



St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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Friendly Friday Update # 3: Sept 25th - 29th



Loving God,

We come before you with grateful hearts, thankful for the blessings of faith, family and friends. We thank you for our wonderful community of parents, teachers and staff who work together in faith to provide our children with a nurturing and Christ centered environment. Help us to continue to foster strong relationships among ourselves, always seeking ways

to support and encourage each other. We pray for your guidance on our journey so that we may instill in our children the values and teachings of our Catholic faith. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who is the way, the truth and the life.

Amen

Week at a Glance

Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
<p><i>Immunization Clinic, Gr. 7 & 8</i> <i>Paul Davis Parent Presentation, 7:00 pm</i></p>	<p><i>Paul Davis Parent Presentation, Gr. 7 & 8</i></p>	<p><i>Rowan's Law Day - Purple Shirt Day</i></p>	<p><i>Catholic School Council Election, 6:30 pm</i></p>	<p><i>YCDSB National Truth and Reconciliation Day - Orange Shirt Day</i></p>

Looking Ahead:

- September 25 - 30th - Truth and Reconciliation Week 2023
- September 25 - 29th - Safety Awareness Week
- September 28th - Catholic School Council Election, 6:30 pm
- October 31st - Hallowe'en Da
- October 1st - Learning Disabilities Awareness
- October 5th - Opening/Thanksgiving Mass, 1:30 pm
- October 9th - Thanksgiving Monday, School Closed
- October 11th - Cross-Country Meet @ Bruce's Mills
- October 12th - STREAM Centre Trip, Grade 1, Ms. D'Addario's class
- October 17th - School Photos

Safe and Caring School Environments

On-demand Spirit Wear Store: **Once a Knight, Always a Knight!** St. Angela Merici Spirit Wear can now be purchased throughout the school year. Please use the link to visit the **Spirit Store** and place your orders. SAM Spirit wear will be delivered directly to our school every three weeks as the orders are placed. [Spirit Store Link](#) **Happy Shopping!**

Terry Fox Walk: We will be holding our annual Terry Fox Walk at school on Friday October 6, 2023. All students from FDK to Grade 8 will be participating in a short walk around the school neighborhood. All students are encouraged to wear **red** and white to show our Canadian spirit for this great hero. Please review the forecast for the day and ensure your child is sent to school appropriately dressed for the walk. Just in case you may need it, **The Walking Consent Form**, required for students to participate, has been attached to the general email.

Hot Lunches are Back at SAM: We thank you for patiently waiting, we are excited to announce that orders are now being accepted for Thursday and Friday hot lunches. Please visit School-Day.com for more information on what is available to order at this time. More days/caterers are still to come.

Student Safety: We aim to keep our students safe at all times. To prevent trips and falls, we kindly ask all parents/guardians to remind students to use the sidewalks provided around the school grounds rather than walking on the retaining walls which border the FDK yard.

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

TVO Resources: As families begin the 2023-2024 school year, TVO continues to provide a rich portfolio of free, curriculum-aligned resources and tools to support K-12 learning (in-person and online). Please consider the following resources to support your children's learning at home.

TVO Resource	Audience	Description
TVO Learn: Learning Activities	K-12	TVO Learn provides educators and parents with grade and subject-specific resources to support student learning (refer to this overview video).
TVO mPower: Game-based STEM Learning	K-6	TVO mPower helps students boost foundational math skills and confidence with interactive STEM games (refer to this getting started tutorial).
TVO Mathify: Math Tutoring	4-12	Free 1:1 online math tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers (refer to this one-pager and getting started tutorial). Tutors are available, ready to offer math help to new and returning students. TVO Mathify is available 7 days a week, with hours of operation being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm ET, and Saturday and Sunday, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm ET
TVO Kids	K-5	Advertising-free videos, games and content on TVOKids.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free YouTube livestream of TVO Kids programming available as well at TVOKids YouTube Channel.
TVO Arts	7-12	A resource that decodes and demystifies iconic works of Canadian art. As each episode unfolds, interact with content about the artists, their backstories, and their diverse perspectives.

Supporting Students Learning: Two new initiatives are being implemented this school year. Please find letters attached to the general email providing more information on how our **Teacher Librarian** and new **Gr. 7 & 8 De-Streaming Teacher** will be supporting St. Angela Merici CES students' learning this year.

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

SAM Thanksgiving Food Drive: The class challenge is on to bring in the most food donations, supporting Vaughan Food Bank. The Thanksgiving Food Drive will run from **September 25th to October 6, 2023**.

Opening and Thanksgiving Mass: St. Angela Merici CES will be celebrating our Opening / Thanksgiving Mass with Father Charles from St. Peter's Church on Thursday, September 5, 2023 at 1:30 pm. All available family members are welcome to join in this Eucharistic celebration.

September's Virtue of the Month: Courage

This Year's 2023-24 Catholic Education Theme and Faith Day 2023 Theme:

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love