

# Weekly Newsletter



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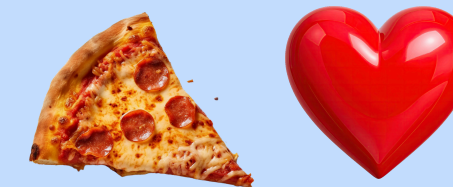
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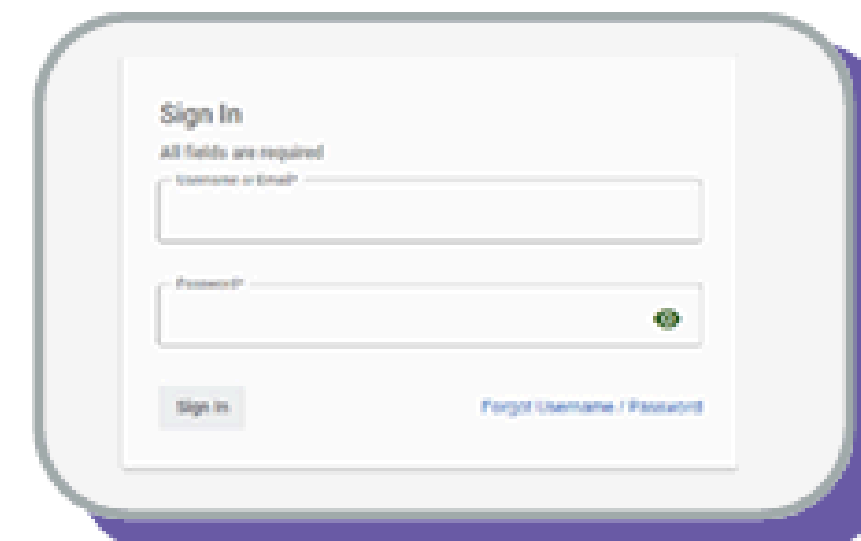
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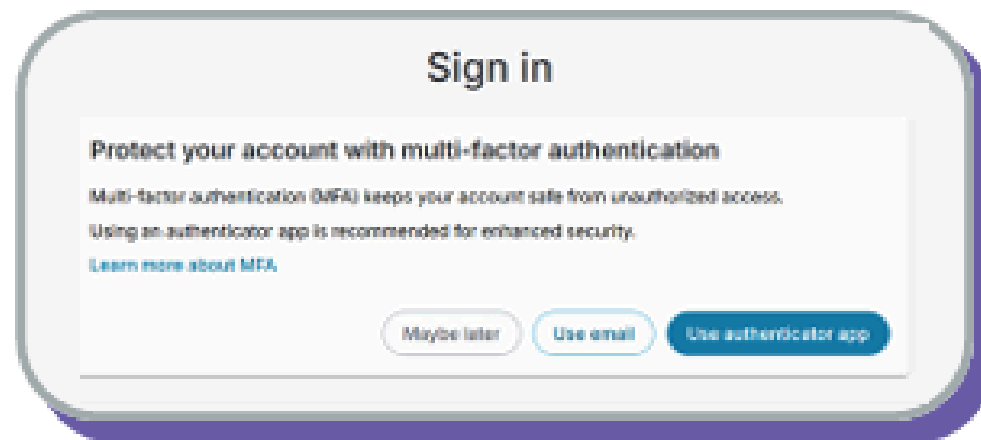
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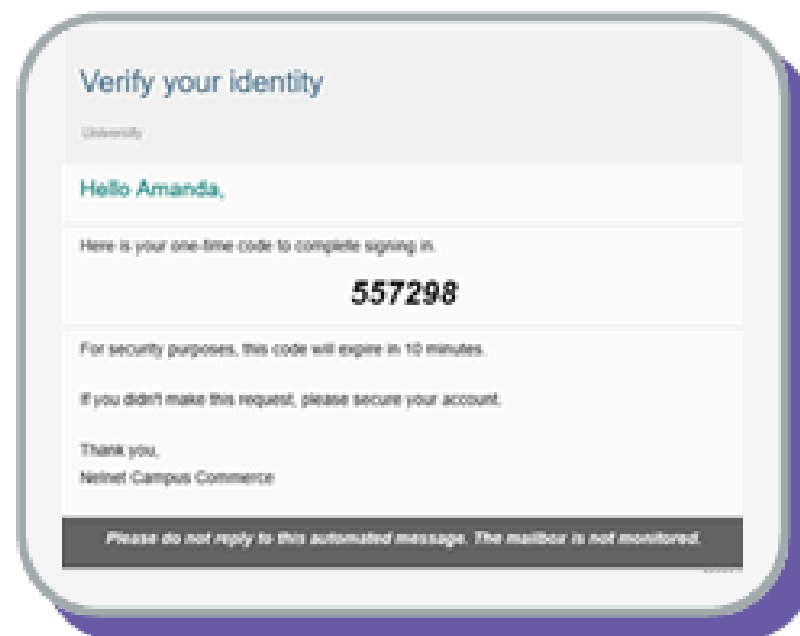
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# Coastal Living

