



St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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Friendly Friday Update # 24: March 3rd - March 7th



Lent

God of mercy and love,
Sustain us throughout this Lenten season.
Help us to continue to embrace this time of the Lord's favour as a time of
change and growth.
Fill us with a deep desire for conversion and a true longing for holiness.
Guide us as we journey toward the sacred days of Easter, nourished by your
unfaltering love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week at a Glance

Monday 3rd	Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	Friday 7th
Snack Shack open all week Fr. Josh visits Grade 2s - 9:30 am	Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Snack - am	Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 9:30 am	<i>Happy</i> <i>Thursday</i>	Happy Friday

Looking Ahead:

- March 4th - Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday
- March 5th - Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 9:30 am
- March 17th - St. Patrick's Day
- March 19th - PLAY Leader Training
- March 21st - World Down Syndrome Day
- March 25th - STREAM Centre, Grade 7s
- March 26th - In. Boys Basketball Tournament
- March 26th - First Reconciliation, Grade 2 at School
- March 27th - Int. Girls Basketball Tournament
- April 1st - Confirmation Retreat at St. Peter's Church, Gr. 7s
- April 2nd - Marlies Game, Junior Grade
- April 7th - 11th - Sharelife Week
- April 14th - 17th - Holy Week
- April 18th - Good Friday
- April 21st - Easter Monday

Catholic School Council Update

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 6:45 pm. All are always welcome to attend.

Safe and Caring School Environments

Active School Travel: Walking to the school bus stop and riding the bus to school are considered important forms of active school travel. Please review the attachment to ensure all members of the school community continue to follow safe practices on and/or around school buses throughout the school year.

Safe and Caring School Environments

Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, March 4th, is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. Once again this year our Catholic School Council will be supporting our pancake snack for our students. A letter will be sent home with each student. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

Student Safety Reminder *As always, student safety is our top priority. With snow removal ongoing around the school, we ask that student walkers use the following designated routes when traveling to and from school:*

1. The center walkway, located in front of the school.
2. The sidewalks on the East side of the school.

Please remember that students should not use the driveway with moving vehicles to access sidewalks. For everyone's safety, it's crucial to follow these guidelines when arriving or leaving the school.

Special Note: Upon dismissal at the end of the day, students are reminded they are **NOT** to be playing on the snow mounds surrounding the school, but instead they are to go directly home.

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

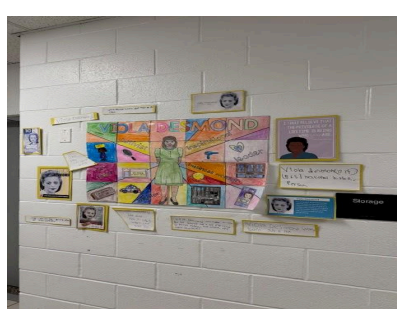
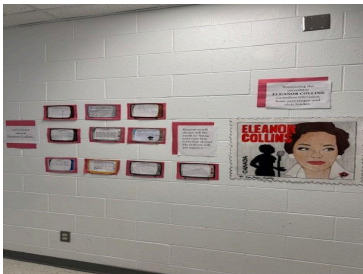
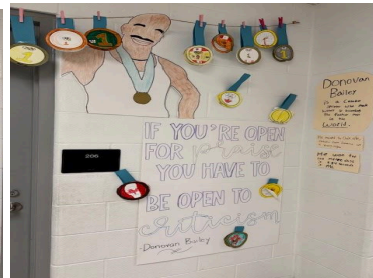
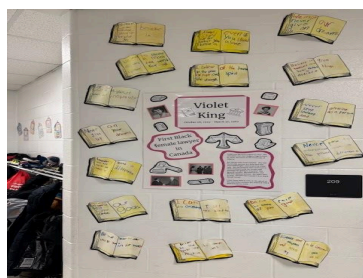
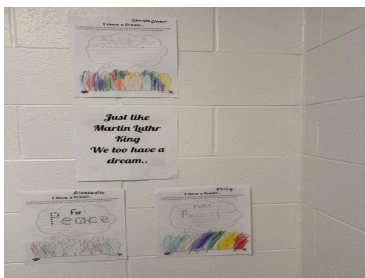
Parents are reminded to arrive between 3:35 p.m.-3:40 p.m. at the designated areas. **Please do not enter the Bus Loop during this time.**

Safe and Caring School Environments

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](#)

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

SAM BHM Museum Walk: This past **Tuesday, February 25th**, staff and students enjoyed participating in our first Museum Walk activity. Rotating through three different activities/stations, all classrooms had an opportunity to experience the 'Door Display' Gallery Walk, Traditional Games, and the Quotation Station in which ipads were used to unpack historical information embedded in QR Codes. The overall feedback was extremely positive as students in all grades gained new knowledge and an appreciation for many contributions from Black Canadian figures. Here are just some of the 'Door Displays' featured in our Museum Walk.



Integration of Our Catholic Faith

March Virtue of the Month: Perseverance

In March we look forward to the first distant signs of spring. We enter and then journey through the season of **Lent** and look forward to the highpoint of our Church calendar, Easter, which will take place next month on April 20th.

The Virtue of Perseverance

This month we celebrate and reflect on the virtue of perseverance, which is linked with the moral virtue of fortitude. “Perseverance: the virtue which disposes to continuance in the accomplishment of good works in spite of the difficulties attendant upon them.”¹ It is this virtue that helps us through the dark and difficult days. It gives us the discipline that not only leads us through the Lenten moments in our lives but in the intellectually and morally trying times. This virtue carries with it the promise of God’s loving presence that is always with us.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy: The next opportunity to join in prayer will be **Wednesday, March 5th** for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. This liturgy is scheduled to begin at **9:30 am**, all community members are invited to attend.

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