



St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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Friendly Friday Update # 18: Jan. 22nd - Jan. 26th

In January, we celebrate the virtue of unity. Jesus wants us to live in harmony and to remember to include everyone. Throughout the month of January we pray our special YCDSB prayer for unity:



God of harmony and unity,
You want us all to work together to build your kingdom.
May our ears hear your voice clearly
May our eyes see your beauty in all
May our understanding break down walls of fear and prejudice.
May we make our school
a place of friendship, a place of belonging,
a place of welcome.
where everyone feels safe.
where everyone has a place
where all are united in You, dear God.

Amen.

Week at a Glance

Monday 22nd	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
Jr. Boys Invitational Volleyball Tournament - SAM hosting Mindful Mondays	Jr. Girls Invitational Volleyball Tournament - SAM hosting	Bell Let's Talk Day	STREAM Trip - Gr. 5	Civvies Day Rosary Club St. Angela Merici Feast Day Mass @ 10:30 am

Looking Ahead:

- February 2nd - PA Day
- February 8th - Catholic School Council Mtg, 6:30 pm
- February 5th - 9th - Book Fair and Carnivale Week
- February 13th - Term One Reports available to parents/guardians
- February 13th - **Valentine's Day Civvies/Shrove Tuesday**
- February 14th - Ash Wednesday
- February 19th - Family Day Holiday

Safe and Caring School Environments

KISS AND RIDE:

Thank you to parents and guardians for your efforts to use SAM's Kiss and Ride effectively before and after school. You are reminded that this area is not intended for parking or stopping, but rather designated for drivers to pull in, unload safely, pick up safely, and drive through. There should not be anyone parked in our Kiss and Ride. For student safety, there is absolutely **no double parking** in the parking lot. Parents, please continue to use street parking where appropriate if you wish to accompany your children to/from the playground or kindergarten pen. We encourage parents of K- 3 only to use the Kiss and Ride.

Also, we remind parents to be aware that there are walkways at the entrance of the parking lot and in the Kiss and Ride located near the Kindergarten gates on the East side of the school. Please **DO NOT** block these walkways.

Our collective efforts will make a real difference to the efficiency of drop offs and pickups, and most of all, keep our students safe!

PARKING LOT

Parents, if and when using the school parking lot, you cannot double park. This is a safety concern. Also, only those drivers with a valid accessible parking permit are permitted to park in our handicap parking spaces. Please do not park in these spaces if you do not have a valid handicap parking permit. Thank you for respecting these parking safety rules.

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BUS LOOP/FIRE ROUTE

We respectfully remind our community not to park or idle in our bus route, entry or exit. Absolutely **no parking or drop off in our bus loop**. This area is for buses and emergency vehicles. If your child is late, then please use the Kiss and Ride and your child will walk to the front doors or park on Martin Grove Road and they can use the walkway/pathway to the front doors.

We continue to ask for your cooperation in supporting our traffic plan, and we appreciate your patience in dropping off and picking up your children.

Term Two Hot Lunch Program: We are excited to launch our Term Two Hot Lunch Program, which will have more days and caterers for your children to enjoy each week. Term Two Hot Lunch Program will run from February to May. Please note as [Mary Brown Chicken](#) and [Subway](#) are new providers, we have set the orders for February only. If all goes well, orders will open up again for the remainder of the school year, and communication on this will be shared accordingly. Please login to [School Day](#) to view all the delicious lunch options available, all orders and payments must be made through this online cashless program. **Products will be active from Monday, January 15th to January 26th. All orders must be submitted by January 26th.** Thank you for your continued support.

SAM Catholic School Council - Our next St. Angela Merici CES Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend!

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Carnaval/Carnevale Week

Our annual *Carnaval/Carnevale* week will take place on February 5th-9th. Each day, students will participate in a variety of fun theme days and exciting events. More information regarding these events will be given to you as we approach Carnival Week. Please make note of the following scheduled theme days:

Mon., Feb. 5th Wacky Hat / Hair Day	Tues., Feb. 6th Jersey Day	Wed., Feb. 7th French / Italian Flag Day	Thurs., Feb. 8th Rock 'n Roll Day	Fri., Feb. 9th Pajama Day
				

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day: Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day both fall on February 14th this year. Ash Wednesday is a sombre occasion that marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. While we support the idea that Catholic schools celebrate St. Valentine's Day in various ways, it is recommended that schools consider partaking in St. Valentine's Day celebrations on another day of the week. **Please note that all classes at St. Angela Meric CES will celebrate Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday on February 13th.** Students are invited to enjoy Valentine's Day Civvies on February 13th. Students will also be treated to pancakes for Shrove Tuesday on February 13th as well. More information on Shrove Tuesday will be shared in subsequent communication.

All students in our Catholic schools **must** celebrate Ash Wednesday on the day recognized by the Church to properly mark the start of Lent.

Feast Day of St. Angela Merici Mass: Please mark your calendars, our next school Mass is January 26, 2023, which is to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Angela Merici. All are welcome to attend this Mass, which is scheduled for 10:30 am.

January's Virtue of the Month: Unity

January is the coldest month of the year, according to the Weather Office. It is also the first month of 2024, and a time for promise and new resolutions. We look forward to journeying together as a community of faith in 2024.



This Year's 2023-24 Catholic Education Theme and Faith Day 2023 Theme: ***Catholic Education: We are Called to Love***