## UNDER OUR DARK SKIES

### CRYSTAL COAST STARGAZERS UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

- Crystal Coast Stargazers Public Events
- Fort Macon Astronomy Night - February 6, 6:00 PM
- Telescope Workshop - February 21 - Fort Macon Auditorium - 1:00-3:00

## Deep-sky Observation

### Crystal Coast Stargazers Kick Off 2026 with Rare Six-Planet Alignment

#### VERMADIEL NIEMSTOOT CRYSTAL COAST STARGAZERS

January was a spectacular start for the new year for stargazers in our area. Crystal Coast Stargazers' members look forward to observing on crisp winter nights. It's not just the lack of mosquitoes that makes this time of year great for observing - colder air temperature means a much lower amount of moisture suspended in the air, which makes for much better transparency of the atmosphere. This night environment is excellent for observing and for the astrophotographers.



Dena Pennington, Kindergarten Instructor with a few of her students at Annunciation Catholic School.

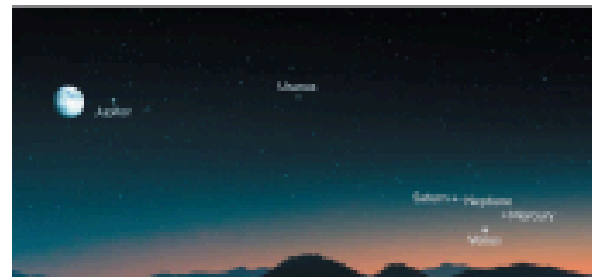
During the winter, our dark skies show a very different view than we see in the summer. Our night sky this time of year is facing away from the center of our Milky Way galaxy. We are seeing from our galaxy's edge, a view dominated by some very bright stars. Winter's night sky features some of our most iconic constellations, such as Orion, Gemini, Taurus and Ursa Major and Ursa Minor (the Great Bear and Little Bear). During the new moon phase on January 16th, CCS members gathered at Cape Lookout National Seashore's Visitor Center area for their monthly observing challenge night. The skies did not disappoint!

The Orion Nebula and two other nebulae within the Orion constellation were viewable in the telescopes. The Crab Nebula in Taurus was observed. Some members documented seeing over 12 deep sky star clusters and celestial objects!

Outreach activities by CCS in January indicate the club is not slowing down for 2026! On January 9th, a night that started with cloudiness but cleared by observing time, brought over 30 attendees out for the Fort Macon Astronomy Night. On January 16th, a presentation on light pollution was presented to students during Core Sound Waterfowl Museum's Home School Group Field Trip. Christa Birtcher, Education Associate, coordinated this event of three science area presentations. On January

21st, Ms. Dena Pennington's kindergarten class of Annunciation Catholic School learned all about the Moon during a program and craft activity. And, there are more activities planned for February - including the yearly Telescope Workshop on February 21st, Fort Macon Auditorium, 1:00 PM. The workshop provides an opportunity for the public to learn about the different types of telescopes. Attendees may bring their own telescopes if they need help or assistance with learning to use them.

