

2017

**WELCOME
TO
CATHOLIC ACADEMY
OF
NIAGARA FALLS
HOME-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

2018

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What is the Home-School Association?

The Home-School Association is another name for our parent/teacher group.

Who belongs to the Home-School Association?

All parents or guardians of students attending Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls are members.

What is the purpose of the Home-School Association?

The purpose is to work with school administrators and teachers in promoting the welfare of the children, educate the members in the aims of education -- Catholic education in particular, and provide supplementary financial aid to the school.

How does the Home-School Association achieve its purpose?

This year, the Home-School Association will achieve its purpose by holding 5 family gatherings throughout the school year. Events are held in the evening in the school gym from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This year's gathering dates are:

September 27	Wednesday	Back to School Picnic & Games
November 3	Friday	Fall Fest
December 15	Friday	Christmas Caroling
February 2	Friday	Valentine's Dance
April 20	Friday	Carnival

We will end the year with a Teacher Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, May 2nd.

Who do I contact if I would like more information or have any questions concerning the Home-School Association?

You can send in a note to the office marked Lisa Sanders Home-School President and it will be answered as soon as possible. You may also contact Lisa at 628-1861.

HOME-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DATES OF INTEREST

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Candy Bar Sale begins
- 13 Parent Orientation
Football Frenzy begins
- 19 Dads Take Your Child to School Day - Refreshments
- 27 HSA Gathering – Back to School Picnic

OCTOBER

- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- 3 HSA Gathering – Fall Fest
- 17 Honor Assembly - Refreshments

DECEMBER

- 2 Craft & Vendor Show, Pancake Breakfast
- 15 HSA Gathering – Christmas Caroling
- 20 Christmas Parties

JANUARY

- 17 Easter Candy Sale begins
- 26 Honor Assembly - Refreshments
- 30 CSW Mass with Bishop Malone
- 31 Open House

FEBRUARY

- 2 HSA Gathering – Valentines Dance

MARCH

- 2/3 Basket Auction

APRIL

- 13 Honor Assembly - Refreshments
- 16 Generation Celebration
- 20 HAS Gathering - Carnival

MAY

- 2 Teacher Recognition Dinner
- 10 Art Festival & Chiavetta's Dinner, Cash & Cards Raffle

JUNE

- 14 Sixth Grade Class Nite – Hosted by 5th Grade Parents
- 19 Gr. 1 – 5 Game Day & Picnic

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2017 – 2018 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DESCRIPTIONS OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed below are brief descriptions of events that we do throughout the year. Each event is a big undertaking so we depend on our parents to help out. Any amount of time that you are able to help will be greatly appreciated – no amount is too small.

The first **six are required** Academy Fundraisers:

Candy Bar Sale – This sale starts within the first week of school and usually lasts until the end of September. Volunteers are needed to get the boxes of candy bars out to the children.

Football Frenzy – This sale will start mid-September. Tickets are sold for \$10.00. Each ticket runs for 10 weeks and each week has three random teams assigned to it. Total weekly prizes are \$400.00 and are based on the total scores of the games. 15 tickets are required to be sold.

March Madness – Just like Football Frenzy, this \$10.00 ticket is a chance to win 46 monetary prizes. 15 tickets are required to be sold.

Basket Auction – What a GREAT event!! This fundraiser has something for everyone! First you can help by selling raffle tickets for a \$500 cash prize or prizes valued over \$300. You can also help set up, help at the auction in many different areas, help clean up, and most importantly, you can help gather items to raffle off for the auction. Each family is required to donate a basket valued at \$25 or more. The more items available, the more money raised. After all the prep work is done you can invite many friends and relatives and come out and have a very entertaining evening! This event provides the much-needed funds for our school and is also a whole lot of fun!

Easter Candy Sale – Everyone loves Easter Candy, so why not get yours from us? Orders for delicious Gertrude Hawk Chocolates are taken in the months preceding Easter. Volunteers are needed to distribute order forms to the children, help collect orders, check candy for any damaged or missing pieces on delivery day, and assist with the candy pick up (any amount of time during the day of delivery would be helpful).

Cash & Cards Raffle – Tickets sell for \$20 each and each fundraising family is required to sell 6 and donate one \$20.00 gift card. The drawing is held at our Art Festival & Chiavetta Dinner in May.

School Parties – There is a whole school party for Halloween and Christmas. These are a lot of fun to work. Children receive treat bags, spend the day at different fun activities and play various games.

