

## Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | February 4, 2026

### A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As we look out at the fresh snowfall, we are reminded of how beautiful this season can be - the sense of calm and the fun winter activities.

Cold winter days also remind us of the importance of care and preparedness. Thank you for ensuring your children come to school dressed warmly and ready to enjoy both learning and the season safely.

Winter offers us a special opportunity to slow down, appreciate nature, and practice kindness and patience with one another. We are grateful for your continued partnership and for the warmth our families bring to our school community—even on the coldest days.

Wishing you a safe, cozy, and joyful continued winter season.

Warm regards,  
**Principal Richards**

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### Important Dates

**Wed. 2/4** - Pre-K 3, 4, and Kindergarten Open House 6-7pm; Easter Candy Sale begins today  
**Thurs. 2/5** - CSW Hoedown!; Lollipop Sale ends; Theater Club  
**Fri. 2/6** - Dress down for those who attended the 1/24 or 1/25 CSW mass; Gr. 4-8 Mass; 9:45 Magic Show Gr. Pre-K - Gr. 4; 11am dismissal K-8 - Staff Meeting  
**Mon. 2/9** - **Happy Birthday Miss Natalie!**; 8th Grade Mass at the Cathedral  
**Tues. 2/10** - Pep Rally, Trimester 2 Clubs for Mini Book Club, Kindness Krew, Bible Studies  
**Wed. 2/11** - Gr. 4+7 History Museum Field Trip; Soccer Shots Pre-K 3+4; Basketball Championships at O'Hara {Varsity Boys at 5, Varsity Girls at 6}

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### School News

• Volunteers for the auction are needed! Sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A5A72EA0FDC16-61813401-2026>

Incentive: Each volunteer will receive 1 free sheet of green tickets and 1 meal voucher that is good for 1 food item and 1 drink. If his/her child attends CANF, he/she will also receive a free dress down pass for the child(ren) to use on Monday, March 9. Thank you in advance for signing up!


- Attention: **Middle School Students and Alumni** - We need your help too! Please fill out the sheet below and return to school if you are able to help by running baskets either Saturday night or Sunday morning. This will count towards your service hours!
  - **Hot Dog Lunch** - Hot dog lunches will be served on Feb. 10th and 24th this month. Many students are asking for seconds. Although we cannot provide a 2nd one for free, we can offer it for \$1. So starting on Tuesday, 2/10, if your child wants an extra hot dog, have them order it with their teacher and bring in \$1 labeled in an envelope.
  - **School Tours** - If you know of a prospective family, please encourage them to make an appointment to tour the school by contacting Miss Jen at 283-1455 x 201.
  - **Tax information** - Our Tax number is 02-0615471. If you need a letter, please email Max at [mmenshon@catholicacademynf.org](mailto:mmenshon@catholicacademynf.org).
  - **Cold or Snow Days** - Remember when Niagara Falls closes so do we. You should receive a robo text and usually an email. If you did not last week, please notify the office.
  - If you are on social media, PLEASE HELP US BY SHARING OUT OUR Facebook POSTS!
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## Catholic School Updates

- Color Madness
    - ★ Coloring Contest winners (in grade order) - earned a PJ dress down pass
      - Emmitt, Sutton, Charlie D., Jaxson R., Leo C., Avery A., Patrick H., Aubrey D., Annie R., Caylee I., Alex D., Sofia G., Andrew R.
  - Tropical Thursday
    - ★ Many BINGO winners received special prizes and treats
    - ★ Limbo Contest Winners - earned a dress down pass
      - Jaxson R., Kate R., Julia L., Pierceton T., Sofia G., Isabella W., Jack H.
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## Thank You!

- Thank you to Principal Richards and Mrs. Bieniek who planned many fun activities for Color Madness Day!
- Thank you to Pierce Charnock's Uncle and ABC Rental who allowed us to borrow the bounce houses!
- Thank you to Miss Allison, Mrs. Matheis, & Miss Carney who planned Tropical Thursday and went all out with decor, activities, and prizes!
- Thank you to the Holi-YAY Day Team (Miss Dimpy, Miss Maria, Miss Nunzio, Mrs. McDonell, & Mrs. Connolly) who planned a successful day celebrating all different national days/holidays and doing service projects!
- Thank you to Mr. Magil, Miss MacKenzie, and Mrs. Woods for planning yesterday's CANF Game Day! The children loved being with their team and competing in BINGO, 4 Corner, Floor is Lava, and Jeopardy.