The 6-planet alignment on February 28th will be the celestial event that will most peak the public's interest during the month. CCS often receives many questions and inquiries about these events. The six planets - Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune - though not aligned in a straight line in space, they will appear clustered along the same region of the sky as seen from Earth, creating a visually striking lineup of a graceful arc across the sky shortly after sunset. To clarify, the planets do not physically line up in space. Instead, the effect is caused by their apparent positions as seen from Earth, with all six located on the same side of the Sun at the right time. A six-planet lineup at once is relatively rare. While smaller groupings of two or three planets occur more often, seeing six planets visible in one part of the sky depends on precise timing and orbital geometry that only align every few years. To observe this event, about 45 minutes after sunset, choose a location with a clear, unobstructed view of the western horizon and minimal light pollution. Four planets - Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn - will be bright enough to spot with the naked eye under clear conditions. However, Uranus and Neptune are much fainter and will require binoculars or a small telescope to view.



Starlink Image Planetary Alignment: Jupiter, Uranus, Saturn, Neptune, Venus, and Mercury in a planetary alignment on February 28, 2026, as seen from the Northern Hemisphere. (Starlink image)



Guess who made it in the paper?

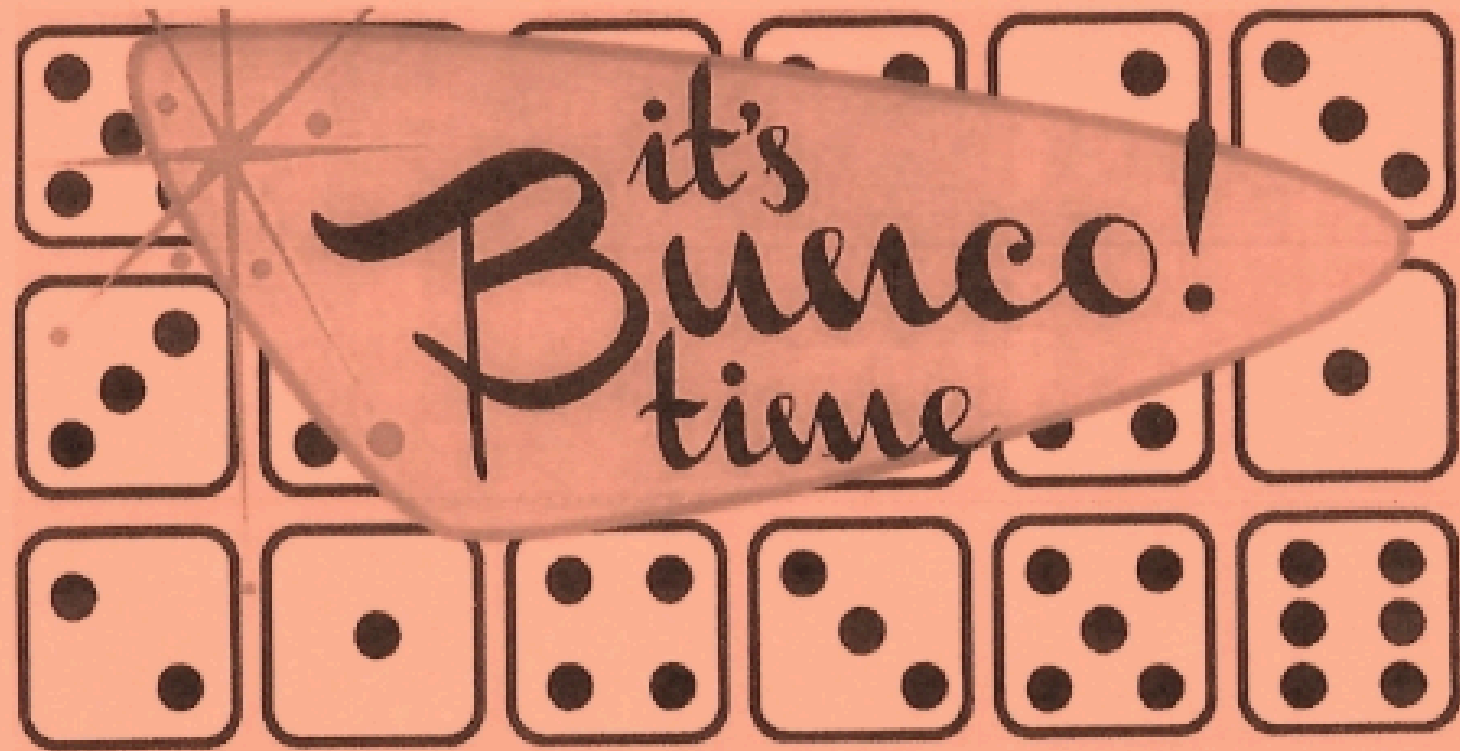
Congratulations to Mrs. Pennington!



COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF  
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EXTRA YARD  
FOR TEACHERS



30<sup>th</sup> SEMI-ANNUAL FUND RAISER

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**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**  
ANNUNCIATION PARISH HALL

2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM  
DOORS OPEN AT 1:30 PM

**\$15.00 DONATION**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CDA  
NO CARDS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

TO PURCHASE YOUR BUNCO SCORE CARD CALL:

AGNES CURRAN TONKIN @ 349-3181

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**PARISH  
EVENTS**

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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

*Homemade, Handmade  
Sausage prepared with  
your safety in mind!*

*\$15 per 2-  
pound bag*

## Italian Sausage Sale

Order Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Package      \*(circle one below)

Sweet Italian Sausage    Qty \_\_\_\_\_ bags    \*Link or \*Bulk

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"6648" Special Blend    Qty \_\_\_\_\_ bags    \*Link or \*Bulk

Approximately 2 lbs. per package. Pick-up notice:

Following all Masses on – Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please circle Mass time for pick-up afterwards:      5:30      8:30      11:30

Internet orders are *paid at pick-up*. Send orders to [shawnwaldrep@gmail.com](mailto:shawnwaldrep@gmail.com)

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:    \*Check    Cash    Credit Card    COD

\*Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #6648.

Thank you for supporting the Knights of Columbus!

HAPPY  
Valentine's  
Day

Prek-4th

Join us for the *Loved One Dance*  
bring your mom, dad, grandma, grandpa  
or special loved one to join us

