



## St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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### Friendly Friday Update # 18: Jan. 20th - Jan. 24th



#### **YCDSB Unity Prayer**

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 ignorance.  
May we make our schools and workplaces  
places of belonging, places of welcome. places of caring,  
where everyone feels safe.  
where everyone has a place,  
where all are united in You, dear God.  
Amen.

## Week at a Glance

Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
Snack Shack Reopens - \$2.00 Chips	Last Day for Term One Tuesday Pizza	Bell Let's Talk Day Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament	Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament	Civvies Day Rosary Apostolate

### Looking Ahead:

- January 27th - St. Angela Merici Feast Day Mass, 10:40 am
- January 27th - Family Literacy Day
- January 30th - Sharelife Jr. Volleyball Tournament
- January 31st - PA Day
- February 6th - Xpress BBQ Chicken make-up day
- February 7th - Last day for Term Two Friday Pizza Lunch
- February 17th - Family Day
- February 18th - 21st - Carnivale
- March 4th - Shrove Tuesday
- March 5th - Ash Wednesday
- April 7th - 11th - Sharelife Week

### Save The Dates

- May 5th - Catholic Education Week, SAM Community Evening Mass, St. Peter's Church, 7:00 pm.
- June 10th - End of Year/Grade 8 Mass
- June 13th - Area of Schools Track and Field Meet
- June 19th - End of Year School BBQ
- June 24th - Grade 8 Promotion Celebration

### Catholic School Council Update

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26th at 6:45 pm. All are always welcome to attend.

## Safe and Caring School Environments

### Reporting Student Absences/Lates/Illness

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, 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. **Students arriving after the bell will be asked to be signed in at the office by parents/guardians.** 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](#)

### Kiss'n Ride

If your child must be driven to school, here are the guidelines we would like everyone to abide by.

- Please **do not double park in the school parking lot, we need to ensure a safe flow of traffic, as well as clear sightlines of all pedestrians.**
- Enter the Kiss and Ride lane close to the kindergarten play area and put your vehicle in park before allowing your child to get out of the car
- Students must independently exit from the right hand side of the car (closest to the school) and parents should remain in the car. Parents may then enter the “drive thru” (left lane) to exit the parking lot. **Parents are to leave immediately after drop off to keep the traffic flowing.**
- All student belongings (eg. Knapsack) should be **inside the car, rather than the trunk** for easy access and quick exit
- Parents who prefer to walk their children to their designated yards are asked to park on the street and walk them to the appropriate area. Our best advice is to leave home early and walk if possible.

### Dismissal/Pick UP

Parents are reminded to arrive between 3:35 p.m.-3:40 p.m. at the designated areas.

**SAM Spirit Wear: New Logos, New Designs and New Colour options!** Check out our 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](#)

## Safe and Caring School Environments

**Important Notice: Cutlery Availability:** While cutlery is occasionally provided, it is not always guaranteed. Therefore, students are encouraged to bring their own cutlery from home for snacks and lunches to ensure they have what they need.

## Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

[The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing](#) Math Circles Series (Winter) is a **FREE** enrichment program for students in Grades 6 to 12. It runs for eight weeks, offering both in-person (Grades 6-12) and online (Grades 6-8 only) sessions. The program covers mathematical topics beyond the standard curriculum through problem-solving and direct instruction. Sessions are divided by grade levels, ensuring appropriate content and challenge for each group. It is an opportunity for students to ask questions, explore concepts, struggle through problem-solving and engage in math talks to explain their thinking.



### Session Information

Audience	Format	Dates and Location
4 groupings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grade 6</li> <li>● Grade 7/8</li> <li>● Grade 9/10</li> <li>● Grade 11/12</li> </ul>	Meet once a week for 8 weeks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Online (Gr 6 and Gr 7/8)</li> <li>● In Person (Gr 6, Gr 7/8, Gr 9/10 &amp; 11/12)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Grade 6 (in person):</b> Tuesday or Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</li> <li>● <b>Grade 6 (online):</b> Thursday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</li> <li>● <b>Grade 7/8 (in person):</b> Tuesday or Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. or Thursday 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>● <b>Grade 7/8 (online):</b> Monday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</li> <li>● <b>Grade 9/10 &amp; 11/12 (in person):</b> Wednesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Registration Process:</b> Register via this <a href="#">link</a>. Registration is a rolling enrollment process so there is time to register even if sessions have started.</p>		

## Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

**YCDSB Winter Elementary Programs:** As part of our commitment to providing high-quality academic and extracurricular opportunities, YCDSB is excited to offer a variety of 8-week programs this winter, running from **February to April 2025**. These programs cater to a range of interests and skill sets, including academics, languages, the arts, and physical enrichment. Our programs are designed to support your child's growth, spark new interests, and help them develop valuable skills in a fun and engaging way.

This upcoming season programs include:

- [Elementary Tutoring Support – Online and In-Person – Grades 1 to 6](#)
- [Elementary Tutoring Support – Online and In-Person – Grades 7 to 8](#)
- [French – Junior, Primary and Intermediate Levels – Grades 1 to 8](#)
- [Tech and Coding – Grades 1 to 8](#)
- [Busy Minds: Mobile Enrichment Programs for Children's Growth – Grades JK to 8](#)
- [The Great Big Theatre Company: Saturday Drama Workshops – Grades JK to 8](#)
- [Heaven Can Wait: Emergency First Aid and CPR Training – Grades 3 to 8](#)

**\*NEW\*Spots are limited**, so we encourage you to register early!

[The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing](#) through Waterloo University is now accepting applications from students in Grades 6-10 for their **FREE** enrichment programs.

### Session Information

Panel	Program Description
Elementary	<p>Discovering Math Camp (DMC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What: A virtual math enrichment program designed to introduce students in Grades 6- 8 to various areas of mathematics. It offers a space to cultivate their mathematical understanding and hone their problem-solving skills through immersive lessons, interactive activities, and collaborative challenges.</li> <li>• When: Monday March 10, 2025 - Friday March 14, 2025               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and</li> <li>○ 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Apply: <a href="#">Click here</a> (Application closes February 10, 2025 at 9:00 p.m.)</li> <li>• Flyer to Share with Parents: <a href="#">Click here</a></li> </ul>
Secondary	<p>For additional information about workshops for secondary students, please refer to the following <a href="#">link</a>.</p>

## Integration of Our Catholic Faith

### **January Virtue of the Month: Unity**

We conclude our daily prayers in the month of January with 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.

**St. Angela Feast Day Mass:** The next opportunity to join in prayer will be **Monday, January 27th** for our St. Angela Merici Feast Day Mass. We look forward to welcoming you to this special celebration.

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