:30-7
Fri. 11/13 - Buffalo Bills Dress Down - Pay $3 or use Season Pass; 8:30 Mass Gr. K-8; CANF Meat Raffle
Sat. 11/14 - Swim Practice
Sun. 11/15 - Championship Swim Meet
Mon. 11/16 - Minis Cheer
Tues. 11/17 - LAST Trimester 1 Clubs for Chess and Art; Adopt a Family dress down $2 - Wear festive Thanksgiving or Christmas clothing or pajamas!

📚 School News

• We have **adopted a Family** for Christmas! - Grades Pre-K 3 - Gr. 1, Gr. 2-5, and Middle School have all adopted a child. CANF staff will be helping the grandparents.

- ★ To get our Christmas process started, we will have a dress down day on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Pay $2 and wear Thanksgiving or Christmas festive clothes (includes festive Pjs)!
- ★ More information to come!

• Join us for our **Thanksgiving Celebration** on Tuesday, Nov. 24 in the Gym! We will start at 9:15 with a Prayer Service, followed by Balloons over Broadway, and finishing with our 1st Trimester Honor Assembly.

- ➢ Our Pre-K 3 - Gr. 2 team will be participating in Balloons over Broadway. Look for more information from your child's teacher, the themes/colors are as follows:
  - Pre-K 3 - Very Hungry Caterpillar
  - Pre-K 4 - Bluey or blue
  - K - CANF School Spirit or red/black
  - Gr. 1 - Animals
  - Gr. 2 - Buffalo Sports (Bills, Bandits, Bisons, Sabres, etc)

• **Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 24.**

- ➔ **Pre-K 4 - Grade 5** is using Sign Up Genius to schedule conference times, and you should receive an email by this Friday.
- ➔ **Middle School** will be sending home conference requests.There will be no scheduled times, unless the teacher requests it. If you would like to meet with Middle School teachers, they will be available in the Gym from 3:30-5:30pm.

• **Friendly Reminders for the safety of our CANF Family**:

- ➔ If you would like to meet with a staff member, you must follow the guidelines and request that meeting in advance, find a time that works for everyone and state your reason for the meeting so that both parties can be adequately prepared.
- ➔ Parents/Guardians and visitors are only permitted to enter the school building with a preapproved purpose from the Office Door (Door #1), and sign in.

• **Lunch change:** Monday, Nov. 16 will be Froot Loops Waffles (instead of french toast).

• The **Christmas Eve Living Gospel**, formerly known as Christmas Pageant, information should have gone home with your child.

👏⭐Congratulations to . . .

- ★ US for receiving our Middle States Accreditation!

❤️ Thank You to . . .

- ❖ A huge thank you to **Miss Amanda** for spearheading our CANF Craft and Vendor Show over the weekend, alongside **Miss Jen** who helped bring it all together. Without them, our show wouldn't have been as successful as it was! Many thanks to the vendors/crafters, those who

came shopping, volunteers, and office staff who also helped make this event a success. It is greatly appreciated!

- ❖ Thank you to **Mrs.Connolly** who put together our beautiful Veterans Day Program today that included a prayer, the pledge, a poem, facts, skit and a song. Thank you to the teachers who had students create cards and beautiful artwork that was displayed. Thank you to those who attended our program.
- ❖ Thank you to all our **friends and family** who served this great nation!

🌟 Leadership Team

★ **Thanksgiving Food Drive Reminder -** Please remember to bring in non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry now through November 20th. Donations can be placed outside the sports showcase. For suggested items, please refer to the flyer sent home last week.Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping those in need this Thanksgiving season!

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 FSA Upcoming Events - 🎅☕

★ **Cookies & Cocoa with Santa** will take place on Saturday, December 5th! Please remember that forms and payment are due Tuesday, November 24th. Bring your friends and family along even if they don't attend CANF! Everyone is welcome to join in the holiday fun and start a new Christmas tradition!

💰 Fundraising Updates - Christmas is 45 days away!

➢ 🌺 **Christmas Wreaths & Poinsettias** orders and payment are due Thursday, Nov. 12!

📍 Pick-Up: Monday, November 23, from 12–3 p.m., just in time for Thanksgiving!

➢ 🎁 **NEW! Charleston Wrap Fundraiser -** Use the physical catalogue that was sent home last week and place all orders online. They are due Dec. 3rd!

- Register now - www.registercw.com -> Use the ID 32680
- Share your link to shop and support!

⚽ Clubs & Sports

★ Continue to follow your schedules for all sports and clubs!

★ **Basketball**

- Varsity practices begin today!
- JV Boys and Girls practice will begin Thursday from 5:30-7.

★ Trimester Clubs will end next week.

- Make up for Mrs. Woods will be Monday, Nov. 23.
- Chess Club will find a time when we can all get together and meet again.

🎄As you plan ahead for December, SAVE THE DATES . . .

- ☐ 14- **Blessing of the Bambinelli, Jesus' Birthday Celebration, and Los Posadas** - We encourage families to buy manger/nativity scenes, if you don't already have them present in your homes. This is a special tradition that we bless the baby Jesus and then wrap him up to be opened on Christmas day.
- ☐ 15- **Special Christmas Day** - We know many are out shopping so we wanted to let you know the themes for this year.
  - ☐ Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4 - Gingerbread (Wear Gingerbread themed clothing or brown)
  - ☐ Gr. K & Gr. 1 - North Pole (Wear anything Christmas)
  - ☐ Gr. 2-4 - Polar Express (Wear Pajamas)
  - ☐ Gr. 5 - 8 - A Christmas Carol (Wear anything Christmas)
- ☐ 16 - Our **Christmas Program** this year will have 2 parts on 1 day only. The first part will begin at 9am in the gym. Pre-K 3 & 4 will do 2 songs, followed by our CANF Christmas Short: Footprints to the Manger, which will feature select 8th graders and songs by Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade. At 1pm, the second half will begin. Our CANF chorus will perform a few songs followed by our CANF Band. Please plan accordingly.
- ☐ 17 - 8:30 - MSM Santa Band-> Christmas Stations
- ☐ 19- Cozy Christmas Day - 10:30 Dismissal and No After School Care

(More information to come on all events.)

Community Connections:

Cool School Challenge Polar Plunge! ❄️

Join Harper Marrs on Friday, December 4th at 4:00 PM for the Cool School Challenge Polar Plunge in support of the Inclusion Revolution for WNY Special Olympics!

Use the QR code to register your child(ren) and be part of this fun event supporting an amazing cause! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!
