



Catholic Academy's Weekly Newsletter
Adventure Awaits
 November 19, 2025



	Thurs. 11/20 Buffalo Bills Dress Down - pay \$3 or use pass LAST DAY for Thanksgiving Drive Theater Club until 3:30 Basketball - JV Girls and Boys - 5:30-7pm	Fri. 11/21 8:30 Mass Gr. 4-8 LAST DAY to sign up for Cookies & Cocoa with Santa
Mon. 11/24 Buffalo Bills Dress Down - pay \$3 or use pass Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Pickup 12-3 Cheer Practices-cancelled Basketball -cancelled	Tues. 11/25 8:30-9:10 Homeroom Celebrations 9:15 Thanksgiving Prayer Service -> Balloons over Broadway -> 1st Trimester Honor Assembly 11:00 dismissal - whole school - NO After-School Care Parent Teacher Conferences	Wed. 11/26 - Fri. 11/28 NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving!
Mon. 12/1 Cheer Practices Minis: 2:00-2:30 JV: 2:30-3:30 V: 3:30-4:45 Basketball VB - 5-6:30 JVG & JVB - 6:30-7:30pm	Tues. 12/2 Square 1 orders due Swim Banquet Basketball: VG - 3-4:30pm	Wed. 12/4 Basketball: VG - 3-4:30pm VB - 5:30-7pm

****THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.****

THANK YOUs:

Thank you everyone who made the **Meat Raffle** on Friday night such a success. From shopping and basket preparation, to ordering meat, to all of the volunteers who showed up (parents, students, and alumni), and of course the attendees . . . WE THANK YOU! A special thanks to Mary (prepares the meat order, tickets, the paper for the spins), Paul (organizes the meat), and Ted (The amazing MC). We hope everyone enjoyed themselves, won some meat, and had a wonderful evening. If you have any productive feedback to make our event even better next year, please email Principal Richards.

SCHOOL NEWS:

It is with a **heavy heart** that we share that Mrs. Bieniek's mother passed away last week. Please send your thoughts and prayers to her and her family.

The **December** school, breakfast & lunch calendars are all enclosed in today's folder.

JOIN US on Tuesday, Nov. 25th for our Thanksgiving Celebration. The whole school will be having a Thanksgiving Prayer Service in the Gym starting at 9:15 and then moving onto our 2nd Annual "Balloons over Broadway" experience. Following that we will have our 1st Trimester Honor Assembly for Grades 3-8! Invitations to our **Honor Assembly** are enclosed in today's folders.

- Our Pre-K 3 - Gr. 2 team will be participating in Balloons over Broadway. Just a friendly reminder of the themes as you should have received an email from your child's teacher.
 - Pre-K 3 - Ice Cream
 - Pre-K 4 - Bluey or blue
 - K - CANF School Spirit or red/black
 - Gr. 1 - Animals
 - Gr. 2 - Buffalo Sports

Leadership Team -

- Thank you to all those who have sent in food items for our Thanksgiving Drive. **Tomorrow is the last day to bring in your donations** to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. All food collected will be located outside the main office!
- **Bags of Love-** The flyer went home last week. Soon our CANF tree will be up and we can't wait to fill it with requested items for those in need.

FAITH FORMATION - Thank you to those who have turned in your sign-up sheets. There is still time if you are interested in joining the **Christmas Pageant** on Christmas Eve!

ALUMNI CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to our former students for making the 1st Marking Period Honor roll:

- ★ Canisius HS: Colin Halpin & Ian Waikel-Corral
- ★ Mount Saint Mary's - Grace Cohen, Parleen Dosanjh, Ellie Muth, Harshita Sharma, Annabelle U'Ren, & Jazmeet Dosanjh

FSA UPDATES:

- **LAST CALL! Cookies & Cocoa with Santa** sign-ups are due on Friday, Nov. 21. The family event will be held on Dec. 6th this year! Contact Amanda Sweney at

asweney@catholicacademynf.org with any questions. It will be enclosed one last time in today's folder.

- We will be having our **Santa's Secret Shop** open for all students after our Cookies with Santa on Dec. 6th. The school children will be able to shop Merry Moose items beginning on Mon. Dec. 8th and Tues. Dec. 9th. More information to come.

