



Catholic Academy's Weekly Newsletter
Adventure Awaits
 December 3, 2025



<p>Spirit Wear orders go home!</p>	<p>Thurs. 12/4 Cheer Practices JV - 2:30-3:30 Basketball Practice JV Girls & JV Boys 5:30-7</p>	<p>Fri. 12/5 Spirit wear orders due if you want delivered before Christmas Break Buffalo Bills Dress Down - pay \$3 or use pass 8:30 Mass Gr. 4-8 Snack Attack 11:00 Dismissal K-8 Faculty Meeting Polar Plunge Basketball Games @ Trinity JV Boys 4:00 JV Girls 5:00</p>	<p>Sat. 12/6 Cookies & Cocoa with Santa</p>
<p>Mon. 12/8 8:30 Immaculate Conception Mass Santa's Secret Shop Expected Christmas Candy Delivery Cheer Practices Minis: 2:00-2:30 JV: 2:30-3:30 V: 3:30-4:45 Basketball Practice Varsity Boys 5-6:30 JV Girls & JV Boys 6:30-7:30</p>	<p>Tues. 12/9 8:10 - Morning Meeting & Advent Service Santa's Secret Shop Basketball Games Holy Ghost AT CANF 4:00 JVB 5:00 JVG 6:00 VB 7:00 VG</p>	<p>Wed. 12/10 Santa's Secret Shop Basketball Practice Varsity Girls 3-4:30 Varsity Boys 5:30-7</p>	<p>Thurs. 12/11 Pay \$2 and dress down in blue to support Bags of Love!** Basketball practice JV Girls and JV Boys 5:30-7</p>

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all the **families** who attended the Thanksgiving Prayer Service, "Balloons over Broadway", and our 1st Trimester Honor Assembly. We enjoyed celebrating all the students who have worked so hard this trimester with you.

SCHOOL NEWS:

See you later Miss Lizzy! We know how much the children adore Miss Lizzy, and we'll miss her sweet spirit and nurturing presence in the classroom, but we are excited for her and her growing family. We wish her the best in this motherhood journey!

Farewell to our Wed-Fri **security guard** Mr. Chris! He has taken a new job and will not be returning to CANF. He loves our school, but the drive was too far, especially with the winter months coming. With that being said, we welcome Mr. Jim who will work Wednesdays and Thursdays, while Mr. Rick picks up Fridays.

Please remember to return your signed **Report Card Envelopes**. Keep the actual Report Card.

CONGRATULATIONS to 3 of our students who won the Home Depot coloring contest: Allison Fournier, Maris Eberly, & Tess Traver. You will receive your gift card in the mail.

Inside today's folder, you'll find a **Christmas donation envelope** for our School Chaplain, Father Mario. If you would like to share a monetary gift with him this holiday season, please send the envelope back by Friday, Dec. 12th. Father Mario brings such joy to our school—always greeting us with a smile and offering support, comfort, and guidance whenever we need it. Thank you for helping us show our appreciation for all he does for our families, students, and staff.

Snack Attack - Snacks will be available for purchase following mass on Friday to support 8th Grade graduation. The price list is below.

Christmas Program - Dec. 16th (See below for more information)

- ❖ Pre-K 3+4 students should dress in their Christmas dressy clothes.
- ❖ Kindergarteners should dress in Christmas clothes for their first song and then have scarves and mittens/gloves for their second song. Santa hats will be provided.
- ❖ Grades 1 and 2 students should dress in Christmas clothes, but wear winter coats, hats, gloves, boots, and scarves as they will be Christmas Carolers

Snow Days - Now that we are into December, if Niagara Falls closes in person learning, so do we. There will be a Robotext/call/Mass email and then look for an email from your child's teacher outlining if it is a true SNOW DAY or a remote learning day. More information to come outlining snow/remote day expectations/policies.

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

- ★ **Thanksgiving Food Drive** - The SVDP Parish food pantry was so grateful that we were able to donate over 425 items this year.
- ★ **Bags of Love** is back again this year. Another flyer is enclosed today with starred items that they are still in need of. Now that our Christmas tree is up, we would love to fill it with donated items for Bags of love. Thank you in advance! Your generosity is much appreciated by those in need.

FSA UPDATES:

- For those who signed up for our **Cookies & Cocoa with Santa**, we can't wait to see you on Saturday! Make sure to arrive no more than 10 minutes before your assigned time and wait in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Amanda Sweney.
- **School Wide Christmas Party Stations** will take place on Thursday, Dec. 18th. We are in need of **\$5 gift card donations** for our Christmas Gift Card walk. Please fill out the attached form and send in your donation. We thank you in advance.
 - **Help Needed!** We also need lots of help for this day. Please complete the form below and return to school.

FAITH FORMATION:

- ❖ A note from Sister Joanne - There is still time for children to sign up to be part of the **Christmas Pageant**. We are in need of angels, shepherds and animals. If you haven't had a chance to sign up yet, please come to the first rehearsal this Saturday, December 6 at 1:00 PM. The second rehearsal will be held on December 20 at Noon. Both rehearsals will be at Prince of Peace Church.

SPORTS & CLUB UPDATES:

- ★ **Basketball** - Good luck to our JV Girls and Boys who tip off the season Friday at Trinity. All of our teams are in action next Tuesday at home vs. Holy Ghost. Both Varsity teams are looking to repeat as league champions!!!
- ★ **Ongoing weekly: Cheerleading** (Monday), **Chorus Club** (Wednesday), **Theater Club** (Thursdays)
- ★ **Swim Banquet** - We had our first Swim Banquet yesterday at St. Stephens. Coaches gave students cute awards and their awards for those who participated in Champs.
 - Look for information in April or May regarding next year's swim team!

