

Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | September 9, 2026

Growing Hearts & Minds

A Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As we begin our second "week" of the new school year, remember that it is perfectly okay to ease into our new routines. The first few weeks are a time for students, teachers, and families to settle in, learn new expectations, build relationships, and find our rhythm. Families may be adjusting to earlier bedtimes, busy mornings, homework, and new schedules, so give yourselves some grace! Let's be patient with ourselves as we get back into the swing of things. We don't have to do everything at once. Let's take our time, enjoy being together, and remember that we are all growing together with our hearts, minds, and families, one day at a time.

With gratitude,
Principal Richards

Important Dates

Thurs. 9/10 - School Store; Fall Bowling Registration and fee are due today!; Varsity soccer 2:20-4 in the school gym

Fri. 9/11 - Buffalo Bills dress down (\$3 or season pass); 9am Gr. 1-8 Instrumental Music assembly

Sat. 9/12 - Swim practice at GIHS

Mon. 9/14 - none

Tues. 9/15 - JV & V soccer practice 3-4pm at Veterans Memorial Park (7000 Lockport Rd)

Weds. 9/16 - K-2 Soccer Shots until 3pm; Gr. 3-5 Chorus Club until 3pm

Thurs. 9/17 - V only soccer practice at Veterans 3-4

School News

- The **Bishop and Superintendent** had a wonderful visit to our school last Thursday. They LOVE to tour the school and complimented both the school and the students.

- **On Friday, Sept. 11, the school, K-8 students and staff will be going into the church to pay our respects to Father Bob. We plan to go in and say an "Our Father" together and bow at the closed casket. If you do NOT want your child to attend, please email Principal Richards.**

- **We are also working on putting together a picture board. If you have any pictures of your family with Father Bob, please print and send it in by Friday morning.**

- **Security fee** - Your bill will be included in today's folder. You have the option of paying in full by December 1, 2026, OR rolling into your remaining monthly FACTS account.

• Just as cars should be driving slowly and carefully through the parking lot, parents and children also need to be aware of their surroundings and look carefully before crossing. Please hold your child's hand and make sure the way is clear before walking across the parking lot. Safety is everyone's responsibility!

• **Picture Day** is Friday, September 25 for Grades Pre-K 3 - Gr. 8. All students should "dress up" even if they are not purchasing a package as the picture will appear in the yearbook. Each classroom teacher has discussed what "dressing up" looks like. We expect every student to look nice on picture day. A half sheet reminder will be in today's folder.

Papers and forms reminders

• **Reminder:** If you have not yet turned in your

☐ Emergency Closing form (1 per family)

☐ Consent form - 1 per family - Remember to turn over the paper and fill out BOTH sides.

Please do so ASAP!

FSA Upcoming Events

♥ Join Us for Our **FIRST FSA Meeting of the Year!** ♥

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 PM** for our first FSA meeting of the school year!

Come learn more about **FSA**, how you can get involved, what a Room Parent does, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and ways to support our school community. We will also be making a fun **essential oil room spray** to take home! 🌿

RSVP is a MUST! Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can prepare materials. At this time, childcare will not be available.

We hope you can join us and **GROW** our school community together! 🌱

Clubs & Sports

★ **LAST CALL K-2 Soccer Shots!** The program will begin for K-2 students on Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Make sure you have registered your child! The flyer went home already.

★ **LAST CALL for Fall Bowling!** The flyer went home last week and registration and fee are due tomorrow, Thurs., Sept. 10th.

★ **Soccer Team** - Follow the Team Snap app for practices.

★ **CANF Swim Team** - Practice begins tonight!!

○ Your \$135 fee is due by September 21st. Checks can be made out to CANF.

- ★ **Chorus Club** begins for students in grades 3-8 today! It is not too late to join!
 - ★ **Cheerleading-** A letter will be going home with children in grades 1-8 next week!
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Fundraising Updates

- **NEW!** We are trying something new and different - a **Spice Fundraiser!** See the enclosed flyer. These are high quality spices, blends, and delicious ice cream toppings your family and friends will actually use and our school's custom label is on it! Orders will be shipped right to us and we will receive 50% profit! All online orders are due Oct. 15th!
 - **Mum Sale!** Keep selling those mums! The sale began last week and ends Thursday, Sept. 17th. Pick up will be Friday, Sept. 25th. Please post and share on Social Media!
 - **Buffalo Bills Seasons passes are still available for purchase or you can pay \$3 per dress down!** Remember you can dress in Bills attire or red/white/blue for the entire Bills season. The flyer was enclosed last week. We have 54% percent of K-8 students with a season pass so far!
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Looking Ahead . . . SAVE THE DATES

- Fri., Oct. 2 - We will be having our 1st ever **CANF Movie Night**. More information to come.
- Fri., Nov. 13 - Meat Raffle