

Subject: CANF Family Newsletter | February 25, 2026

 **A Message from the Principal**

Dear Families,

Read Across America Week begins on Monday, March 6! This special time reminds us of the importance of reading and the powerful impact it has on our children's growth and success.

Reading strengthens vocabulary, builds imagination, improves focus, and opens the door to new ideas and experiences. Most importantly, it helps our students become confident, lifelong learners.

We encourage you to take time each day to read with your child — even just 15-20 minutes makes a difference. Whether it's a favorite bedtime story, a chapter book, or reading signs and recipes together, every bit of reading counts!

Thank you for partnering with us in fostering a love of reading in our students. Together, we can help them discover the joy and adventure found in a good book.

Happy Reading!

**Principal Richards**

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 **Important Dates**

**Thurs. 2/26** - Theater Club

**Fri. 2/27** - Happy Birthday Coach Kyle!; Mass Gr. K-8; Stations of the Cross Gr. 4-8 at 1:30; Auction presale orders & payment are due!

**Mon. 3/2** - None

**Tues. 3/3** - Happy Birthday Mr. D!; LAST Trimester 2 Clubs for Mini Book Club & Kindness Krew; Bible Studies Club still has 2 more

**Wed. 3/4** - NO Soccer Shots

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 **School News**

- **LAST CALL** - There are 2 days left to order your Pre-Sale tickets. Order forms and payment are due Friday! Prices go up at the door! **VENMO is accepted (just add \$4 fee)!**
- **Stocking Stuffer** dress downs have been extended until Thursday, March 19!
- **Read Across America Spirit week** will begin Monday, March 2. Refer to the flyer that went home last week for another week of fun!
  - Stuffy School Sleep Over - see enclosed flyer

- **Current BISON families** - You **should have received** an email regarding the renewal process and adding siblings on Tuesday, February 24. If you did not, please contact Cindy McDonald - [cmcdonald@bisonfund.org](mailto:cmcdonald@bisonfund.org). Please complete the tasks by April 15.
  - **March calendars** are enclosed.
  - **Wolf Pack Supply Company** continues to run every Tuesday and Thursday!
  - Beginning tomorrow, we will be strictly enforcing **school rules/policies**. Here are some refreshers that teachers will review, but if parents could as well we would appreciate it!
    - Review the School Dress Code Policy - Some specific notes:
      - Sneakers can **ONLY** be worn on Gym days. They are **NOT** allowed to be worn with any winter school uniform.
      - Leggings are not a part of the code.
    - Chewing gum is not allowed in any grade any time within the school day.
    - Cell phones are collected at the beginning of each day **for all grades**; Smart watches that are used to text are not allowed or will also be collected.
    - During morning prayer and announcements, students and staff members should stand and participate then sit and listen.
    - All K-8 students should have headphones/earbuds; however, they should be worn only at teacher selected appropriate times.
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### **Congratulations!**

- Congratulations to the **Kindness Club winners**: Akira Jamison, Aubriella Williams, Annalyse Hampton-Johnson, Zendaya Smith, & Jackson Phillips!
  - Congratulations to **Harper Marrs** who was baptized at SVDP on Sunday!
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### **Thank You!**

- Thank you to our Kindness Krew who greeted students Friday morning at every door with fist bumps! They will continue to do this weekly.  
Thank you to all the families for bringing in items for class baskets! Pictures should be posted soon!
  - Thank you to all the families who continue to bring in baskets for the auction! We are at 92% of families that have donated!
  - Thank you to Mr. Rick Sweney who hung up auction signs throughout Niagara Falls!
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### **Catholic Charities Counselor Update**

Mrs. C will be starting her maternity leave in March. Her last day in the school is scheduled for next Thursday, March 4. We will not have another clinician at the school while Mrs. C is on leave. All counseling needs will be referred to Catholic Charities Monsignor Carr Clinics (716-277-1137). Although she will be missed dearly, she will return next fall ready to help support our students!

