

Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | October 28, 2026

Growing Hearts & Minds

 A Message from the Principal

Dear CANF Families,

We had such a great time watching *Toy Story 5* at our first CANF Night on Friday! It was wonderful to see our school families come together for a fun night.

One of the beautiful messages from *Toy Story* is that even as the world changes, technology grows, and new things compete for our attention, nothing can replace the importance of friendship, connection, and being there for one another.

As both a principal and a mom, this message really hits home. Our children are growing up in a world filled with screens and technology, but they still need time to play, use their imaginations, build friendships, and make real-life memories with the people around them. Sometimes, the best thing we can do is put the devices away and simply be present.

At CANF, we are committed to bringing back the basics—building relationships, showing kindness, communicating face-to-face, and helping our children grow their hearts and minds together.

Thank you to everyone who joined us Friday night! Here's to making more memories, strengthening our school family, and remembering that the most important things in life will never go out of style.

♥ Principal Richards ♥

 Important Dates

Thurs. 10/29 - Buffalo Bills Dress down - Pay \$3 or use Season pass; School store; 1:45pm All Saints Day Prayer Service; JV Cheer 2:30-3:45 & V Cheer 3:45-5

Fri. 10/30 - Candy Crawl; Halloween Celebration & Parade

Sat. 10/31 - **Happy Halloween! Be safe and have fun!**

Mon. 11/2 - Winter Uniforms begin; Minis Cheer until 3pm

Tues. 11/3 - No GI or NF bussing; Trimester 1 Clubs

Weds. 11/4 - Happy Birthday Mr. Magill; Diwali Celebration; LAST K-2 Soccer Shots; Chorus Club; Swim Practice; Charleston Wrap Fundraiser begins

School News

• **Halloween** will be celebrated on Friday. Children should dress in their Halloween costumes. Candy Crawl will be ongoing throughout the day. **Don't forget to bring in a bag of candy to make this event a success!** Please join us for the Halloween Celebration that will begin in the Gym at 1:30 and be followed by the parade (outside).

★ If you signed up for the Candy Crawl, you should have received a text from spearhead, Gina Streck. Please arrive at 9am to set up your table and the Crawl will begin at 9:30.

• **Spice Fundraiser** - We still have spices for the following people: Lynn Sementilli and Meghan Mcevoy.

★ We would also LOVE to have feedback on what you think of the spices so please email Principal Richards as you try them. We plan to run another one closer to summer with many of the same spices but also add a bunch of new ones.

• **November school and breakfast/lunch calendars** are in today's folders.

• **Uniforms** - As of Monday, Nov. 2, the Summer Uniform ends, and Winter Uniform begins. Please follow the Uniform Policy.

- Boys K-8 - Boys can no longer wear shorts with sneakers. They must wear black twill pants with a belt and dress shoes.
- Girls K-8 - Girls can no longer wear the skort with sneakers. Girls in Grades K-3 must wear the school plaid jumper, blouse, and dress shoes. Girls in Grades 4-8 must wear the school plaid skirt, Oxford style blouse or red polo, and dress shoes. They can also wear black twill pants with a school polo and dress shoes.

*All students may wear their school sweatshirt, school fleeces or the school crested sweaters over the regular school uniform.

• **Interstate pictures** are enclosed in today's folders for those who ordered.

• **Picture Retake day** will be Friday, Nov. 6th. Students and staff who were absent will be able to have their picture taken at this time.

• Mrs. Connolly and Mr. D continue to prepare for our **Veterans' Day Program**. If you or a family member have served, please fill out the form enclosed in last week's folder.

• **Craft Show volunteers** are needed. Please see the enclosed form if you can help!

Thank You to . . .

- ❖ the Traver family for spearheading the CANF Movie Night on Friday and to everyone who attended! It was a fun night had by all with a delicious apple bar, cookies, rice krispy treats, and of course popcorn!
- ❖ to all grades who created a get well card for Pope Leo! Mrs. McDonell shipped them off on Friday.
- ❖ to everyone who brought in a bag of candy or treat items for the Candy Crawl!

❖ Everyone who has signed up for the Meat Raffle to volunteer!

☀️ Leadership Team

It's time for our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive**! CANF's Leadership team will be collecting non-perishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry. Bring in donations from 11/2 to 11/20. Please see the flyer in today's folder for a complete list of items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

👥 FSA Upcoming Events

- ❖ **Cookies & Cocoa with Santa** will be on Saturday, Dec. 5th! The flyer is enclosed in today's folder! Remember we encourage you to bring your friends and family even if they don't attend CANF!
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💰 Fundraising Updates

🍖 **After Halloween comes Thanksgiving... and you need some meat!** 🐔

Our **Meat Raffle is Friday, November 13!** There are lots of ways to help make this event a success!

- 🎫 **Attend!** Purchase your tickets or reserve a table by **November 5**.
- 🧑 **Volunteer!** Sign up to lend a hand.
- 📺 **Donate!** Baskets and gift cards are always appreciated. Remember your name will be entered into a drawing to win a **FREE school blanket and magnet!** ❤️❤️

📄 **The order form is enclosed again in today's folder.** Don't wait—get involved and help support our school!

🎄 **29 Days After Thanksgiving is... CHRISTMAS! Let's Get Ready!** 🎅

- 🌸 **Christmas Wreaths & Poinsettias Sale** started last week and continues until Thurs., Nov. 12!
 - 📌 Pick-Up: Monday, November 23, from 12-3 p.m., just in time for Thanksgiving!
- 📺 **NEW! Charleston Wrap Fundraiser**

Looking for holiday gifts? Choose from a wide variety of items shipped directly to your home! More information is coming next week, November 4. Stay tuned!

Clubs & Sports

- ★ Continue to follow your schedules for all sports and clubs!
- ★ **Basketball** - Intent to play went home last week for children in grades 3-8. Don't forget to send in your intent and \$25 for the Athletic fee.
- ★ Attention sports and club parents: If your sibling is in After School Care, please go down there and have your parents pick you up from that door as they need to be signed out.

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! The flyer is enclosed in today's folder.
 - ◆ Use the QR code to register your child(ren)! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Looking Ahead

- Sat. Nov. 7 - Craft Show
 - ◆ Join us November 7 from 10-3 for a fun day of shopping and supporting local crafters. Admission is just \$2 at the door, and kids are FREE!
- 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Craft and Vendor Show - Saturday, Nov. 7

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Times:

___ I can work the whole day 9:45am - 3:30pm.

___ I can help from _____ to _____.

I prefer to:

___ Work the door (greet and collect money)

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