Honor Assembly Refreshments – This is a nice event to honor many students in our school. There are usually a lot of parents and grandparents attending. The whole event including clean up is over in about 1 ½ hours. Volunteers are needed to set up refreshments for three Honor Assemblies. Assemblies begin at 1:30 pm and are usually on a Friday.

Craft Show & Breakfast with Santa – will take place the first weekend of December. Crafters and Vendors will set up in the gym. A mini basket auction will take place. Santa will arrive during the pancake breakfast. Pictures with Santa will be available for purchase. Help is needed setting up and kitchen staff for the event.

Christmas Candy Sale – This is another chance to enjoy delicious Gertrude Hawk chocolates and purchase gifts for friends and relatives.

Catholic Schools Week - This is a nationwide celebration held the last week of January. The week is filled with many different fun events in which everyone participates - children, teachers and staff.

Open House Tour Guides & Refreshments – Help show off our school to prospective families by signing up to give tours. Information is provided to guides to help point out all of our best features. Volunteers are needed to shop & set up refreshments for the evening.

Concessions and Split Club - It is always nice to have a concession stand open to provide drinks and food to an audience as they are watching a play or a basketball game. A split club also helps to raise money. Volunteers are needed to run the concession stand, sell split club tickets and organize helpers at various school events throughout the year.

Sports Teams Pizza Party – Serve pizza and drinks to our star athletes during a special lunch.

Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner – Held during the **Art Festival**, this is a good chance to get dinner before enjoying the activities. We need help to sell tickets to relatives and friends and help with serving take-outs and dinners.

Teacher Appreciation Dinner – This committee provides a caterer, decorates, and cleans up after our annual Teacher Recognition Dinner. The dinner is an informal way for parents to thank the teachers. It is held in May and precedes our last Home-School meeting.

Generation Celebration – A fun filled morning for children and a special older person in their life. An activity is planned, refreshments are served and children get to show their work off. There are a lot of people in attendance for this heartwarming event.

End of the Year Game Day & Picnic – Volunteers are needed to help the P.E. teacher with games and organize a hot dog lunch.

PROCEDURES FOR CHAIRING FUNDRAISERS

- **No money** leaves the building. All money must be counted and left in the office for the Treasurer. If it is a fundraiser that runs awhile, please come in to the office and check orders or ticket money periodically to leave for the Bookkeeper.
- **All checks** collected for fundraisers, unless otherwise specified, should be made payable to Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls or CAONF.
- **Checks** will be accepted only from school families unless otherwise stated. If a fundraiser is accepting checks from non-school families for a sale, the name of the school family who sold the item is to be written on the front of the check.
- **A fundraiser report** will be given to the chairman to fill out at the beginning of the event or sale. Please be specific about any problems or suggestions. It may help things run more smoothly the next time.
- **Announcement notes and poster** must be presented to the principal for approval before being distributed. Any notes to go home or inserted in the weekly folders, newsletter or church bulletins should be written out specifically with dates, times, prices, etc.
- **Information for the school newsletter** should be given to Mrs. Kline one week in advance. Make sure it has all the specific information; dates (beginning and end of sale, delivery times, prices, etc.).
- **Information for the church bulletins** must be given to Mrs. Kline two Fridays before it is to be announced.
- **Announcements at Mass** can be made, but the information must be dropped off at the parishes before the weekend.
- **Selling after Mass** must be approved by the Pastor of the particular church you would like to sell at.
- **Tickets** can be run at school but if anyone has any other resources for copies, it will be very much appreciated.
- **A list of volunteers** will be given to the chairperson.

Please let us know if you have any other helpful hints to include here. Thank you for your time and efforts! It is parents like you who help to make Catholic Academy a great school.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SHEET --- PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please fill out the following information so that we can keep you informed on the many different events throughout the year.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Telephone # where you can be reached _____

Please write best times to be contacted or your availability schedule if known:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

If you would like to help on an event please circle the event and someone will contact you with further information:

Basket Auction

Fall Fest

Cash & Cards Raffle

Generation Celebration

Carnival

Honor Assembly Refreshments

Catholic School Week Events

March Madness (Basketball Tickets)

Chiavetta Chicken Dinner

Open House Tour Guides/Refreshments

Christmas Candy Sale

School Parties: Halloween, Christmas

Christmas Caroling Refreshments

Sports Teams Pizza Party

Easter Candy Sale

Teacher Appreciation Dinner

End of the Year Game Day & Picnic

Valentines Dance

Event Concessions & Split Club

As each event draws closer signup sheets will be sent home in the weekly folders and be available at the Home-School Meetings.