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## 🏆 Clubs & Sports

- **Volleyball** team practices: February 23, 24, 25 and March 9, 10, 11 from 3:00 - 4:30 each day; bring in your \$40 fee asap, games begin mid-March
- **Weekly clubs:** Trimester 2 Clubs (Tuesday), Chorus Club & Soccer Shots for Pre-K 3+4 (Wednesday), Theater Club (Thursday)
- The Diocese is not having **Spring Bowling** this year due to conflicts of events.

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## 🎉 Auction - March 6-7 - The Auction is less than 2 weeks away!

- **Staff Raffle** order forms went home on Monday, and it began yesterday. \$1 each or 10 tickets for \$5.
  - Remember to spread the word about our amazing auction and share information on Facebook!
  - **Pre-sale orders end this Friday! VENMO is accepted (just add \$4 fee)! Get the deals now and get those orders in! Prices go up at the door! Order forms went home last week! Please share with all family and friends. All orders and payments are **due Friday, Feb. 27th.****
  - Baskets are still being accepted! Reach out to anyone you know that would like to donate! We are looking to make this one the best one ever!
  - **Don't forget to sign up to volunteer your time! The highest needs are on Friday 4-7pm and Saturday from 1-4 and 4-7, but other times are also needed.**
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45A5A72EA0FDC16-61813401-2026> - Sign up to volunteer yourself, your significant other, your mom or dad, best friend, etc! Remember you can request where you would like to work and with who! Kaycie will do her best to accommodate! Volunteers for the auction are needed!
- ★ Incentive: Each volunteer will receive 1 free sheet of green tickets and 1 meal voucher that is good for 1 food item and 1 drink. If his/her child attends CANF, he/she will also receive a free dress down pass for the child(ren) to use on Monday, March 9. Thank you in advance for signing up!

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## 💰 Fundraising Update

- Coming Soon! Nothing Bundt Cakes! - Order sheets will be coming home on March 18th!
- SAVE THE DATE: Dairy Queen Fundraiser - Tuesday, May 18!
- Thank you to all those who participated in the **Easter Candy Sale**. The orders will get delivered the week of March 16th.

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## Reminders

1. **NW, GI, and NT BUS Students for 2026-2027 school year** - Transportation forms must be completed and returned by April 1st to your transportation center. Contact Miss Jen in the office if you need assistance finding the forms.; **Ken-ton BUS students** must use this link for the google form. NO more paper applications will be used/accepted.  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUueqCygdsWtsEaZVX6E7HFiQYEX6p2s8FQOTY-TQUfZaATw/viewform>
  2. **Registration:** Families who have not yet registered your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 school year, please send in your completed registration forms and registration fee to the school office. If your child is not returning, please let us know! Remember you have until March 12 for early registration!
  3. **Basketball teams** - Please send in your child's WASHED jersey in a bag, labeled with their name.
  4. **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!**
  5. **Tax information** - Our Tax number is 02-0615471. If you need a letter, please email Max at [mmenshon@catholicacademynf.org](mailto:mmenshon@catholicacademynf.org).
  6. **BISON Scholarship** - Renewal applications open in February; New family pre-applications (this includes current Pre-K 4 families who have a child entering Kindergarten) open now through March 31, Visit [www.bisonfund.org](http://www.bisonfund.org) for more information
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### Looking Ahead

- ❖ 3/2-3/6 - Read Across America Spirit Week; Lunch & Gym in the classrooms
  - ❖ 3/13 - No School
  - ❖ 3/20 - 2nd Trimester Honor Assembly 1pm in the Church followed by Stations of the Cross at 1:30pm
  - ❖ **SAVE THE DATE!** Summer Camp - August 3-7
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### **FSA Updates**

- **SAVE THE DATE!** CANF's **Spring Fling** will be held on Friday, May 8 from 6-8pm. More information to come!
- Want to be more involved in our wonderful school? We will be having a **FSA meeting** on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30pm to review the year, plan for next year, etc. Mark your calendars!