**2/6/26**

**4-5:30pm** in the gym

Light food and snacks

Music

Dancing  
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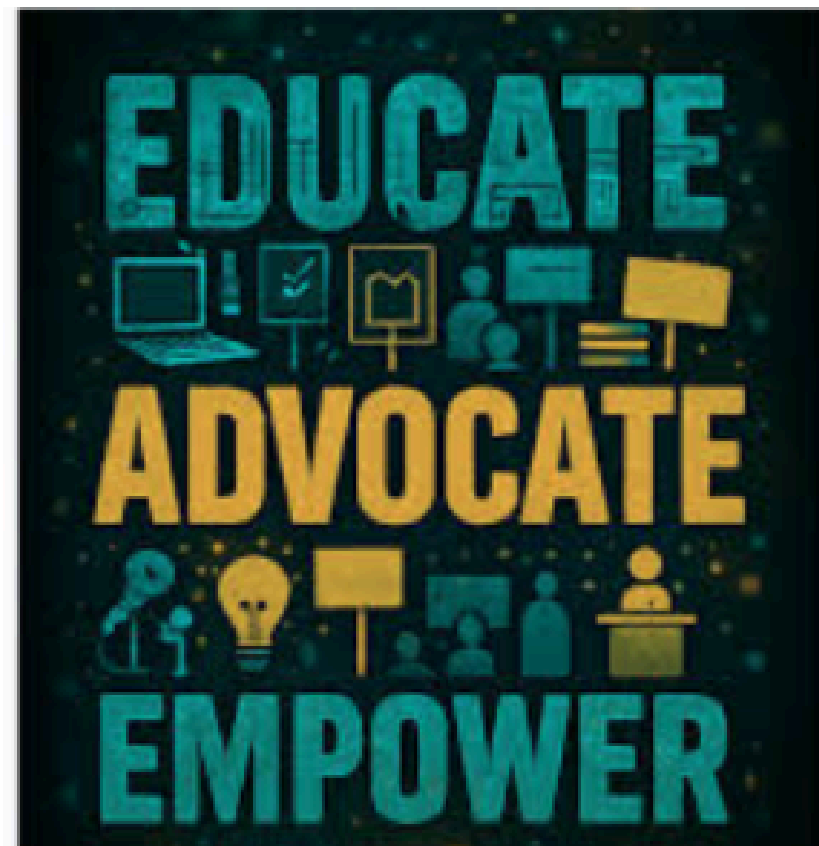
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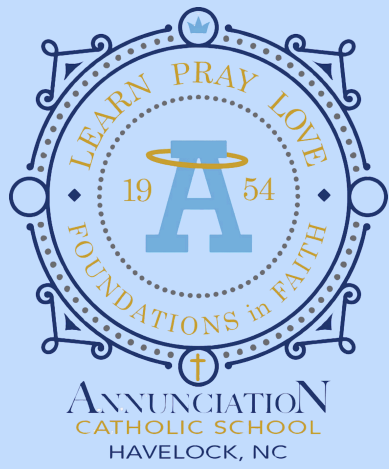
CHILDREN CAN RECEIVE A FREE BOOK FOR PARTICIPATING, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST  
AREA SCHOOLS & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL HAVE FREE LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE  
SCAVENGER HUNT AVAILABLE FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