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-  Congratulations to our Mount Saint Mary's Alumni who made Honor Roll:
- ★ First Honors - Grace Cohen, Parleen Dosanjh, Ellie Muth, Harshita Sharma, Jazmeet Dosanjh
  - ★ Merit Roll - Annabelle U'Ren
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## Clubs & Sports

- **Congratulations** to Leo (5th), Logan (6th), and Erik (7th) who played in the Chess Tournament last weekend!
  - **Volleyball** - Information will be coming in the next couple weeks
  - **Soccer Shots** for Pre-K 3+4: Wednesdays from 2:20-3:00 PM - (Pickup at Door #2)
  - **2nd Trimester Clubs** have begun! All clubs still have open spots! \$20 fee for Gr. 6-8 (5 classes left); \$16 fee for Gr. K-5 (as 1 class has been missed)
  - Weekly clubs: Chorus Club (Wednesday), Theater Club (Thursday)
  - Our Basketball season is wrapping up. **Come cheer on BOTH of our Basketball teams at the Championship Games at Cardinal O'Hara on Wednesday, Feb. 11th! The Boys tip-off at 5pm, and the Girls follow at 6pm. GO WOLVES!!!**
    - ★ **JV Basketball** has ended for the season, what growth they have shown this year. It has been fun watching. You can begin returning washed jerseys in a bag with your students name on it.
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## Fundraising Update

- **LAST CALL! Valentine's Lollipop Sale** ends tomorrow! All order forms and payment are due!
  - **Easter Candy Sale** - The sale begins today and will end Feb. 19th. The orders will get delivered the week of March 16th. The catalogue is in today's folder.
  - **School Spirit Wear** orders were delivered on Monday, and were delivered to the students today. There were a few issues and we will contact you if you are affected. Thank you for your patience as that took way longer than expected due to the weather.
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## Auction Reminder - March 6-7

- **Pre-sale order forms** went home last week! Please share with all family and friends. Order and payments are due Feb. 27th.
- Reminder notes went home to families who have not yet donated a basket, gift card or cash valued at \$25 or higher. Thank you to all the families who have given since the note went home!
- Classroom baskets - Keep bringing in those donations! Baskets are looking great!

- We need LOTS of **volunteers** to work Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! Use the sign up genius link! Please look at your schedule and volunteer (even if it's for just a couple of hours). Sign up with your friends or family members to guarantee a fun time!
  - Everyone's participation is necessary to make the Auction a success!
  - **Be on the look out for FB posts of the donated items! We have so many great items!**
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## Reminders

1. Stocking Stuffers can be used until March 5. This date may be adjusted by Principal Richards due to snow days/CSW if needed.
  2. Registration packets for the **2025-2026 school year** went home last week! If you didn't get one, please contact the office!
  3. **BISON Scholarship** - Renewal applications open in February; New family pre-applications (this includes current Pre-K 4 families who have a child entering Kindergarten) open now through March 31, Visit [www.bisonfund.org](http://www.bisonfund.org) for more information
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## Looking Ahead

- ❖ 2/13 - Valentine's Day Celebrations
- ❖ 2/14-2/20 - Kindness Week begins
- ❖ NO SCHOOL 2/16

# ATTENTION CANF FAMILIES:

## Middle School Students and Alumni

### Auction Help Needed!

Please return this sheet ASAP if you are willing to volunteer at the Auction by running baskets.

Middle School Student/Alumni's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Any CANF current student who volunteers for a shift will receive a dress down pass for Monday, March 9th!

**I am interested and available to help with the auction in the following way(s):**

\_\_\_ run baskets at the auction Saturday, March 7th

☐ 8:00pm-10:30pm

☐ Specific time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ run baskets and help clean up on Sunday, March 8th

☐ 10am-1pm

☐ Specific time: \_\_\_\_\_