

Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | September 30, 2026

Growing Hearts & Minds

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

October is here, and even though I LOVE the Summer months, one of the most beautiful things about October is watching the world around us change. The leaves begin to turn bright colors, the air becomes cooler, and everything seems to slow down just a little. It is a wonderful reminder that change is a natural part of life and that every season brings something special.

As we look around our school, we are also seeing our students grow and change. Just like the leaves, they are becoming something new each day—learning, trying, discovering, and growing in their own unique ways.

October also brings so many opportunities for families to enjoy the season together. Take a walk and look for the most colorful leaves, visit a pumpkin patch, carve a pumpkin, bake something together, have a family bonfire, play outside, or simply enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon together. Sometimes the simplest adventures create the best memories.

Here at CANF, we have many fall activities, special events, and adventures planned for our students and families. We are excited to enjoy this beautiful season together and make memories along the way.

So, as the leaves begin to fall, let's remember to slow down, enjoy the little things, spend time with the people we love, and continue to GROW together. 🍂🎃❤️

~ Principal Richards

Important Dates

Thurs. 10/1 - Meat Raffle baskets or gift cards are due for those who chose this option; School Store (New! Halloween items); Cheer try outs until 3:45 for students in grades 3-7

Fri. 10/2 - Bills dress down (\$3 or season pass); 8:30am Mass Gr. 4-8; 10:15am Blessing of the Pets; 11am Dismissal K-8; No hot lunch

Sat. 10/3 - Happy Birthday Father Ben!; Swim Practice

Sun. 10/4 - CANF Swim Meet

Mon. 10/5 - Mini Cheer Practice 2:30-3; CANF vs Trinity @ Trinity (146 Reserve Rd, West Seneca) - JV - 4pm; V - 5pm (Please be sure to arrive 30 minutes early to games)

Tues. 10/6 - 1:15 NED Show; JV & V Soccer practice 3-4 at Vets Park; Diocesan Bowling

Weds. 10/7 - Kelkenberg Farm Field Trip Pre-K 4 - Gr. 2; K-2 Soccer Shots & Chorus Club until 3; CANF vs St Peter @ St. Peter Sanborn (6167 Walmore Rd, Sanborn) - JV - 4pm; V - 5pm (Please be sure to arrive 30 minutes early to games); Swim Practice

School News

- Remember that there is no hot lunch on Friday. If you are in Pre-K 3 or 4 OR are in K-8 staying for After School Care you must bring your own lunch.
 - **Blessing of the Pets** will be on Friday at 10:15. Please meet at door #6 back parking lot. We can't wait to see your cute pets!
 - For our new families, all pets are welcome! Just be sure they stay outside of the school building.
 - The **October monthly calendar** and **lunch menu** are enclosed.
 - **Before and After School Care:** Bills are enclosed in your red folder today.
 - **FSA Fees** - Now that we have had our first meeting, we will be sending FSA fee invoices (\$30 per child cash/check OR \$32 venmo per child) home in today's folder along with Room Parent sign up sheets.
 - Remember that this money goes towards class parties, supplies, and classroom celebrations throughout the year.
 - Room Parents help with classroom activities, gifts and other needs throughout the year.
 - We are so excited to **welcome back Mrs. C**, our Catholic Charities School Counselor, on Monday!
 - The **NED Show** will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 1:15pm. Please see the enclosed flyer.
 - **Friendly reminders:**
 - Please send a water bottle with your child daily. As a reminder only water is permitted in the water bottles.
 - Children are not permitted to bring in outside drinks. The office will ask them to finish them in the office before going to class.
 - Although our staff tries very hard to respond quickly to emails, the REMIND app, or phone calls, please allow 24 hours for a response. Please note that we do not require staff to check emails before 7:30am or after 3pm. Also understand the teacher is teaching during the school day and will try to respond during breaks. Thank you for your understanding.
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 **Teacher Wishlists/Needs** - Instead of purchasing items that our classrooms need, we thought we would give families an opportunity to clean out those closets and playrooms! If you have gently used items at home that your children have outgrown or no longer play with, consider donating them to one of our classrooms. ❤️

Every item donated can help provide our teachers with additional resources for their classrooms while giving gently loved items a new purpose!

Miss Dimpy's Pre-K 4

- ☐ Look-and-Find Books
 - ☐ I Spy Books
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FSA Upcoming Events

- ❖ Join us for our 1st **CANF Movie Night** on Friday Oct. 23! See the enclosed flyer for more details and to sign up!
 - ❖ **CANF Candy Crawl** - Back by popular demand our Halloween event, formerly known as Trunk or Treat, will once again be held in the school gym. Information for the CANF Candy Crawl is enclosed in today's folder!
 - ❖ Remember that every parent who attended the **FSA meeting** last week should have received a dress down pass for his/her child(ren) to use this week!
 - ❖ **FSA fees** are \$30 per child cash/check OR \$32 Venmo per child.
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Supporting our Families

- **Hot Corner Athletics** - Enjoy playing baseball and want to work on your skills?! You will see a flyer attached to this email. The DiLeo family owns Hot Corner and is offering a 10% discount for any CANF family who registers. Since the discount cannot be processed through the app, you can call 716-689-1000.
 - If your family owns/runs a business, we will gladly do our best to support you. Contact Principal Richards!
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Fundraising Updates

- **Spice Fundraiser** - We have about 2 weeks left in this new fundraiser, and we are not quite halfway to our goal yet! Please take a few minutes to check out everything they have to offer—you may be surprised by just how many different products are available! I'm positive that there is something for everyone, and every order gives CANF 50% of the profit. Help us reach our goal!
 - Join us for a fun time at our **CANF Meat Raffle** on Friday, Nov, 13th! The flyer and order form went home last week. Order and payments are due by Thursday, Nov. 5th.
 - ★ Volunteers are needed! Please sign up today!
 - Remember adults can still participate and work!
 - We will also need MS students to help run the meat!
 - Children are unable to participate in buying or selling tickets.
 - ★ We have donation letters ready. If you know of a place or company that would be willing to donate to the Meat Raffle, let us know!
 - We are 98 of 112 students participating in the **Buffalo Bills Season passes**. That brings us to 88%! Nice work everyone!
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Clubs & Sports

- ★ Continue to follow your schedules!
 - ★ **Band** began today! Ms. Mortise wanted us to remind you that it's not too late to sign up!
 - ★ **1st Trimester Clubs** - Sign up sheets will be going home tomorrow with your child in his/her classroom folder. It will run Tuesdays beginning Oct. 20 until Nov. 17th from 2:30-3. Cost is \$25 cash per child.
 - K-2 - Storybook Craft Club with Mrs. Woods
 - Gr. 3-5 - Art Club with Miss Meranto
 - Gr. 6-8 - Chess Club with Mr. D
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♥ Thank You to . .

- ❖ the Leadership Team, Miss Bianca, Miss Amanda, Principal Richards, Mr. Tim, & Mr. Jim for unloading the mums, preparing the mum orders ahead of pick up, and helping mums get to our families!
 - ❖ Heimiller Greenhouses and every one who purchased a mum!
 - ❖ the parents who showed up to our FSA meeting last Wednesday and made an essential oil room spray with us!
 - ❖ Every child and staff member who participated in September 30 — Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Every Child Matters.
 - ❖ the Hampton-Johnson Family for providing every child and staff member with an orange bracelet
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🗣️ Looking Ahead

- Fri., Nov. 13 - Meat Raffle
- Fri. and Sat. March 5 + 6 - THE AUCTION - As you see deals popping up, purchase your basket! It's never too early to send it in.