COMMUNITY  
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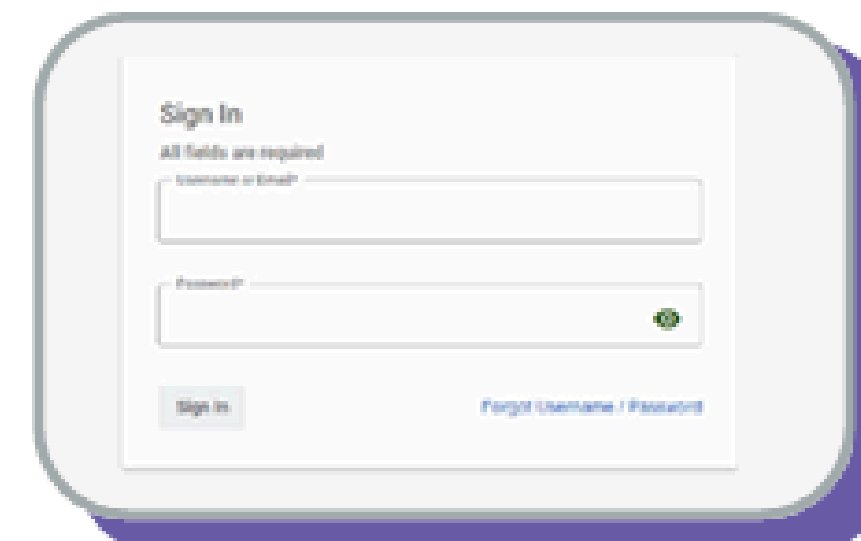
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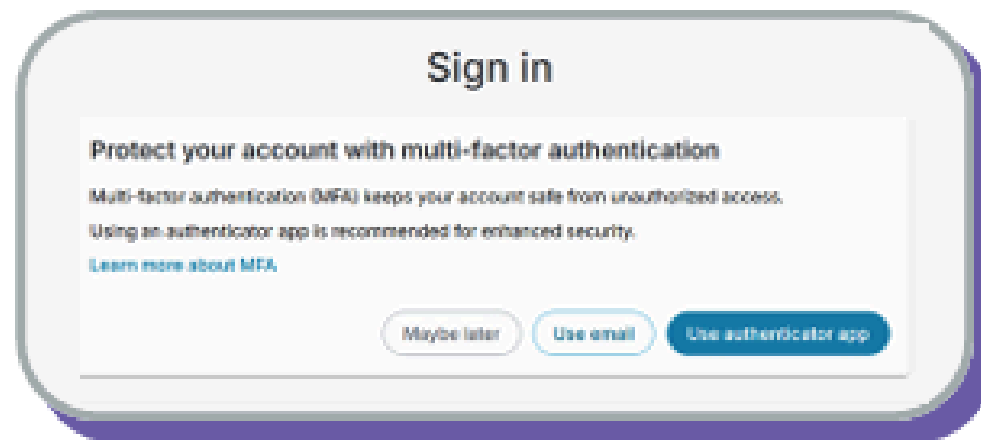
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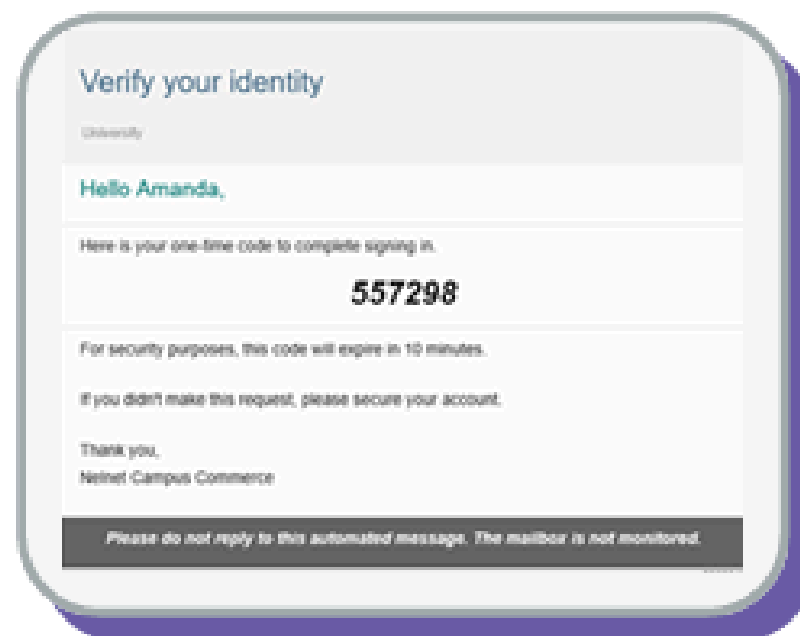
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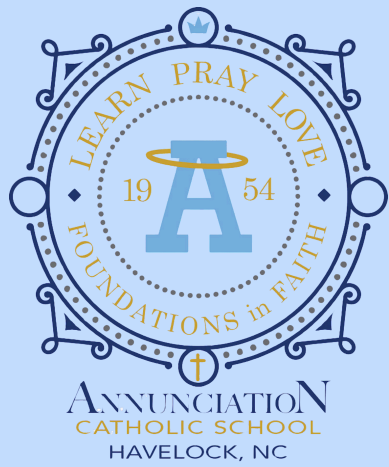
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Are you an upcoming K? You are eligible to apply!

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Income eligibility until funds run out.

***Deadline March 2, 2026***

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# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



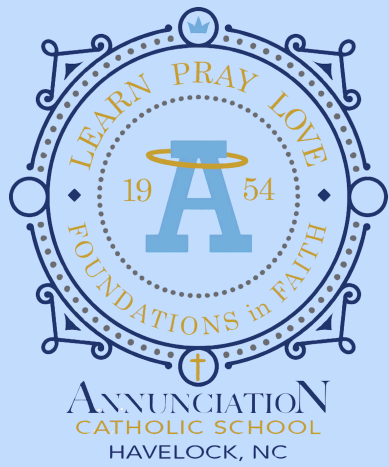
We are looking for a  
SOCCER COACH  
(volunteer) for the  
spring. Please  
contact AD Mr.  
McMorrow

