

Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | April 29, 2026

✉ **2 Messages from the Principal**

Dear Families,

As we move through these last few rainy April days, we are reminded that "April showers bring May flowers." Growth often takes time, patience, and care—and the same is true for our school community.

This time of year is especially important for us as we engage in reflecting on and strengthening our school. We have completed a self-study process for the Middle States Accreditation, registration is ongoing, Exit Surveys are being distributed. All of this work allows us to look closely at what we are doing well and where we can continue to grow, always with the goal of providing the best faith-filled education for our students.

Feedback is always welcomed. Just as the rain helps flowers bloom, thoughtful reflection helps our school continue to flourish. Thank you for your ongoing support, partnership, and commitment to our mission.

Blessings,
Principal Richards

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the sad news of the passing of Mrs. Theresa Meranto on Sunday evening. She was not only the grandmother of Miss Autumn Meranto, but also a beloved member of our school and parish community. Mrs. Meranto faithfully supported our school for many years by participating in fundraisers, attending events, and serving as a Church Buddy to our 5th grade students. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

For those wishing to offer their condolences, the wake will be held today, April 29, from 3:00-8:00 PM at Colucci's Funeral Chapel, and the funeral Mass will take place tomorrow at 10:00 AM at Prince of Peace Church. *K-8 Staff and Students will be doing the Honor Guard (lining the entrance of the church as the family and the casket enter), and then will return to school (for those not attending the funeral).

If your child would like to attend the funeral, please email Principal Richards or your child's homeroom teacher.

If you do NOT want your child to participate in the Honor Guard, please also email Principal Richards or your child's homeroom teacher.

Please keep the Meranto family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Thurs. 4/30 - Volleyball ALL STAR game; Mobile Planetarium Day 1
Fri. 5/1 - Principal Richards' Day!; Mass K-8; Mobile Planetarium Day 2; 11am dismissal K-8 Faculty Meeting
Sun. 5/3 - Happy Birthday Miss Bianca!
Mon. 5/4 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week begins; MS Math NYS CBT
Tues. 5/5 - MS Math NYS CBT; Gr. 6/7 O'Hara Visit
Weds. 5/6- Gr. 3-5 NYS Math CBT; Chorus Club
Thurs. 5/7 - Gr. 3-5 NYS Math CBT

School News

- May lunch and school **calendars** are enclosed.
 - Our CANF and St. Stephen **Swim Team** will be back for September! See the sports section for more information.
 - May 4-8 - **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week** - The FSA has organized a special week of appreciation for our staff, making it easier for families to show their gratitude. In order to make this possible, we need your help. We are still in need of monetary donations. Please use the SignUpGenius link below. Your support helps make this a meaningful and memorable week for our teachers and staff. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A5A72EA0FDC16-63552572-teacher>
 - **NF K-8 District Residents:** Just a reminder to please read over, complete, and return the Title 1 Eligibility Blue Form that was enclosed in last week's folder. It must be returned to school tomorrow. This information is vital to our Title Funding from NY State for the upcoming school year. Please call Miss Jen with any questions at ext. 201. Reminders will be going home again next week!
 - **May Crowning and Hope Ribbon Ceremony** - May 15th at 1pm - Take a half-day and help us fill the church for this beautiful tradition!
 - **Middle States Accreditation** update: Yesterday was our visit from 2 wonderful ladies from Rochester. They were impressed with the students, school, staff, etc.
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FSA Upcoming Events

- ❖ We have cancelled our Thursday, May 14 FSA meeting at 6:30pm. We will reschedule for September to start off the new school year!
 - ❖ On Friday, May 8 from 6-8pm, we will have our **Spring Fling!** RSVP and money are due next Thursday, May 7th!
 - Please note every child must be accompanied by an adult. This is NOT a drop off event.
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👏★ Congratulations!

- **Congratulations** to the directors and the children in the Theater Club! The performances were enjoyed by all who attended! Job well done!
 - **Congratulations** to the Volleyball team who dominated their first round match-up to make the finals. We lost a battle in the 3rd set. Congrats on an incredible season and 2nd place finish!!!
 - **Congratulations** to Jack Hull, Andrew Raeppe, and Isabella Wiatr who will be representing CANF in the ALL STAR game tomorrow!
 - **Congratulations** to the 2nd Graders who made their First Reconciliation Saturday: Maris Eberly & Harper Marrs!
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❤️ Thank You!