FUNDRAISING UPDATES:

- ❖ Thank you to all those who ordered **Christmas Poinsettias & Wreaths!** It was another great fundraiser to support our school and a local business.
- ❖ Thank you to those who participated in our **Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Sale!** The sale went well. Our top 2 sellers were: Isabella Wiatr and Julia Lanza! Congratulations! They will be receiving a special lunch tomorrow!
- ❖ **Santa's Secret Shop** begins next week. If time allows, there will be a preview day on Friday. The school children will be able to shop Merry Moose items beginning on Mon. Dec. 8th and Tuesday Dec. 9th. Enclosed today is a Merry Moose envelope. You can fill out what and who money should be spent on.
- ❖ Our **Annual Candygram and Stocking Stuffer Sales** will continue until Friday, Dec. 12th. Each Candygram sells for \$1 and each set of 5 dress downs sells for \$5. More forms are enclosed today.
- ❖ **SUPER BINGO:** Enclosed is a flyer! You can also purchase tickets through our school by calling the office. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! See the form in the folder.
- ❖ Remember our 17th annual **Auction** will be March 6 & 7. All families should donate a basket or gift card of at least a \$25 value. ****For each basket (up to 3) donated by Friday, Jan. 16th, you will receive a free sheet of green tickets.****
 - If you own a business or work somewhere where you can get a donation, please consider donating. You should also be receiving an email from Principal Richards!

- An auction donation form is attached in today's email. If you would like the auction donation letter or have suggestions of where to request donations, please contact Principal Richards.

❖ **School Merch Updates!**

- **CANF fleece blanket** - If you would like to purchase a blanket for \$30, contact the main office. They make a great Christmas gift!
- **Car magnets** have been ordered. More information to come.
- *****Spirit Wear** - New company! Order forms are enclosed!
 - If you would like the clothing as Christmas presents, forms and payment are due **THIS Friday morning, Dec. 5th to ensure delivery for Christmas (Dec. 18th)**. There will be no exceptions and no orders accepted after 9am.
 - If you don't need/want your items for Christmas, orders and payments are due by Thursday, Dec. 18th and your order will be delivered in January. ***

🎄 Upcoming December Events 🎄

❄️ **December 15** – Blessing of the Bambinelli & Jesus' Birthday Celebration

We invite families to have a nativity set at home for this beautiful tradition.

Students will have their Baby Jesus blessed and then wrap Him to open on Christmas Day. No worries if you don't have a nativity—each child will make a Baby Jesus in school. For Jesus' Birthday Celebration, children may dress as they would if they were attending His birthday party! 🎁 ✨

🎵 **December 16** – Christmas Program (Two Parts, One Day)

Join us for a joyful day of performances!

9:00 AM in the gym:

- Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4 - 2 songs each
- Kindergarten - 1 song
- CANF Christmas Short: "God's Gift to Us" featuring select 8th graders, plus musical selections from K, 1st, and 2nd grade

1:00 PM:

- CANF Chorus 🎤
- CANF Band 🎸

Please plan accordingly so you don't miss your child's moment to shine!

🎁 **December 17** – Special Christmas Day Themes

- Pre-K 3-Grade 1: Gingerbread 🍪
- Grades 2-4: The Grinch 📖
- Grade 5: Snowmen 🧊
- Middle School: Santa 🎅

Stocking Stuffers will go home in Wednesday folders.

🎄 **December 18** – FSA Christmas Stations

Students may dress in festive Christmas colors or holiday outfits.

Candygrams will be delivered today! ❤️ ❤️

❄️ **December 19** – Cozy Christmas Day

A favorite tradition! Students may come in their pajamas.

- 8:30 AM – Christmas Mass
- 10:30 AM – Dismissal

No After School Care today.

Half Day Snack Price List

Kit Kat Ice Cream Cones	\$2
Oreo Winter Treats Cookies Variety Pack	\$1
Freezie Pops	50¢
Cheez-Its	\$1
Flavor Blast or Rainbow Goldfish	\$1
Gatorade	\$2
Takis	\$1
Pringles (Price lowered!)	\$1
Assorted Chips (Price lowered!)	\$1
Welch's Fruit Drinks (Price lowered!)	\$1
Fruit Snacks (Price lowered!)	25¢

Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls

17th Annual Basket Auction - Donation Form

March 6 & 7, 2025

Thank you for supporting Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls!
Your generosity helps us continue offering exceptional educational and faith-filled experiences for our students.

Donor Information

Business/Donor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Donation Information (Please check all that apply)

☐ Gift Basket

☐ Merchandise Item

☐ Gift Card / Gift Certificate

☐ Monetary Donation

Amount: \$ _____

Checks payable to: Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls or CANF

Description of Donation:

Estimated Value of Donation: \$ _____

Recognition

Please list how you would like your name or business to appear in our Auction:

Christmas Gift Card Walk Donations

Child's name: _____



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

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

Christmas Stations - Sign Up

Name: _____



Phone number for texting: _____

Please check below:

___ I can help set up, work a station, and clean up. (8-2:15)

___ I can help at these times only: _____

Super BINGO - Volunteer Sign Up

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

___ I can work the floor from 5:30-9:30.

___ I can work the door from 5:30-7:30.

___ I can help in the kitchen 4:45-8:30.

___ I can sell 50/50 tickets from 5:30-9.





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. _____

6. Name: _____

Gr. _____

7. Name: _____

Gr. _____

8. Name: _____

Gr. _____

9. Name: _____

Gr. _____

10. Name: _____

Gr. _____



Stocking Stuffer: 5 Days of Dress Down

***\$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. _____

Child's name: _____

Gr. _____

Amount enclosed: _____
