



## St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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### Friendly Friday Update # 5: Oct. 9th - 13th



Dear Parents,

As we approach Thanksgiving weekend, a time when we reflect on gratitude and our many blessings, we pray.

Thank you Lord for the gift of each student and the opportunity to nurture their minds and spirits. May they continue to grow in wisdom and faith.

Thank you Lord for our dedicated teachers and staff who inspire and guide our children each day. May they find joy and fulfillment in their vocation.

Thank you Lord for our parents and guardians who entrust us with the education and well-being of our children. May your homes be filled with love and peace.

As we gather with our loved ones this Thanksgiving, may we remember those less fortunate and extend a helping hand to those in need.

May this Thanksgiving be a time of reflection and appreciation. May you create wonderful new memories with your loved ones. We offer our prayers of thanks to the Lord. **Amen**

## Week at a Glance

Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th
<i>Thanksgiving Monday</i>	<i>World Mental Health Day - Live Stream Event, 1:00 pm</i>	<i>Cross-Country Meet at Bruce's Mills Eucharistic Registration, 7pm</i>	<i>Catholic School Council Meeting, 6: 30 pm STREAM Centre, Gr. 1</i>	<i>Happy Friday  Eucharistic Registration, 7pm</i>

### Looking Ahead:

- October 16 - 19th - Grade 4 CCAT Assessments
- October 17th - School Photos
- October 18th - Confirmation Registration, 7pm
- October 20th - PA Day - no classes
- October 20th - Confirmation Registration, 7pm
- October 27th - Civvies Day
- October 31st - Hallowe'en Day
- November 1st - Take Your Kids to Work Day, Grade 9s
- November 5th - First Eucharistic Enrollment Mass, 5pm

## Safe and Caring School Environments

**Staffing Update:** Please join me in welcoming Ms. Bruna Chiarelli, who will be Acting Secretary, while Ms. Scoleri, Secretary, is off on a medical leave. This staffing change is effective Friday, October 6, 2023.

**UPDATE Hot Lunch:** Our first week of hot lunches went really well. The feedback from students is that they truly enjoyed the product delivered both Thursday and Friday. Thank you for your patience as we continue to provide additional Hot Lunch options for the remaining days of the week. We hope to have an update soon to share.

**World Mental Health Day** - World Mental Health Day is a globally observed day that takes place on **October 10th** each year. Its main purpose is to raise awareness about mental health issues and to promote mental well-being worldwide. The day aims to remove the stigma surrounding mental health difficulties and encourage open conversations and understanding about the importance of mental well-being. ALL YCDSB elementary schools are invited to come together on World Mental Health Day to work towards creating a world where mental well-being is valued, supported and prioritized for everyone. Through a live stream event, Gurdeep will share his message of spreading JOY and POSITIVITY through movement - **SAM students, get ready to DANCE!**

## 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.

## Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

**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

**Thanksgiving Mass:** As a school community, we came together, Thursday, October 5, 2023 for our Opening/Thanksgiving Mass, led by Father Josh from St. Peter's Church. Thank you to parents, guardians and extended community members for joining in this special Eucharistic celebration. *Our next whole school faith celebration is **Friday, November 10, 2023** to commemorate Remembrance Day.*



### **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***