



Catholic Academy's Weekly Newsletter  
**Adventure Awaits**  
 December 10, 2025



			Thurs. 12/11 Pay \$2 and dress down in blue to benefit Bags of Love** <b>Theater Club</b> Basketball Practices: JVG/JVB 5:30-7	Fri. 12/12 Buffalo Bills Dress Down - pay \$3 or use pass <b>Last Day to order Candygram and Stocking Stuffers</b> Bags of love items due <b>9am O'Hara Christmas Program</b> 1pm Advent Penance Service <b>Basketball Games:</b> <b>Catholic Academy at St Peter (played at St James)</b> 4:00 JVB, 5:00 VB	
Mon. 12/15 <b>Elf Richards is back!</b> Blessing of the Baminelli <b>Jesus' Birthday Celebration</b> Las Posadas <b>Gertrude Hawk Delivery expected</b>	Tues. 12/16 9am Christmas Program <b>1pm Chorus and Band Performances</b> Gertrude Hawk Pick up	Weds. 12/17 <b>Special Christmas Day</b> Stocking Stuffers go home	Thurs. 12/18 Christmas Stations <b>Candygram delivery</b> Theater Club <b>2nd round Spirit Wear orders and payment are due</b>	Fri. 12/19 <b>8:30am Gr. K-8 - Christmas Mass</b> Cozy Day - Wear Pjs <b>10:30am dismissal</b> - Pre-K 3 - Gr. 8 No After School Care	
Mon. 12/22	Tues. 12/23	Weds. 12/24 Christmas Eve Mass - 4:30pm	Thurs. 12/24 Merry Christmas!	Fri. 12/26	Sat. 12/27 <b>SUPER BINGO</b>
Mon. 12/29	Tues. 12/30	Weds. 12/31 Happy New Year's Eve!	Thurs. 1/1 Happy 2026!	Fri. 1/2	School resumes Mon. Jan. 5 with Buffalo Bills Dress Down - pay \$3 or use pass

A huge THANK YOU to Miss Amanda, who spearheaded the 3rd annual Cookies and Cocoa with Santa event this weekend! She and her team did an amazing job—everyone had a wonderful time! We also want to extend our gratitude to her for setting up and running Santa's Secret Shop (Merry Moose) again this year. The children had so much fun choosing gifts, and we hope you enjoy them just as much as they enjoyed picking them out!

CONGRATULATIONS to Harper Marrs, Nico, Kate, and Emma Richards, & Jaxson and Aubrey Raepple who participated in the Cool School Polar Plunge on Friday. Way to represent the CANF Wolves and raise money for WNY Special Olympics!

## SCHOOL NEWS:

The **January school calendar** and **lunch calendar** are enclosed.

### Monday, Dec. 15th - Elf Richards is back! Make sure you are on time to see where she is!

- ❖ It's the Blessing of the Bambinelli. We will be celebrating the Blessing of the Bambinelli during our Advent Service at Morning Announcements. We are asking that each student bring their baby Jesus from their family Manger to be blessed. Once Jesus is blessed tradition says he is to be wrapped in Christmas paper and placed under the Christmas tree. On Christmas morning, he is the first gift to be opened. What a wonderful way to include Jesus and remind ourselves that Jesus is the reason for the season. Do not worry! Each child will be making a baby Jesus in school, just in case your family does not have one.
- ❖ It's also the school-wide "**Jesus' Birthday Celebration**" and Las Posadas! Children are asked to dress however they would if they were attending Jesus' Birthday party. The day will be filled with celebrating Jesus, the real meaning of Christmas. We will have cupcakes, sing "Happy Birthday", engineer gifts for the baby Jesus, and watch a movie.

### Tuesday, Dec. 16th - Christmas Program day

- ❖ The first part begins at 9am in the Gym. Pre-K 3 and 4 will sing 2 songs each. Kindergarten students will sing one song. Then our Christmas Short "God's Gift to Us" will begin featuring select 8th graders and songs sung by Kindergarten, Gr. 1 and 2 students. The second part will begin at 1pm. The chorus will sing 3 songs followed by the Band performance.
- ❖ What to Wear:
  - Pre-K 3 + 4 - dress up in Christmas clothes
  - K - wear Christmas clothes and bring scarves and gloves
  - Gr. 1+2 - wear Christmas clothes, jackets, hats, gloves
  - Band, Chorus, & everyone else - Wear Christmas clothes.

Wednesday, Dec. 17th - It is "Special Christmas Day"! Classroom activities will be centered around their chosen theme. Children should dress in the theme (or colors).

- ★ Pre-K 3 - Gr. 1 - Gingerbread theme
- ★ Gr. 2-4 - Grinch Theme
- ★ Gr. 5 - Snowman
- ★ Gr. 6-8 - Santa

Thursday, Dec. 18th - It's our school wide **Christmas Party Stations**. Students may dress in Christmas clothing or colors! This day will be filled with 3 Christmas themed stations run by FSA.