SPORTS & CLUB UPDATES:

- ★ **1st Trimester Clubs** have ended.
- ★ **Basketball** - Basketball season is under way. Practices have begun and games begin the first week of December. The full schedule will be out soon.
- ★ **Basketball concessions** - At this point we have 1 volunteer to help. We need many more hands to make this possible. Interested parents can email Mr. D. at jdzielski@catholicacademynf.org.
- ★ **Ongoing weekly: Cheerleading** (Monday), **Chorus Club** (Wednesday), **Theater Club** (Thursdays)
- ★ **Soccer Shots** for K-2 students has ended. Look for information for our Pre-K session in the upcoming weeks.
- ★ **Swim Banquet** - Information will be emailed shortly.

FUNDRAISING UPDATES:

- **The Christmas Poinsettias & Wreaths Sale** ended last week. Thank you for your support! Pick up will be on Monday, Nov. 24 from 12-3. You can enter through Door #1 from 12-2, and Door #6 from 2-3.
- Our **Annual Candygram and Stocking Stuffer Sales** have begun and will continue until Friday, Dec. 12th. Candygrams sell for \$1 and Stocking Stuffers for \$5.
- **Square 1** - Thank you to everyone who has already placed an order for the Square 1 art fundraiser! Information went home with your child last week! Keep placing your orders featuring your child's art online! Simply search for your child's art using Art Search, and enter state, school name, and your student's name. Orders are due by Dec. 2. You can even upload additional art if you like, using Art Upload! Any questions, feel free to email Miss Meranto - ameranto@catholicacademynf.org!
- **LOOKING AHEAD!** Our **HUGE Auction** will be March 6 & 7 (we hope you read that in your child's voice 6, 7) this year. Keep us in mind when you are doing your Black Friday Shopping. Get your donations in early and earn extra Auction tickets! We encourage ALL families to donate a basket of at least \$25. ****For each basket (up to 3) donated by Friday, Jan. 16th, you will receive a free sheet of green tickets.****

- ◆ Our Auction team meets once a month (starting back up in January). If you are interested in attending please email Principal Richards.
- ◆ We have the auction donation letter ready. If you would like some or have suggestions where to request donations, please contact Principal Richards.

→ **School Merch Updates!**

- ◆ **CANF fleece blanket** - The blankets were delivered this afternoon and will go home with your child tomorrow.
 - We ordered extras in case you missed it. Cost will be \$30 per blanket moving forward. Please contact the office to order one.
- ◆ **Car magnets** have been ordered. More information to come.
- ◆ **Spirit Wear** - We are working with a new company and information will be coming soon!

As you plan ahead for December . . .

- **15 - Blessing of the Bambinelli & Jesus' Birthday Celebration** - We encourage families to buy manger/nativity scenes, if you don't already have them present in your homes. This is a special tradition that we bless the baby Jesus and then wrap him up to be opened on Christmas day. Do not worry! If you don't have one, every student will also be making a baby Jesus in school to get blessed. For Jesus' birthday, your child should dress how he/she would if you attended Jesus' birthday party.
- **16 - Our Christmas Program** this year will have 2 parts on 1 day only. The first part will begin at 9am in the gym. Pre-K 3 & 4 will do 2 songs, followed by Kindergarten performing 1. Then our CANF Christmas Short: God's Gift to Us will feature select 8th graders and songs by Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade. At 1pm, the second half will begin. Our CANF chorus will perform a few songs followed by our CANF Band. Please plan accordingly.
- **17 - Special Christmas Day** - We know many are out shopping so we wanted to let you know the themes for this year.
 - Pre-K 3 - Gr. 1 - Gingerbread
 - Gr. 2-4 - The Grinch
 - Gr.5 - Snowmen
 - Middle School - Santa

*Stocking Stuffers will go home in the Wednesday folders.

- **18 - Christmas Stations** - Dress in Christmas clothes or colors; Candygrams delivered
- **19 - Cozy Christmas Day** - Dress in pajamas. 8:30 Christmas Mass - 10:30 Dismissal and No After School Care

Wishing all of our families a very thankful Thanksgiving!