



St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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Friendly Friday Update # 20: Feb. 5th - Feb. 9th

Throughout the month of February we will continue to pray the Serenity Prayer:



God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Week at a Glance

Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th
Wacky Hat / Hair Day	Jersey Day	Flag Day	Rock & Roll Day	Pajama Day
Book Fair Week	Book Fair Week	Book Fair Week	Book Fair Week	Book Fair Week
Mindful Mondays			CSC Meeting, 6:30 pm	

Looking Ahead:

- 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
- February 28th - **Pink Shirt Day - Anti-bullying awareness**
- March 4th - Int. Boys Basketball Tournament @ SAM
- March 5th - Int. Girls Basketball Tournament @ St. James CES
- March 6th - Grade 2 First Reconciliation at school
- March 11th - 15th - **March Break**
- March 21st - World Down Syndrome Day

Safe and Caring School Environments

Carnivale: St. Angela Merici staff and students are excited for Carnivale, which will be celebrated this coming week. Please see the Week at a Glance and the attached parent letter to provide more information of the theme days and fun events and activities planned for the week ahead.

Equity Events: February is Black Heritage Month. Black Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the many achievements and contributions of people of African Ancestry to the development and culture of the Church and of Canada. Black Heritage Month is about celebrating Black Excellence. It is about celebrating resilience, innovation, and determination to work towards a more inclusive and diverse Canada. This year The Lunar New Year begins on Sunday, February 10th, and will mark the beginning of the Year of the Dragon. February 15th is the 59th anniversary of Canada's national flag. This year Family Day, the day established to set aside time with loved ones falls on February 19th. February 20th is the World Day of Social Justice. Designated by the United Nations in 2007, the World Day of Justice aims to elevate awareness about social inequality and to promote worldwide social justice.

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!

Save the Dates

Grad Photos are April 10, 2024 and Grad Retakes are April 25, 2024

Grade 8 Graduation - Thursday, June 20, 2024

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Term One Report Cards: Term One Report Cards are available to parents on the Parent Portal Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Interviews will be available upon request.

Thinking Thursdays Math Days: An exciting new initiative started this week at SAM to build students' skills and confidence in Mathematical Problem Solving. Once a month, all grades/classes will be provided with a Thinking Thursday Math Problem, which they will work on solving in a small group. The Mathematical Problems will be differentiated to reflect the grade level, however they will be similar in concept/operations to demonstrate and reinforce the continuum of learning from FDK to Grade 8. Students 'thinking' or finished products/solutions will be displayed outside their respective classrooms for others to appreciate. We hope to engage all mathematical minds with this new monthly initiative, which culminates in May during Catholic Education Week with a Thinking Thursday showcase. *Please find attached the initial problem solving question and examples of students thinking across the grades. Parents/Guardians may like to try this question themselves:)*

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

Father Josh and Father Charles will return to St. Angela Merici on February 14th to lead our Ash Wednesday Liturgy with our school community. Please join us if you are available, the service will begin at 9:30 am.

February Virtue of the Month: Wisdom



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