



Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | May 27, 2026

 **Message from the Principal Athletic Director**

Dear Families,

I have taken over this section of the newsletter this week! This Friday we will be celebrating our athletes with a Sports Brunch and Awards Ceremony. This has become an annual tradition and one of my favorite days of the year. It is so impressive to see how many of our students are involved in sports. We push them to be good students and we push them to be respectful athletes as well. Our students impress me year in and year out with their hard work and dedication. Especially impressive is the fun we all have together. It has been an honor coaching here for the last 15 years. Thank you to all of the parents that have sacrificed family time so that your child may play with us. Thank you to all of the families that have put in time helping us make these sports successful through coaching, assisting, selling concessions, and the hundred other things you do. Finally, the biggest thank you I can find to Zendaya Smith and Family for catering this year's Sports Brunch. They came up with the menu, and all that goes with it. I cannot wait to celebrate together.

 Mr. D. 

 **Important Dates**

Thurs. 5/28 - Principal Richards' Birthday, but she will be out for Principals meeting

Fri. 5/29 - 8:45am Sports Brunch; 11am dismissal K-8

- Sports Brunch: the awards ceremony/presentation starts at 9:30am (Parents are warmly invited to join us at this time!) Student athletes can wear their gym uniforms!

Sun. 5/31 - Mrs. McDonell's Birthday!

Mon. 6/1 - Happy 7th Anniversary of Father Mario's Ordination!; Final Assessments Gr. 8

Tues. 6/2 - Final Assessments Gr. 8; Scholarships & Snacks 9:30am

Weds. 6/3 - Final Assessments Gr. 8; Last day of band

Thurs. 6/4 - Final Assessments Gr. 8

Fri. 6/5 - Miss Jen's Birthday; Walkathon

 **School News**

- **June school and lunch calendars** are enclosed.
- The **CANF 2026-2027 Tentative School Calendar** will be coming home today! Please mark important dates like the first day of school, which will be Tuesday, Sept. 1.

- **Your Walkathon permission slip, lunch order, and pledges are due tomorrow!!** 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). If you have not yet turned in your forms, you will be receiving a friendly reminder in today's folder.
 - **Scholarships & Snacks** will be held on Tuesday, June 2 by invitation only. Please be sure to return your RSVP slip by Friday, 5/29.
 - **Game Day** help is needed! Coach Kyle is working on Game day, Tuesday, June 16th for Grades 1-7. If you are able to help that day, please return the slip that was sent home today
 - **Grades 5-8** will be going to the Niagara Falls Americans baseball game on Thursday, June 11th! The permission slips went home last week. The money and permission slip are due on Thursday, June 4th.
 - **Attention After-School Care families: Here are a few reminders**
 - May monthly bills are being sent home in today's folder.
 - All May & June monthly accounts must be paid in full by Thursday, June 11th.
 - All hourly accounts will be sent the May bill in next week's folder, and a final bill in the June 10th folder. After the 10th, please pay daily. Hourly bills should be paid no later than Tuesday, June 16th.
 - The final day of After School Care will be Tuesday, June 16th.
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★ Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **Miss Meranto** on another successful Art Festival. The children's artwork was beautifully displayed, and the passports and Around the World theme was loved by all!
 - Congratulations to **Abel** who placed 3rd in the Quarter-Finals. Thank you for all your votes in the **Junior Ranger Competition!!**
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Thank You!

- Thank you to **Ms. Mortise**, the band director, and **Mrs. Connolly**, chorus teacher, who helped the children put on a beautiful Spring performance!
 - Thank you to **Miss Amanda, Mrs. Hull, Mrs. Edel, & Miss Carney** for running the **Scholastic Book Fair**. The students loved buying new books!
 - Thank you to the **teachers** who planned wonderful class trips for Grades 6/7/8 yesterday. Fun was had by all.
 - Thank you to **Mrs. McDonell** who organized the Grades 6/7 Day of Service this morning!
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Clubs & Sports

- **Weekly clubs:** The Last Chorus Club (Wednesdays) will be June 10th!
 - The **Sports Brunch** will be this Friday, May 29th.
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Fundraising Updates

- **CANF School Spirit orders** - Orders were delivered to the school yesterday and have gone home today with your child if you ordered. If there are any issues, please call the main office.
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Faith Formation

