Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | November 4, 2026
Growing Hearts & Minds

✉️ A Message from the Principal

Dear CANF Families,

As we welcome November and look ahead to Thanksgiving, it's a wonderful time to pause and remember how much we have to be grateful for. It is so easy to focus on the things we don't have, the things we wish we had, or what we hope will come next. But sometimes, we need to slow down and appreciate all the blessings already in front of us.

We are fortunate to have people who love us, families who support us, friends who make us smile, and a school community that continues to grow together. Not every blessing comes wrapped in a bow or looks the way we imagined it would.

As both a principal and a mom, I encourage our families to take a few moments this month to talk with your children about gratitude. Remind them that being thankful isn't just about the big things. It's about appreciating the little things, too.

May we spend this November focusing less on what we wish we had and more on how truly blessed we already are. Wishing all of our CANF families a November filled with gratitude, kindness, and many reasons to give thanks!

❤️Principal Richards🖤

📅 Important Dates

Thurs. 11/5 - Meat Raffle order forms and payment are due!!; School store; JV Cheer 2:30-3:45 & V Cheer 3:45-5
Fri. 11/6 - Picture Retake and Candids Day; 8:30 Mass Gr. 4-8; 8th Grade Snack Attack; 11am Dismissal K-8 Faculty Meeting
Sat. 11/7 - Join us for our CANF Craft and Vendor Show from 10-3! It will be a fun day of shopping and supporting local crafters. Admission is just $2 at the door, and kids are FREE!; Swim Practice
Sun. 11/8 - Happy Birthday Miss Meranto!
Mon. 11/9 - Buffalo Bills Dress Down - Pay $3 or use Season Pass; NO Minis Cheer
Tues. 11/10 - Pay $1 and dress in army colors; Veterans Day Program 1:30pm; Trimester 1 Clubs
Weds. 11/11 - NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

📚 School News

🎄 Spreading Christmas Joy at CANF! ❤️🖤

This year, our school will be **adopting a family for Christmas!** We are so excited to give our students the opportunity to experience the true meaning of giving.

Our children will be involved in the entire process from collecting donations and brainstorming gift ideas, to shopping, wrapping presents, and delivering them to the family.

This will be a wonderful hands-on opportunity for our students to practice kindness, generosity, compassion, and the joy of giving to others.

More information and details will be coming next week. We can't wait to watch our CANF family come together to make someone's Christmas a little brighter! 🎁

- **Spice Fundraiser** - We still have spices for the following people: Lynn Sementilli and Meghan Mcevoy.
- **Fall/Winter Uniforms** began on Monday.
- This month Mrs. C. will be doing classroom lessons on **Effective Communication**. More information is enclosed in your folder today.
- **Snack Attack** - This Friday 8th graders will be selling snacks! See the attached flyer in this email for prices and snack items!

Health and Safety Updates

- Yesterday morning, Principal Richards and Mr. Tim met with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). They went over the initial screening that was done back in September which said: "Initial screening results from your property survey **do not indicate a risk to your health or safety.** However, elevated readings from the screening warrant further exterior assessment of your property. The cause of the elevated readings is unknown at this time and could be due to variations in radiological materials in natural rocks and soils or building materials. They do not necessarily indicate the presence of contamination." Additional assessments will seek to identify the cause of the elevated screening results. This will be done on Wednesday, Nov. 11. If you pass by on this date, you will see zones set up with people in yellow safety vests and white hazard suits. During testing, there is no risk to students (school is not in session) or the public. As always, we will keep you updated as they expect results in about 3 months.

- ➢ Link for assessment dashboard: https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/bc8652542ab64f5f85c40bc6010e4d5f#

👏⭐**Congratulations to . . .**

- ★ **Our Way to Grow Kindness Winners: Owen K., Josiah B., Serafina H., Madeline H., Cora C., Garrett K., and Tessa T.**

❤️ **Thank You to . . .**

- ❖ **Mrs. McDonell** for preparing and leading the All Saints Day Prayer Service along with Father Duane.
- ❖ **Mrs. Streck** for spearheading the Candy Crawl on Friday and to all the families that decorated a table! Thank you also to **Miss Bianca** who helped organize candy!
- ❖ **Mrs. Belkota and Mrs. Summers** for the Trick or Treat Balloon display!
- ❖ **Miss Dimpy and the Kaur family** for helping us to celebrate Diwali today! The children enjoyed making Rangoli, eating sweets, and lighting candles! Miss Dimpy even provided suits for staff who wanted them!

🌟 **Leadership Team**

- ★ **Thanksgiving Food Drive -** Bring in your non-perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry from now until Nov. 20th. Refer to the flyer sent home last week. All donations can be placed outside the sports showcase. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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- ❖ **Cookies & Cocoa with Santa** will be on Saturday, Dec. 5th! The flyer was enclosed in last week's folder! Money and forms are due Tuesday., Nov. 24th!
  - ➢ Bring your friends and family even if they don't attend CANF!

💰 **Fundraising Updates -** Christmas is less than 2 months away!

Let CANF help you get ready for the holidays! Get your Christmas shopping done early, decorate for the season, and even win some meat to serve at your holiday gatherings!

- ➢ 🥩LAST CALL! Order forms and payment are due TOMORROW for our **Meat Raffle on Friday, November 13!**

- ➢ 🌺 **Christmas Wreaths & Poinsettias Sale** continues for another week! Orders and payment are due next Thursday, Nov. 12!

  📍 Pick-Up: Monday, November 23, from 12–3 p.m., just in time for Thanksgiving!

  Don't forget to choose your bow color, or your wreath will automatically receive a red bow.
- ➢ 🎁 **NEW! Charleston Wrap Fundraiser - Let's go shopping!! We have everything from gift wrap to bags and totes to gourmet chocolates.**
  - The physical catalog is in today's folder along with the directions sheet (register now, share your link, shop and support!).
  - All orders are placed online, will be shipped directly to your home, and are due Thursday, Dec. 3.
  - Shipping is a flat rate of $12.95 per order, but orders of $98 or more qualify for free shipping! To help avoid the shipping fee, some families and friends choose to combine their orders to reach the $98 minimum and have everything shipped to one person's home to distribute.

⚽ Clubs & Sports

- ★ Continue to follow your schedules for all sports and clubs!
- ★ **Basketball** - We are still organizing teams and figuring out the league structure, numbers are down this year. Turn in your intent to play TOMORROW [email jdzielski@catholicacademynf.org if you lost the paper or have questions].
- ★ Trimester Clubs -
  - Make up for Mrs. Woods will be Monday, Nov. 23.

Community Connections:

- ➔ Join Harper Marrs for the Cool School Challenge Polar Plunge at 4pm on Friday, Dec. 4th in support of the Inclusion Revolution for WNY Special Olympics!
  - ◆ Use the QR code to register your child(ren)! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!