# **Congratulations!**

***The 2025-26  
Coin Challenge  
winners - K-2!!!***



***The winners will receive an ice cream party!  
Date will be announced later.***



# Weekly Newsletter



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**FEB 23**

**Monday**

- Cheer Practice, 3-5pm
- Basketball (Boys) Practice, 3-5pm



**FEB 24**

**Tuesday**

- Cheer Practice, 3-5pm



**FEB 25**

**Wednesday**

- Basketball (Girls) Practice, 3-5pm
- Uniform Shop, 2-4pm
- Chess Club, 3-4:30pm
- Art Club, 3-4pm



**FEB 26**

**Thursday**

- Basketball Practice (Girls), 3-5pm



**FEB 27**

**Friday**

- Lunch - Domino's Pizza
- **EIC Tournament begins @ IOP till Mar 1**



**NOTES**

- **Lunch for March is now open on FACTS and close on Friday, Feb 27.**
- **GALA Tickets now on sale!**
- **Yearbook now on sale! Online orders only**

**Annunciation Catholic School's 20th Annual Angels and Saints Gala  
on March 7, 2026 | 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

Dear Annunciation Catholic School Families,

We are thrilled to announce the 20th Annual Angels and Saints Gala--our biggest fundraiser of the year! This year's theme, "Denim and Diamonds" is an adults-only evening filled with dinner, dancing, and exciting auctions-all in support of our school.

Why is this event important?

The funds raised during the gala help bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of education at Annunciation Catholic School. As Dr. Tomon shared in December, tuition alone does not cover the full expense of running our school. That's why this event-and all ASPA fundraisers-are crucial to supporting our students and teachers.

To make this event a success, we need the help of our school families! Included in today's folder are sponsorship and donation forms, which are vital to ensuring our gala's success.

We ask each family to:

- Help secure at least one sponsor or donation for our live and silent auctions
- Purchase tickets and attend this exciting event.
- Spread the word to friends, family, and local businesses

Want to be part of our Gala Team?

We are looking for volunteers to help make this event shine! Our Signup Genius has spots available for:

- Donation & Sponsorship Team - Help secure sponsorships and Donations.
- Ticket Sales & Marketing Team - Assist in selling and distributing tickets, Speak at Mass, etc.
- Decorating Committee - Help transform our venue into a beautiful diamond in the rough experience.
- Financial Donations - Pledge a contribution to help offset costs for decorations and more.

The more we can offset, the more we can keep from what we raise.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer LaVelle, ASPA President, at [aspa@acsnc.net](mailto:aspa@acsnc.net). We are so grateful for every parent and family who helps make this event a success. Stay tuned for more details, and we look forward to celebrating with you at Denim and Diamonds

Thank you for your support!

Annunciation Catholic School ASPA

**Tickets now on  
sale \$40 each**





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ACP Southern Fish Fry

Annunciation Catholic Parish  
246 East Main Street Havelock  
*Please join us for a  
Fish Fryday for Lent*  
To raise money to help with various  
Parish needs.  
(donations taken also)

plan  
pray  
give  
build



Plates will be served from  
**11:00-5:00 pm \$16.00 per plate**  
February 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

Support the Parish Efforts

**TAKE OUT ONLY**



Fried flounder, baked beans, cole slaw and hush puppies  
Prepared Southern Style by  
Bill and Teresa Rodney and Crew

Please make checks payable to ACP and reserve your plates as soon as possible!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up Time \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ plates x \$16.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed CASH OR CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

Please call orders in to the church office at 252-447-2112 or  
email [secretary@annunciationparish.org](mailto:secretary@annunciationparish.org)

# Volunteer Hours

Each school family is required to complete 20 volunteer hours. If you are not able to complete these hours, you will pay \$250.00 by May 22 before the 2026-27 tuition meeting.

**Your volunteer hours must be logged into FACTS on your portal to get credit.**

Several opportunities throughout the year have been sent out via Sign-Up Genius for various events like Trick or Trunk, Mum Sale, Scroogefest, etc. More opportunities are coming up like the Angels & Saints Gala, Field Day, etc.