



## St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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### Friendly Friday Update # 2: Sept 16th - 20th



Heavenly Father,

We come before you, at the end of this week, with gratitude in our hearts for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us.

The virtue upon which we reflect throughout YCDSB during the month of September is courage. Lord, give us the courage to face difficult situations and decisions with wisdom and grace. Like Terry Fox, we can call on the virtue of courage in the face of fear or pain or grief. This gift of courage is always there for us if we are able to let go and let God be our source of strength.

As we prepare to embrace the weekend, we ask for your guidance and protection over our families. We offer this prayer, knowing that with your guidance, we can nurture the courage needed to continue this educational journey together.

Amen

## Week at a Glance

Monday 16th	Tuesday 17th	Wednesday 18th	Thursday 19th	Friday 20th
<i>Mindful Monday</i>	<i>School Photos First Eucharist Registration, 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Church</i>	<i>Corn Roast Social/Open House, 5:30 - 7:30 pm</i>	<i>First Eucharist Registration, 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Church</i>	<i>Terry Fox Walk/Civvies Day</i>

### Looking Ahead:

- September 23th - 27th - Scholastic Book Fair
- September 25th - Rowan's Law Day - **Purple Shirt Day**
- September 27th - Staff Faith Day/PA Day
- September 30th - YCDSB National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day - **Orange Shirt Day**
- October 1st - Learning Disabilities Awareness
- October 3rd - Cross-Country Meet @ Bruce's Mills
- October 4th - Grade 7 & 8 Vaccination Clinic and **Dance a thon Assembly**
- October 14th - **Thanksgiving Monday - Holiday**
- October 24th and 27th - Confirmation Registration at St. Peter's Church, 7:00 pm
- October 25th - Civvies Day
- October 31st - **Halloween Dance-a thon**

### Catholic School Council Update

Please consider joining our St. Angela Merici CES Catholic School Council. Nomination forms are being accepted until September 20th, with our elections and first meeting planned for **Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6:30 pm**. Members of the CSC will be available to answer questions and/or provide copies of the CSC Nomination Forms the evening of our Corn Roast. All are welcome and encouraged to become a member of our dynamic team.

## Safe and Caring School Environments

### **Bus Loop and Kiss and Ride Procedures:**

Our goal at St. Angela Merici CES is safety for all students, staff, and community members. Our Kiss and Ride, Parking Lot, and Bus Loop are very busy at entry and dismissal times and we recognize that most people are following our safety protocols, but we require everyone's cooperation.

Please review some safety protocols and school routines:

#### **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.

#### **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 would ask for your cooperation in supporting our traffic plan, and we appreciate your patience in dropping off and picking up your children.

**Food and Drinks in the Playground:** We kindly ask that students do not bring food or drinks into the school yard when arriving in the morning. Thank you for your support.

**Snack Shack -** Our SAM Snack Shack will reopen next week, selling Ice Dawgs daily for \$3.00 each. While supplies last, Students will be invited to purchase these cool treats throughout the week. Thank you for your support.

## Safe and Caring School Environments

**Safe Arrival:** Please continue to use our Safe Arrival System to report absences and lates. Before bell time for the current day, please call 1-855-856-7862 or online at: [go/schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca). As well, you may choose to use the SchoolMessenger App (blue icon) from the Apple App Store or Google Play store.

Students are strongly encouraged to arrive on time. Should your child arrive late, please use the entrance buzzer and a staff member will instruct you when to enter. Please have a pick-up plan in place in the event that your child is not feeling well and needs to be picked up. (see attached information card)

[LINK](#)

**LAST DAY TO ORDER Hot Lunches:** *Hot Lunches are coming soon to St. Angela Merici CES.* Please login to [School Day](#) to place your online orders today. While Pizza lunches, provided by Pizza Nova, will be available Tuesdays and Fridays, Xpress BBQ Chicken will be only available on Thursdays. Kindly note that the Hot Lunch Program options will run throughout **Term One**, beginning in September to the end of January. The strict deadline for online orders is **today, Friday, September 13, 2024**. Additional orders will NOT be processed past this final date.

### **Corn Roast/ Open House Night 2024**

Parents and Guardians are invited to a Corn Roast Social and School Open House, [Wednesday, September 18, 2024](#). While the delicious roasted corn catered by [MrCorn](#) will be available the entire evening, 5:30 to 7:30 pm., the opportunity to visit classrooms and meet the amazing staff of St. Angela Merici CES will be from 6:00 pm. to 7:00 pm. We hope all families will come to socialize, tour the hallways and spend some time visiting the classrooms which your children will call home for the next school year. Please see the flyer attached for more information.

**SAM Spirit Wear:** [New Logos, New Designs and New Colour options!](#) Check out our new St. Angela Merici CES Spirit Wear Store offering a wide selection of clothing and accessory items. With the same flexibility of placing orders throughout the school year and knowing that deliveries will be made directly to the school, Parents/Guardians have the option of purchasing items with our new St. Angela Merici Knights logo or our Limited Edition 25th Anniversary design. Students will be permitted to wear all Spirit Wear purchased, including the Limited Edition 25th Anniversary items offered in Grey. Use the link to start shopping today: [SAM Spirit Wear Store 2024 - 2025](#)


**School Photos -** Pack your smile for our **School Photo Day, Tuesday, September 17th, 2024.** Students are to come to school in their usual dress code clothing for this set of school photos.

**National Truth and Reconciliation Day:** In recognizing the significance of National Truth and Reconciliation Day, students are invited to wear an [Orange shirt](#), Monday, September 30th.

## Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

**Student Password Update:** For added cyber security, please note that all student default passwords have been reset for the 2024/2025 school year. The image below provides the details on how to access your child's new password. Please contact the school with any questions/concerns.

### Student Password Reset New Default Password



Default Password Standard 2024/2025:

**JK- Grade 3:**  
mmddfirstname – e.g. 0226ryan  
Previously –ryan0226

**Note:** – mmdd = month of birthday and day of birth

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**Grade 4 – Grade 12**  
student#+first initial of the firstname in  
Uppercase+first initial of last name lowercase–  
e.g. 12345678Cp  
Previously – Cp12345678

**EQAO 2024 - Save the Date:** [EQAO](#) Primary and Junior Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics will be completed between **Wednesday, May 7, 2025, to Wednesday, June 11, 2025**, with Individual Student Results reported by the end of September 2026. More information to be shared throughout the school year.

## Integration of Our Catholic Faith

**September's Virtue of the Month:** **COURAGE**

**PA Day, Staff Faith Day is September 27, 2024: Pilgrims of Hope: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."** (Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022)

**Thanksgiving/Opening Mass:** Please join us **Thursday, October 10, 2024** for our Thanksgiving/New School Year Mass. All are welcome to attend this mass, which is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm.

This Year's 2024-25 Catholic Education week will take place from **May 5 to 9, 2025.**