



Catholic Academy's Weekly Newsletter
Adventure Awaits
 December 11, 2024



			Thurs. 12/12 Honor Day Pay \$2 and dress down in pajamas to benefit our Christmas Service Projects!** NO Cheer practice	Fri. 12/13 8:30am Gr. K-8 - Christmas Mass with Father Stew Last Day to order Candygram and Stocking Stuffers
Mon. 12/16 Elf Richards is back! Jesus' Birthday Celebration 8:30am Pre-K 3 Christmas Program 10:30am Pre-K 4 Christmas Program Musical Rehearsal 2:30-4:30 Full cast in costume	Tues. 12/17 Babinelli & Morning Meeting Special Christmas Day Musical Rehearsal 2:30-4:30 Full cast	Weds. 12/18 8:30am Christmas Program & Musical 11am O'Hara Christmas Concert Stocking Stuffers go home	Thurs. 12/19 Christmas Stations Candygram delivery Service project items due 7pm K-2 Christmas Program and "Journey to Bethlehem" Musical (call time 5pm)	Fri. 12/20 Cozy Day 10:30am dismissal - Pre-K 3 - Gr. 8 No After School Care

THANK YOUs:

A huge THANK YOU to Miss Amanda and her team who did an amazing job at our 2nd Annual Cookies and Cocoa with Santa event over the weekend. Everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you also to her for setting up and running Santa's Secret Shop (Merry Moose) again this year. The children enjoyed picking out gifts, and we hope you like them as much as they did!

SCHOOL NEWS:

As you are probably aware, another **winter storm** is forecasted to hit the area tonight. If you see that Niagara Falls City Schools are closed, we are also closed. If that happens and causes school to close, you will be notified through email. We

are presently not using a robocall system. Tomorrow's pajama day will then move to Friday.

The **January school calendar** and **lunch calendar** are enclosed.

Monday, Dec. 16 - Elf Richards is back! Make sure you are on time to see where she is! It's also the school-wide "**Jesus' Birthday Celebration**" and Las Posadas! Children are asked to dress however they would if they were attending Jesus' Birthday party. The day will be filled with celebrating Jesus, the real meaning of Christmas. We will have cupcakes, sing "Happy Birthday", engineer gifts for the baby Jesus, and watch a movie. The Pre-K 3 program will begin at 8:30 and the Pre-K 4 at 10:30. Follow your teacher's directives on what to wear.

Tuesday, Dec. 17- It's the Blessing of the Bambinelli and "Special Christmas Day"! For the "Special Christmas Day", follow the directives from your child's teacher.

- ★ Pre-K 3 - Prep & Landing; Pre-K 4 - Gingerbread; K - Elf Day!; 1st & 2nd - Eloise at Christmas Time; 3rd & 4th - Grinch Day!; 5th - Cozy Cabin Day!; 6/7/8th - Home Alone

For **Bambinelli** - We will be celebrating the Blessing of the Bambinelli during our Advent Service on Tuesday, December 17. We are asking that each student bring their baby Jesus from their family Manger to be blessed. Once Jesus is blessed tradition says he is to be wrapped in Christmas paper and placed under the Christmas tree. On Christmas morning, he is the first gift to be opened. What a wonderful way to include Jesus and remind ourselves that Jesus is the reason for the season. Do not worry! Each child will be making a baby Jesus in school, just in case your family does not have one.

Wednesday, Dec. 18th - Beginning at 8:30am our Pre-K 3 and 4 students will sing a song or 2. Then we will have our K-2 program followed by the Band performance, a 15 minute intermission, and then our "Journey to Bethlehem" Musical will begin. At 11am, Cardinal O'Hara will be here to perform a Christmas Concert for us. Pre-K 3 - Gr. 2 students, please wear what your teachers have told you. Musical Students wear what your director has told you. All other students should be wearing their regular school uniform.

Thursday, Dec. 19th - It's our school wide **Christmas Party Stations**. Students may dress in Christmas clothing or colors! This day will be filled with 3 Christmas

themed stations. Our chorus will be Christmas Caroling throughout the halls! Join us tonight at 7pm for our K-2 Christmas Program, followed by the Band performance, a 15 minute intermission, and then our "Journey to Bethlehem" Musical.

