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Friendly Friday Update # 4: Oct. 2nd - 6th

Autumn Blessing



O God of Creation, you have blessed us with
the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the
breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us
of the abundance we have been given and
bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind
us of your great promise that death is
temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever
and ever. Amen.



Week at a Glance

Monday 2nd	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th
<i>FDK Trip to the Farm</i>	<i>Virtue Awards Virtual Assembly: Courage</i>	<i>Happy Wednesday</i>	<i>World's Teacher's Day Thanksgiving/ Opening Mass, 1:30 pm</i>	<i>Terry Fox Walk - Red/White Civvies Day Hallowe'en Dance-a thon Fundraiser Assembly</i>

Looking Ahead:

- October 1st - Learning Disabilities Awareness
- October 5th - Opening/Thanksgiving Mass, 1:30 pm
- October 6th - Terry Fox Walk, 9:15 am
- October 9th - Thanksgiving Monday, School Closed
- October 11th - Cross-Country Meet @ Bruce's Mills
- October 12th - Catholic School Council Mtg, 6:30 pm
- October 16 - 19th - Grade 4 CCAT Assessments
- October 12th - STREAM Centre Trip, Grade 1, Ms. D'Addario's class
- October 17th - School Photos
- October 20th - PA Day - no classes
- October 27th - Civvies Day
- October 31st - Hallowe'en Day

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!**

UPDATE Terry Fox Walk: We will be holding our annual Terry Fox Walk at school on **Friday October 6, 2023 at 9:15 am**. As a whole school, all students from FDK to Grade 8 will be participating in a short walk together 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. FDK students will use their own yards for their walk.

Hot Lunches are Back at SAM: Please place your orders for Pizza Nova and Portuguese Chicken by September 30th, as hot lunches will begin next week. Please visit School-Day.com for more information on what is available to order at this time. More days/caterers are still to come.

Safe and Caring School Environments

Let's Get Walking

Celebrate active modes of transportation like walking and wheeling along with other students and staff across Ontario during **IWALK Month**, which officially kicks off on Wednesday, **October 4**. [International Walk to School Month](#) (IWALK) is an annual celebration of active transportation that takes place around the world throughout the month of October.

When Walking to school here are some important safety tips to remember

- Look all ways before you cross the street. Always STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before crossing
- Cross at intersections and crosswalks, when possible
- Always make eye contact with drivers before you cross the street
- Obey traffic signals and signs
- Use a sidewalk if there is one
- Do not wear distracting equipment such as headphones

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution and improve safety around your school.

If you choose to drive, please be mindful of students who walk and cycle, drive slowly and be highly vigilant of your surroundings.

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Catholic School Council: Congratulations and thank you to our newly formed St. Angela Merici CES Catholic School Council for the 2023 -2024 school year. Please visit our SAM website for a list of all members of our Council and the dates for CSC meetings throughout the school year. Our first CSC meeting will be on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 6:30 pm, all are welcome to attend.

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.

Staffing Update: Ms. Sisti who has been a member of the St. Angela Merici CES team for the past 15 years, has recently accepted a new position within our board. We thank Ms. Sisti for her tremendous dedication and commitment to student learning over the years, and wish her great success in her new role. Her last day with us will be October 6th, 2023. Once confirmed, the new Core/APT will be introduced to the SAM community.

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

UPDATE SAM Thanksgiving Food Drive: The class challenge is on to bring in the most food donations, supporting Vaughan Food Bank. This is the last week of our Thanksgiving Food Drive 2023. **WE NEED YOUR HELP to FILL THESE BARRELS!!!!**

UPDATE Rosary Club: *From the* Rosary Apostolate:

On behalf of the Mother of God, we thank St. Angela School for becoming a Rosary Apostolate School for the third year. For the past 26 years the Rosary Apostolate has been creating a positive experience of prayer, which students remember for years to come. Students never find praying the Rosary boring when they pray with love.

The goal of the Rosary volunteers is to deliver a Rosary program which will make a positive impact on the students and enhance the spiritual dimension of your school. We look forward to praying the rosary with the staff and students the last Friday of every month, **starting on Friday October 27, 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.

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