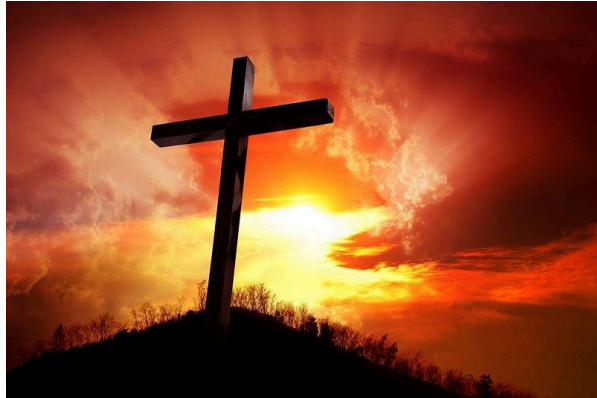




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Friendly Friday Update # 10: Nov. 11th - Nov. 15th



Prayer of Peace and Justice

God our Creator, you sent your Son Jesus into the world to show us the way to a true and lasting peace.

Open our minds and hearts that we might hear his message of peace.

We pray for wisdom that will bring greater peace in our world.

We pray for understanding and compassion

that will safeguard the innocent and feed and find homes for all refugees and all who suffer.

We pray for companionship and strength for all who mourn. We ask you this in

Jesus' name. Amen.

Week at a Glance

Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
Remembrance Day - Liturgy at 10:40 am	Spooktacular Closing Assembly Progress Reports available, 4 pm	Intermediate Boys Volleyball Tournament	Parent-Teacher Interviews - Afternoon/Evening	Parent-Teacher Interviews - AM PA Day - No School for Students

Looking Ahead:

- November 18th - 22nd - **Friendship Week/Bullying Prevention Week**
- November 18th - Coby the Magician - Anti Bullying Presentations, Morning
- November 18th - Intermediate Girls Volleyball Tournament
- November 19th - Crawford Lake Trip, Gr. 3-4
- November 21st - Catholic School Council meeting, 6:45 pm
- November 22nd - Friendship Week Closing Assembly, 9:10 am
- November 28th - **SAM Annual Christmas Market**
- November 29th - Civvies Day and Rosary Apostolate
- December 19th - Advent Mass, 10:30 am
- December 20th - **Christmas Caroling, FDK - Grade 8, 9:15 am**

Safe and Caring School Environments

Friendship Week/Bullying Awareness/Prevention Week - **November 18 to 22, 2024** is designated as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week in Ontario this year.

SAM Friendship Week is November 18th - 22nd. St. Angela Merici Staff and students will welcome Coby the Magician to open this week with his dynamic Anti-bullying Presentation. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend the 2 Anti-Bully Magic Show presentations:

9:00 am - K's to 3 - Sharing & Caring with Verbal and Physical Bullying

10:30 am - Gr. 4 to Gr. 8 - Verbal, Physical & Cyber Bullying

Please see the attachments for more information on Coby the Magician and the content of his presentation, as well as a poster with theme days and activities planned throughout this special week. Together, let's celebrate friendships and put an end to all bullying.

Safe and Caring School Environments

Protecting Youth Information Sessions

YCDSB has recently shared information regarding upcoming sessions that will be hosted by the York Catholic District School Board and the York Regional Police on protecting youth from human trafficking and online child exploitation.

There has been a great deal of interest in the sessions and many parents have asked for students younger than 15 years old to attend. Following consultation with the York Regional Police, they have agreed to do their best to make the presentation appropriate for children as young as 10 years old.

It is important to note that these age ranges are suggestions. Conversations about these topics are difficult and children of various ages will respond differently to this information. You are encouraged to use your unique knowledge of your child to determine if the presentation is right for them.

Please see an updated poster attached to this email for more information. [November Safety Poster Update.pdf](#)

Catholic School Council Update

Our next St. Angela Merici CES Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 21st at 6:45 pm**. All parents and guardians are always welcome to attend.

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Knowledgehook is a secure, online tool designed to provide useful information to help guide your child in their math learning journey. Getting questions correct is not necessarily the goal but rather to better understand your child's **thinking** and to **identify** areas where they may need more **support**.

As a parent, you can connect to your child's account and be part of supporting that learning. You will receive valuable information via email including the following:

- 1) Receive reports shared by your child's teacher showing activities covered in class so you can see a general overview of how your child is understanding the current questions. (you will note receive the exact questions but see where your child is struggling)
- 2) Cheer on your child's milestones by choosing from the selection of inspirational cheers (e-cards). Sending a cheer is like adding a quick note in your child's lunch box. Your child will see your cheer the next time they log into their Student account.
- 3) Time to connect and practice math through play. Students will have access to multiple choice based questions that you can work through with your child when logged into their student account.

Here is a [link](#) to the Knowledgehook platform you can provide that offers instructions as well.

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

November's Virtue of the Month: Justice

The next opportunity to join in prayer will be [Thursday, December 19th for our Advent Mass.](#)

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