Friday, Dec. 19th - Join us for our 8:30am Christmas mass and wear your cozy pajamas! It is a 10:30am dismissal with no after school care.

#### FSA UPDATES:

- **HELP & GIFT CARDS needed for our Christmas Stations!** In order to make our Christmas Stations successful, we will need more volunteers. We are also in need of **\$5 gift card donations** for the gift card walk. Please fill out the attached form and send in your donation. Thank you for those families who have done so already. It is very much appreciated!
- The School Office will be reaching out to those who volunteered to work the Christmas Stations soon with specific information.

#### CHRISTMAS DONATIONS & SERVICE PROJECT UPDATES:

- ❖ Thank you to those who donated towards **Father Mario's Christmas Gift**. If you would still like to make a monetary donation, please return it by Fri., Dec. 12th.
- ❖ If you would like to donate items for **Bags of Love**, please send them in by Fri., Dec. 12th.

#### SPORTS & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES:

- ★ **Basketball** - Our season is off and running! The student athletes have been working hard to represent our school. Congrats to the Varsity Girls team on winning the first game of the season vs Holy Ghost.
  - The Basketball fee is now due. Each athlete should send in \$25 cash/check with their name clearly marked. This money helps cover ref costs, league costs, uniforms, and our year end celebration.

- ★ **On going weekly: Cheerleading (Monday), Chorus Club (Wednesday), Theater Club (Thursdays)**
- ★ **Soccer Shots** - Please see the enclosed flyer for Pre-K 3+4. Soccer Shots will begin once we return from break!

## FUNDRAISING UPDATES:

- ❖ **LAST CALL!!! Candygram and Stocking Stuffer Sale** ends this Friday, Dec. 12th. Each Candygram sells for \$1 and each set of 5 dress downs sells for \$5.
- ❖ **Gertrude Hawk Christmas Candy Delivery** - Due to a big storm last week, our delivery has been delayed. It is now expected Monday between 9am-3pm. We will keep you updated for pick up day and time.
- ❖ **Santa's Secret Shop** was so much fun! Thank you to **Miss Amanda** for running it once again. The children loved shopping.
- ❖ **SUPER BINGO:** A flyer was enclosed in last week's folder! Please call the school office if you are interested in working the event as we need volunteers or if you would like to purchase tickets.
  - If you can't volunteer on Dec. 27 for the actual event, but want to help, we do need 6 or 7 volunteers to help make packets on Dec. 15 at 1pm at St. Leo's Hall.
  - Don't forget tickets will be sold at St. Leo's site on Dec. 13 from 5-7pm!
- ❖ **INCENTIVE ALERT!** Remember our 17th annual **Auction** will be March 6 & 7. All families are required to donate a basket of at least \$25. **\*\*For each basket (up to 3) donated by Friday, Jan. 16th, you will receive a free sheet of green tickets.\*\***
- ❖ **School Merch Updates!**
  - **Car magnets** are currently reprinting and should arrive Thursday or Friday. (They were printed a while ago, got lost, and never made it here.)
  - **\*\*\*Spirit Wear** - Order forms were enclosed last week!
    - For those who ordered before 9am on Friday, your orders have been placed.
    - All others, orders and payments are due by Thursday, Dec. 18th and your order will be delivered sometime after Christmas Break. \*\*\*

SAVE THE DATE: Our Pre-K 3 + 4 and Kindergarten **Open House** will be held on Wednesday, February 4th!

**\*\*This is the last newsletter until Jan. 7, 2026!\*\***

**From our CANF Family to Yours, we wish you the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years!**

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## A Message from Principal Richards

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I extend heartfelt Christmas greetings from all of us at CANF.

In our school community, we are blessed each day to witness the light of Christ shining through the curiosity, kindness, and joy of our students. Your prayers, support, and partnership make it possible for us to nurture not only strong minds, but faithful hearts rooted in Gospel values. For this, we are deeply grateful.

May the peace of the Christ Child fill your homes, may the hope of the Holy Family strengthen you, and may the love of God surround you throughout the Christmas season and into the new year.

On behalf of our faculty, staff, and students, I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Christmas.

*Principal Richards*

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# Christmas Gift Card Walk Donations

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I have enclosed my \$5 gift card donation(s).

\_\_\_ I will be sending my \$5 gift card donation(s).

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## Christmas Stations - Sign Up

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Phone number for texting: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below:

\_\_\_ I can help set up, work a station, and clean up. (8-2:15)

\_\_\_ I can help at these times only: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Super BINGO - Volunteer Sign Up



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Before hand:

\_\_\_ I can put together packets on Dec. 13 at 1pm at St. Leo's.

Night of Sat. Dec. 27:

\_\_\_ I can work the floor from 5:30-9:30.

\_\_\_ I can work the door from 5:30-7:30.

\_\_\_ I can help in the kitchen 4:45-8:30.

\_\_\_ I can sell 50/50 tickets from 5:30-9.