



St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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Friendly Friday Update # 6: Oct. 16th - 20th



Loving God,

As we come to the end of this week, let us pause to reflect on the virtue we celebrate this month, the virtue of Compassion.

Lord, you are the source of all compassion and we are grateful for the example your son Jesus Christ showed us on how to love and care for one another with open hearts.

We pray that we can be compassionate role models for our children. Help us to teach them, not only with words but also through our actions, showing them the beauty of love and mercy.

May the virtue of compassion guide our thoughts, words and deeds. We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who taught us to love one another as He loved us.

Amen

Week at a Glance

Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
CCAT Administration Week, Gr. 4 only	School Photos	Confirmation Registration, 7pm	Board Level Cross-Country Meet	PA Day Confirmation Registration, 7pm

Looking Ahead:

- October 27th - Civvies Day
- October 31st - **Hallowe'en Day Dance-a-thon**
- November 1st - Take Your Kids to Work Day, Grade 9s
- November 3rd - Photo Retake Day
- November 4th - First Eucharistic Enrollment Mass, 5pm
- November 6th - Int. Boys Area Volleyball Tournament, St. David CES
- November 7th - Int. Girls Area Volleyball Tournament, St. Andrew CES
- November 8th - STREAM Centre Trip, Gr. 6
- November 16th & 17th - Parent Teacher Interviews

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!** **Please know that the supplier has dropped off a few sample sizes for the sweatshirts. Kindly ask our office staff to see these samples to help determine the most appropriate purchases for your family.**

Picture Day: Say Cheese! Everyone, please get those smiles ready! Picture Day is next Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Students need to come in dress code for class and individual pictures. Please contact your child's classroom teachers with any questions/concerns regarding Picture Day. **Retake Photo Day** has been scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2023.

Safe and Caring School Environments

Parking Lot Safety: The safety of our students and school community is always our number one priority. With this in mind it is important that we are all following the traffic flow expectations in place at St. Angela Merici. Please enter and exit the parking lot at the East entrance. Although it is a one-way Bus Loop, we have seen vehicles entering from the West entrance... this is not permitted. The Bus Loop is for buses and emergency vehicles. Please use the Kiss and Ride at all times, even when arriving late in the morning. Finally, we ask that while in the parking lot, you kindly monitor your speed and to watch for crossing pedestrians. Creating these safe routines now will support safer routines when the Winter weather arrives as well.

Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon: Thank you for your continued support with our Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon Fundraising campaign. Please find the **updated** Hallowe'en Dance-a-thon Parent letter for your records. The calendar included in this letter has been **updated** to reflect the upcoming PA Day, Friday, October 20, 2023.

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Parent/Teacher Interviews: This year's Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, [November 16th](#) and Friday, [November 17th](#). Please mark your calendars for this great opportunity to connect with our wonderful staff in support of students' continued learning and development.

Curriculum and Assessment: [YCDSB Curriculum and Assessment Website](#)



As a Catholic school system, we concern ourselves not only with educational programs and services, but also with keeping our Catholic mission in clear focus. Our dedicated teachers and staff are working always to implement our many curriculum areas and initiatives in a manner that adheres to the teachings of Christ.

Visit the [Ministry of Education website](#) for further information about provincial curriculum and initiatives such as secondary school reform and the provincial report card.

Resources

- [Parent Resources](#)
- [EQAO Results/School Profiles](#)
- [Compulsory Credit Requirements](#)

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

October's Virtue of the Month: **Compassion**

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

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love