Friday, Dec. 20th - Wear your cozy clothes! It is a 10:30am dismissal with no after school care.

FSA UPDATES:

HELP & GIFT CARDS needed for our Christmas Stations! In order to make our Christmas Stations successful, we will need more volunteers. We are also in need of **\$5 gift card donations** for the gift card walk. Please fill out the attached form and send in your donation. Thank you for those families who have done so already.

The School Office will be reaching out to those who volunteered to work the Christmas Stations soon with more information.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS & SERVICE PROJECT UPDATES:

- ❖ Thank you to those who donated towards **Father Mario's Christmas Gift**. If you would still like to make a monetary donation, please return it by Fri., Dec. 13th.
- ❖ If you would like to donate baby items to support **St. Mary's Center of Life** or items for **Bags of Love**, please send them in by Thurs., Dec. 19th.

SPORTS & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES:

- ★ **Sports players and Cheerleaders** continue to follow the schedule that went home.

FUNDRAISING UPDATES:

- ❖ **LAST CALL!!! Candygram and Stocking Stuffer Sale** ends this Friday, Dec. 13th. Each Candygram sells for \$1 and each set of 5 dress downs sells for \$5.
- ❖ **12 Days of Christmas Gift Card Raffle drawings began last week!** Each day we will do LIVE drawings around 12:30.
- ❖ **Santa's Secret Shop** was so much fun! Thank you to **Miss Amanda** for running it once again. The children loved shopping.

❖ **SUPER BINGO:** A flyer was enclosed in last week's folder! Please call the school office if you are interested in working the event as we need volunteers or if you would like to purchase tickets.

➤ Don't forget tickets will be sold at St. Leo's site on Dec. 14 from 5-7pm!

❖ **INCENTIVE ALERT!** Remember our 16th annual **Auction** will be March 7 & 8. All Fundraising Families are required to donate a basket of at least \$25, and we also encourage non-fundraising families to donate. ****For each basket (up to 3) donated by Friday, Jan. 17th, you will receive a free sheet of green tickets.****

SAVE THE DATE: Our Pre-K 3 + 4 and Kindergarten **Open House** will be held on Wednesday, February 5th!

**** This is the last newsletter until Jan. 2, 2025! ****

From our CANF Family to Yours, we wish you the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years!

A Message from Father Mario

Dear Catholic Academy Families,

Warm greetings from the Philippines! I miss you all.

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you for all your prayers for my mom. I appreciate you all.

I pray for all of you that the grace of God be yours this Christmas. It is my fervent wish that each of you receives the blessings of Jesus. I believe the faces of our children best express the true meaning of Christmas. To the parents and friends of the Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls, I will remember you and your loved ones with love as I celebrate Mass this Christmas. Our students and teachers are doing great this school year and I am so proud of them.

Enjoy your Christmas break with your family and loved ones. I'll see you in the New Year!

In Christ, Father Mario

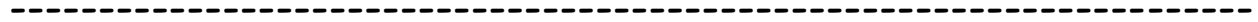
Christmas Gift Card Walk
Must be quantities of \$5



Child's name: _____

___ I have enclosed my \$5 gift card donation(s).

___ I will be sending my \$5 gift card donation(s).



LAST CALL
Stocking Stuffer: 5 Days of Dress Down
Grades K-8 & Staff

*\$5 for 1 pack of dress down days for 1 person. Please write down EACH name for different packs!

Child's name: _____

Gr. _____

Child's name: _____

Gr. _____

Child's name: _____

Gr. _____



Amount enclosed: _____



Candygram Orders - \$1 each

Candygrams from _____

Gr. _____

Please send candygrams to . . .

1. Name: _____

Gr. _____

2. Name: _____

Gr. _____

3. Name: _____

Gr. _____

4. Name: _____

Gr. _____

5. Name: _____

Gr. _____



LAST CALL
Stocking Stuffer: 5 Days of Dress Down
Pre-K 3+4

***\$5 for 1 pack of pajamas dress down days for 1 person. Please write down EACH name for different packs!**

Child's name: _____

Gr. _____

Child's name: _____

Gr. _____

Child's name: _____

Gr. _____

Amount enclosed: _____

