



## St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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### Friendly Friday Update # 6: Oct. 13th - Oct. 17th



Loving God,

You give us every season.

In Autumn, we see your beauty in the colours of the leaves, your care in the harvest,

and your promise that change can bring new life.

Help us to trust you and stay close to you in every season.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

## Week at a Glance

Monday 613h	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
<b>Thanksgiving Monday - No School</b>	<b>Immunization Clinic, Gr. 7 McMichael Art Gallery Trip, Gr. 4-6</b>	<b>Terracotta Cookies Wk 2</b>	<b>Pizza Fundraiser Order Forms Due Smencil for Sale</b>	<b>Eradication of Poverty Fundraiser - Loonie/Toonie Civvies Day</b>

### Looking Ahead:

- October 22nd - Sharelife Invitational Volleyball Tournament - Int. Girls
- October 23rd - Sharelife Invitational Volleyball Tournament - Int. Boys
- October 24th - PA Day
- October 29th - School Photos - Retakes
- October 30th - **Pizza Fundraiser Order Pick-Up, 3 - 6 pm**
- October 31st - **Halloween Day and Spook-tacular Dance**
- November 5th - Catholic School Council Meeting, 6:45 pm
- **November 11th - Remembrance Day Liturgy, 10:40 am**
- November 20th - Parent Teacher Interviews
- November 21st - PA Day

### ***FALL FUNDRAISER AND SPOOK-TACULAR HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY 2025 UPDATE:***

We are thrilled with the response to our **St. Angela Merici Fall Fundraiser**, where we're combining three of our favorite things: **pizza, Halloween, and dancing!** [We are in our final week of selling PIZZAs.](#) We encourage you all to continue selling those pizzas as there are so many exciting top prizes to be earned, such as Leaf Tickets, Raptors Tickets, a signed Blue Jay bat, various gift cards and so much more. Our collective efforts will be celebrated with our annual **Halloween Spook-tacular Dance** on **Friday, October 31st, 2025.** [All orders are asked to be submitted by October 16, 2025.](#)

### **We Need Your Help!**

We're looking for support with a few exciting school initiatives:

- **Pumpkin Donations** – Help make our annual *Pumpkin Decorating Contest* a success by donating medium-large sized pumpkins.
- **Lego Donations** – Our *Lego Lunch Club* will be starting in a couple weeks. To make this club amazing, we're looking for new or gently used Lego sets. Please help us to keep creativity building.
- **Parent/Guardian Volunteers** – Join us this fall in planting daffodils to brighten up our school gardens.

If you're able to support *any* of these efforts, please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

**Catholic School Council:** Our next Catholic School Council meeting will be held Wednesday, November 5th at 6:45 pm. All members of our school community are always welcome to join.

## ACTiVE School Travel - October

We all play an important role in creating safe school zones and supporting the safety and well-being of our students. Please take a moment to review the attached **Safety Tip Sheet**, which outlines practical steps and guidelines for how we can work together to ensure a secure and supportive environment for everyone in our school community. Thank you for your continued commitment to student safety and well-being.

## Safe and Caring School Environments

**Anti-Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week:** While YCDSB schools engage in bullying awareness and prevention every week of the school year, we recognize this time as a valuable opportunity to raise awareness among parents and the local community. **November 17 to 21, 2025** is designated as Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week in Ontario this year. We look forward to sharing more information on **SAM's Friendship/Anti-Bullying Week** in the coming weeks.

**SAM Spirit Wear:** 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 2025-2026](#)

### **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.

**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](#)

**Fall Snack Shack UPDATE:** Starting **Thursday, October 2nd**, and continuing throughout the month of **October**, our **Fall Snack Shack** will be open! Students will have the opportunity to purchase **snacks and Smencils** according to the schedule attached. Thank you in advance for supporting our **Fall Fundraising Initiative!**

## Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

**The Trades Report, September:** We are pleased to introduce "**The Trades Report**," a dynamic resource dedicated to skilled trades and apprenticeship information.

**Target Audience:** Students pursuing skilled trades and apprenticeships, Guidance Counsellors, Teachers, and Parents/Guardians.

**Frequency:** A new report will be released **monthly**. The **September issue** is available here:

Click [here](#) to access The Trades Report.

**Password: TTR2526**

## Integration of Our Catholic Faith

**October's Virtue of the Month:** **Compassion**

**October 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Bulletin:** We are pleased to share with you the OCSTA Catholic Education Week Committee's "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness" bulletin for October, which contains resources and ideas for celebrating and reflecting on this year's theme. Click [here](#) for access to the October bulletin

**Remembrance Day Liturgy:** Please join us **Tuesday, November 11, 2025** for our Remembrance Day Liturgy. All are welcome to attend this mass, which is scheduled to begin at 10:40 am.

This Year's 2025-26 Catholic Education week will take place from **May 4 to 8, 2026.**