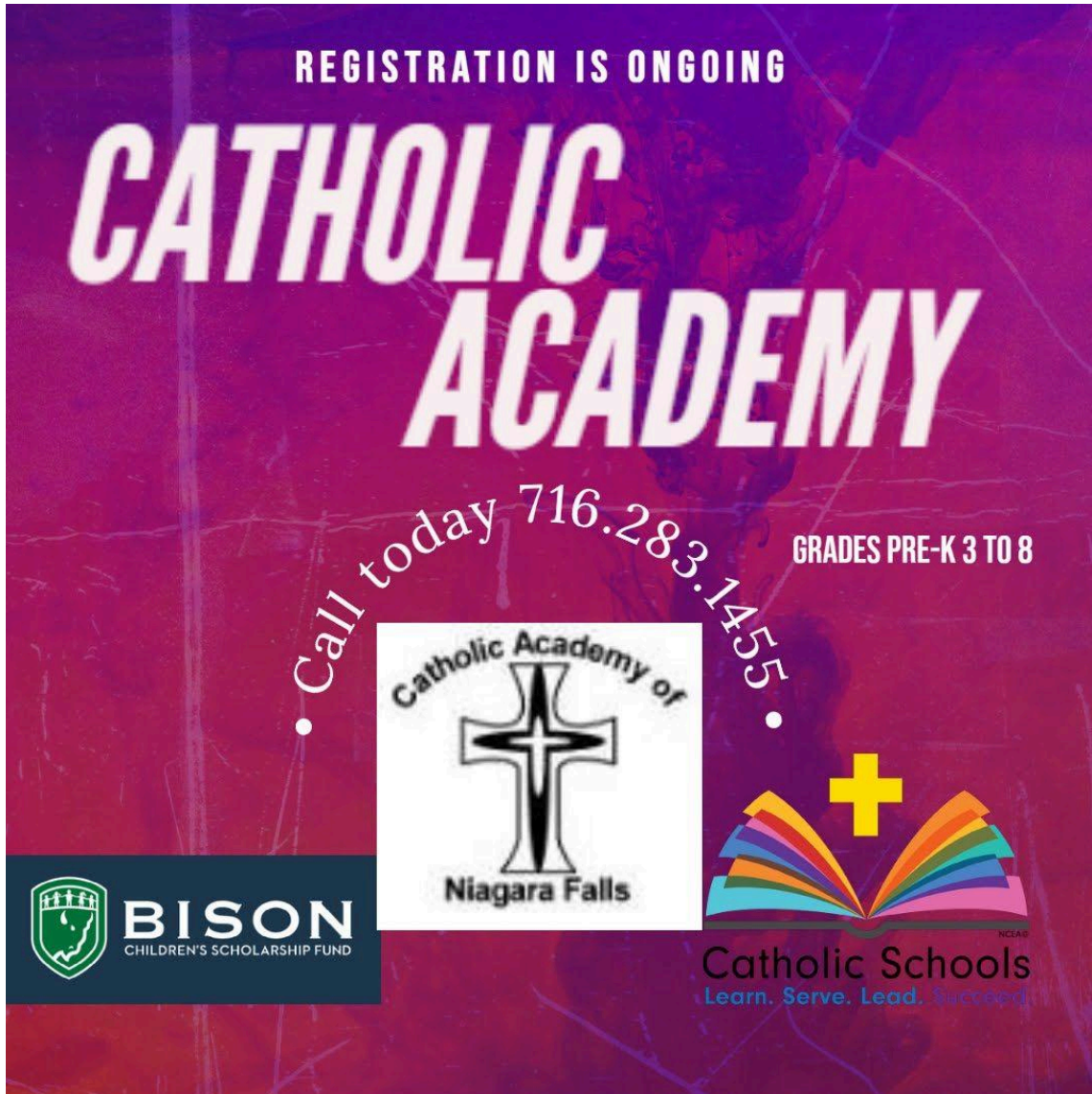
- ❖ **Attention Parents of 8th Graders:** if your child is entering 9th grade in a public school in the fall, they will need to enroll in the Confirmation Preparation Program in order to be confirmed. Students who will be attending a Catholic High School must enroll in the Confirmation Program in their 10th grade year. Catholic High Schools do not prepare the young people for Confirmation. If you have questions, contact Sr. Joanne at (716) 803-6049.
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Reminders

1. Please return your signed **Tuition Agreement** by Thursday, June 4. There is also a copy of your Tuition Statement for you to keep. BISON and Financial Aid may still be pending for some families. Email Principal Richards at jrichards@catholicacademyntf.org with any questions.
2. **SAVE THE DATES**
 - July 23 at 6:30 - CANF Family Night at the Niagara Falls Americans Baseball Game
 - July 27-31 - 9am-12 - Vacation Bible School - Join Faith Formation and Sister Joanne for Vacation Bible School!
 - Aug. 3-7 - Summer Camp - Sign up before it's too late! Call the office for information.
 - Aug. 27 - Welcome Back to School Picnic! The flyer went home last week.
3. **Summer Tutoring** - If you signed your child up for tutoring, you should be receiving an email shortly to schedule the time.
4. **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!

5. **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](#)

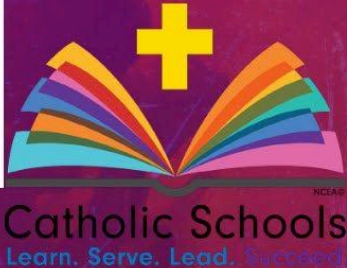




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GRADES PRE-K 3 TO 8



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