- Miss Jen, Miss Bianca, and Miss Amanda want to extend their gratitude to those who showed them such appreciation on Administrative Assistants' Day!
 - Thank you and keep the votes coming! Abel Summers was in 1st Place as of 4/29 for a **Junior Ranger** competition.
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⚽ Clubs & Sports

- **Join the CANF/SSS Fall 2026 Swim Team!** - Calling all swimmers from grades Kindergarten - 8th Grade! Beginning in September, they will practice Wednesdays 5:30-7pm and Saturdays 12:30-2pm. Meets will be on Sundays. All are held at Grand Island High School. The season starts the first week of school and the cost is \$135 per swimmer! Please fill out the registration form on the attached swim form! [PDF Swim 2026.pdf](#)
 - **Trimester 3 clubs** started last week and will continue for a few more weeks! Remember that pick up is at door #6.
 - **Basketball and Cheerleading:** Now that Sports pictures are over, **please return your uniforms in a plastic bag with your name on it!**
 - Cheerleading
 - Return: vest, skirt, body suit, little shorts under it
 - Keep: socks and bows; Minis keep all
 - **Weekly clubs:** Chorus Club (Wednesdays)
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💰 Fundraising Updates - **DUE TOMORROW!**

- **Nothing Bundt Cakes!** - Who doesn't love a bundtlet cake?! Order a sweet treat for someone you love today! Order forms (enclosed) and payments are due tomorrow, Thursday, April 30. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, May 7—just in time for Mother's Day!
- **CANF School Spirit orders are due tomorrow!!!** We have merchandise and Spirit Wear on sale now! Order forms are enclosed again today. Orders and payments are due tomorrow.
 - CANF Fleece Blanket - \$30

- CANF Car Magnet - \$5
 - Spirit Wear - see flyer
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Reminders

1. **May Crowning - May 15th at 1pm**
 - ★ All students should dress UP in their Sunday best (no jeans, no school uniform)
 - ★ Gr. 3 First Communion students should wear their Communion dresses and suits
 - ★ Gr. 8 - See the email that went home from Mrs. Bieniek
 - ★ Notes will be coming home this week with more information
 - ★ Interstate Pictures will be taken for Pre-K 4, Kindergarten Graduation, First Communion children and 8th Graders on this day (May 15). (Note: not Pre-K 3)
 2. **Scholarships** - Do you, or someone you know, have an interest in supporting our students through a scholarship? Gifts of \$100 or more can make a meaningful impact. Donors may choose the criteria, whether in memory of a loved one or to support a specific interest or need. If you would like more information, please contact Principal Richards via email.
 3. **Registration** is ongoing! YOU are our best advocates. Thank you for continuing to share the good news about our amazing school with your friends and family. If you know a family with a child ready for Pre-K 3 or 4, please encourage them to register. We love welcoming new families into our community!
 4. **Amazing School Recognition Days** 🙌🌟
 - May 4-8 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
 5. Do you work during the summer or just want some personal YOU time? Save your child(ren)'s spot for our **CANF Summer Camp**! Sign up NOW! Students entering Grades K-5 in September can attend Aug. 3-7 from 8:30-2:30 for only \$150! The **Summer Camp Sign Up** went home last week! Please be sure to complete the form and send in payment.
 - Is 5 days too much? Here is another option: If you don't want to send your child for the full 5 days, you can send them for just a few days. It will be \$35 a day. Fill out the form and note the days you are attending.
 6. **INCENTIVE ALERT:** Help our enrollment grow! If you refer a student to us and they register for the 26-27 school year, you will receive **\$100 off your tuition!** Please email Principal Richards as the registration forms do not say if they were referred by someone.
 7. ****Lunch help is NEEDED!! We are looking for lunch aide subs in the cafeteria for certain days. The times are 10:30-1:30. Please email Principal Richards if you or someone you know is interested!****
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Looking Ahead

May Dates & Times

- ❖ Friday, May 15 at 1pm - Please mark your calendars and join us for one of the most beautiful celebrations of our school year. All students will have a special role in our May Crowning Paraliturgy, which will also include the 8th Grade Hope Ribbon Ceremony. We warmly welcome all families and friends and hope to fill the church for this meaningful tradition. We are also honored that our Diocesan Superintendent will be in attendance.
 - Picture Day! Pictures will taken for End of the Year Pre-K 4, Kindergarten Graduation, 8th Grade Graduation, and 3rd Grade First Communion
- ❖ Tuesday, May 19th from 6-8pm is the Dairy Queen Fundraiser! The school receives 10% of every purchase made by anyone during this time!
- ❖ Thursday, May 21 - Spring Chorus and Band Performance & Art Festival
 - **SAVE THE TIME:** We plan to begin at 8:45am. The Chorus will perform then Band.
 - **Art Festival** - Due to Confirmation in the church also going on during this evening, we have adjusted our Art Festival & Scholastic Book Fair to be open from 4-6pm. The Art activities will run from 5-6pm.
 - There will be no afterschool care.

June Dates & Times

- ★ Tuesday, June 2 - Scholarships & Snacks - 9:30am
 - ★ Friday, June 5 - Walkathon
 - ★ Tuesday, June 9 - High School Senior Grad Walk
 - ★ Wednesday, June 10 - Pre-K 3 End of the Year Program at 8:30am, Pre-K 4 End of the year Program at 10:30am, & Kindergarten Graduation at 12:30am - more information to come
 - ★ Friday, June 12 - 8th Grade Graduation
 - ★ Wednesday, June 17 Closing Liturgy & Awards - 10:30 dismissal
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