



St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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Friendly Friday Update # 5: Oct. 6th - Oct. 10th



Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of the harvest,

Thank you for your graces and blessings.

Thank you for our food and shelter, our health, our family and our friends.

Remind us that the crisp mornings and cool nights bring with them the majesty and grandeur of the Autumn.

Remind us of the bounty that we have received
through your grace.

Please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our Saviour. Amen

Week at a Glance

Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th
Snack Shack Open	Smencil for Sale	Cross-Country Meet Terracotta Cookie Wk 1	Thanksgiving/ Opening School Year Mass, 10:40 am Smencil for Sale Last Day For Food Drive	25th Anniversary Aerial Photo, 1pm Snack Shack Open

Looking Ahead:

- October 13th - **Thanksgiving Monday - Holiday**
- October 14th - Vaccination Clinic, Gr. 7
- October 14th - McMichael Art Gallery Trip - Gr. 4-6
- October 16th - **Pizza Fundraiser Order Forms Due**
- 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**

Exciting October:

- ❖ Library Clubs(Coding, Art, Lego)
- ❖ Student Voice meetings
- ❖ Volleyball and Cross-Country
- ❖ Fall Fundraiser
- ❖ Opening School Mass

Save the Dates:

- Oct. 10th - Aerial Picture for 25th Anniversary
- Oct. 29th - Picture Retakes
- Nov. 27th - Christmas Market
- Dec. 18th - Advent Mass
- June 17th - End of Year/Grade 8 Grad Mass
- June 23rd - Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony

25th Anniversary Celebration Update: 25th Anniversary Aerial Photo – October 10th

As we prepare to celebrate our school's 25th anniversary, we're excited to announce a special aerial photo to mark this milestone!



Date: Friday, October 10th



What to Wear: *All students are asked to wear a white shirt* to create the most striking visual impact from above.

Let's come together to make this a memorable moment in our school's history. Thank you for your support—and let's all pray for beautiful weather!

Thanksgiving Food Drive: As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude, kindness, and community. This year, we're excited to launch our Thanksgiving Food Drive to help ensure that every family in our community can enjoy a warm holiday meal. We are collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving-themed food items from now until October 9th. All donations will go to Vaughan Food Bank to support families in need during the holiday season.

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 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. Your help makes a big difference—thank you!

Safe and Caring School Environments

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](#)

ACTiVE School Travel - October

October Is International Walk to School Month

International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual event that takes place in October to raise awareness about the benefits of walking and other types of active transportation to get to and from school. It is a great opportunity for students, families and the school community to be part of a global event to celebrate the benefits of active transportation. Join the movement! Tell your Friends! We encourage all students to WALK to and from school or to and from bus stops for the month of October.

Safe and Caring School Environments

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

As the 2025-2026 school year begins, TVO offers various free, curriculum-aligned resources and tools to support K-12 learning, both in-person and online.

TVO Resource	One Pager	Audience	Description
TVO Learn	Link	K-12	This resource offers educators and parents grade- and subject-specific resources to support student learning (refer to the overview video).
TVO Learn Games	Link	K-6	TVO Learn mPower is now TVO Learn Games! All teachers and students can now use Games in the classroom without the need to create an account.
TVO Mathify: Math Tutoring	Link	4-12	This resource offers free 1:1 online math tutoring to students with Ontario Certified Teachers (refer to this TVO Mathify Information Video). Tutors are available Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 9 PM, and Saturday to Sunday from 3 PM to 9 PM.
TVO Kids	Link	K-5	This resource offers ad-free videos, games, and content, along with a free YouTube livestream of TVO Kids programming on the TVOkids YouTube Channel .
TVO Arts	N/A	7-12	This resource explores and explains iconic Canadian artworks. Each episode lets you learn about the artists, their stories, and their diverse perspectives.
TVO Study Hall	N/A	9-12	This resource offers English-only online learning materials that support both teacher-led instruction and independent study, helping students strengthen their understanding of specific subjects.

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[Math Circles @ CEMC \(Fall Session\)](#)

The Curriculum Department, in partnership with The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing (CEMC), is offering the [Math Circles Series](#)—a FREE eight-week enrichment program beginning the week of October 6, 2025. Students can participate either in person or online. Sessions invite students to ask questions, explore concepts, work through problem-solving, and engage in math talks. Please use the link to register, [registration link](#).

Audience	Format	Dates
Grade 6	In Person	Tuesday or Wednesday @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
	Online	Thursday @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Grade 7/8	In Person	Tuesday or Wednesday @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm or Thursday @ 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
	Online	Monday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Grade 9/10	In Person	Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
	Online	Thursday 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Grade 11/12	In Person	Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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

Thanksgiving/Opening Mass: Please join us **Thursday, October 9, 2025** for our Thanksgiving/New School Year Mass. 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**.