

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

With Valentine's Day on Saturday, I want to take a moment to reflect on the importance of love in its many forms—kindness, respect, empathy, and care for one another.

At school, we encourage students to show love not just through cards or treats, but through their actions: including others, offering help, using kind words, and showing appreciation for the people around them. These small moments of connection make a big difference in building a strong and supportive school community.

Thank you for partnering with us as we guide our students to grow not only academically, but also as caring and compassionate individuals.

Wishing you and your family a joyful and love-filled Valentine's season.

Warm regards,

Principal Richards

Important Dates

Thurs. 2/12 - 100th Day of School (Students may wear 100th day shirts.); Varsity All Star Games @ CANF; Theater Club

Fri. 2/13 - Dress down in pink or red for Valentine's Day!; Gr. 2-8 Mass; Lollipop Deliveries

Sat. 2/14 - Happy Valentine's Day!; Kindness Week begins

Sun. 2/15 - "Random Act of Kindness" - Do a random act of kindness today!

Mon. 2/16 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day!; "Cozy up with Kindness" - Wear pjs or comfy clothes.

Tues. 2/17 - **NO NF/NT/NW/GI bussing**; "Kindness is in the Heart of a Hero" - add a mask or cape to your uniform; Trimester 2 Clubs for Mini Book Club, Kindness Krew, Bible Studies

Wed. 2/18 - **NO NW or GI bussing**; "We are Tied Together by Kindness" - Add an item of tie dye to your uniform; Ash Wednesday Mass Gr. K-8; Soccer Shots Pre-K 3+4

*Correction from Feb. Calendar: There will be NT and NF bussing Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday!

 Congratulations to our Canisius Alumni who made Honor Roll:

★ Colin Halpin & Ian Waikel-Corral

School News

- **Kindness Week** begins Saturday. Please see the enclosed flyer!
- **Lunch menu item change:** Wednesday, Feb. 18 will be fish tacos.
- **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!**
- **Lunch help needed:** During Auction week (March 2-5), lunches will be held in the classrooms. We need a few volunteers to help with lunch times 10:30-1. Please contact Principal Richards or the main office if you can help any of the days!

Thank You!

- Thank you to Miss Meranto, Coach Kyle, and Mr. D who put together a wonderful Hoedown day! A school favorite for sure!
- Thank you to Rob & Carol Allen who put on a marvelous Magic Show for us on Friday! The kids were amazed and learned a lot.
- Thank you to all those who volunteered for the auction already - parents and MS students! It is appreciated as the schedule gets filled in!
- Thank you to all of our basketball and cheer coaches - Miss Traver, Miss Dominguez, Coach Ken, Mr. D'Angelo, Coach Kyle, Mr. Polster, Mr. D, Coach Kaycie, & Miss MacKenzie for another wonderful season! We appreciate all of your time spent dedicated to the players' growth!
- Thank you to those who supported the Valentine's Lollipop Sales!

Clubs & Sports

- **Congratulations** to Madeline, Zendaya, Alyssa, Garri, Andrew, Seth, Jax, and Bobby who will be representing CANF in the ALL STAR game tomorrow!
- Come cheer on the Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams tonight as they play in the Championship at 5pm and 6pm at O'Hara! Go Wolves!
- **Volleyball** - There will be 1 team this year for players in grades 6-8. Information will be coming next week!
- **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)
- **Basketball** ends tonight!. Sports pictures are not until April 17th, which is a long time for things to get lost. Please send in your child's WASHED jersey in a bag, labeled with their name. We will keep it here and get it to them for pictures.
- **Cheer** practices have ended. Refer to the hot pink note that went home on Monday for details about tonight. Please keep your uniforms in a safe place and hold onto your uniforms until Sports Picture Day on April 17. If you do not return them after Sports pictures, you will be charged \$100.

Fundraising Update

- **Easter Candy Sale** - The sale began last week and will end Feb. 19th. The orders will get delivered the week of March 16th. The catalogue was in last week's folder, and if you need more, please call the school office.
- **School Spirit** - Do you want a car magnet or school blanket? Call the main office to order now!
- **Night at the Races** - Look for information for this new fundraising event to come in upcoming weeks!

Auction - March 6-7

- **Pre-sale order forms** went home! Please share with all family and friends. Order and payments are due Feb. 27th.
- Another reminder is going home today to families who have not yet donated a basket, gift card or cash valued at \$25 or higher.
- **Classroom baskets** - Your child's teacher should be in contact with you if you have not yet donated. Items/donations are due Friday, Feb. 20th!

Reminders

1. If you are on social media, PLEASE HELP US BY SHARING OUT OUR Facebook POSTS!
2. **Tax information** - Our Tax number is 02-0615471. If you need a letter, please email Max at mmenshon@catholicacademynf.org.
3. 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!
4. Stocking Stuffers can be used until March 5. This date may be adjusted by Principal Richards due to snow days/CSW if needed.
5. Registration packets for the **2025-2026 school year** went home last week! If you didn't get one, please contact the office!
6. **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 for more information

Looking Ahead

- ❖ 2/25 - Theater of Youth Field Trip Gr. 2-5; NO ART or GYM classes
- ❖ 3/20 - 2nd Trimester Honor Assembly 1pm in the Church followed by Stations of the Cross at 1:30pm

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: _____