



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 20, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

Good byes are so final so instead I wish you enough:

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

You will always be in my thoughts, prayers and heart.

- ◆ Graduate Mass – Are you graduating in 2010? Plan on attending the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's on Sunday, May 23rd. We will be honoring all graduates. All 8th graders are expected to attend.
- ◆ Tuesday, May 25th will be the last day for our 8th grade students. They will have an award ceremony on Wednesday, May 26th at 6:30 pm at St. John's Church. Practice will be on Tuesday right after Mass. **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY FOR THE 8th GRADERS ONLY!**
- ◆ **Hard Work Counts** – All students who are eligible for fourth quarter Hard Work Counts will enjoy an afternoon of games outside on Monday, May 24th. A special thank you to the Home & School Association who helps sponsor Hard Work Counts at the Middle School. Please congratulate your child for their efforts in handing in homework on time and for their good behavior at school.
- ◆ Friday, May 28th will be our last day of school. This will be an early release day. All students will meet at St. John's Church at 8:10 am. We will begin with Mass and then walk to Lochner Park for a final day of activities. Parents can pick up their children at the park at 12:00. If it rains – we will hold activities at St. John's School. If you have any questions, please call the school offices. Please fill out the enclosed sheet regarding lunch and dismissing your child.
- ◆ **REMINDER** – All outstanding tuition and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and 8th records will not be transferred to the High School until all fines and/or tuition is paid in full. Negative lunch balances, library fines, and book damage fines are to be paid in full by May 21st.
- ◆ **Students in grades 3-7** are invited to sing at the Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 23rd at St. John's Church. Choir members need to be in the loft by 10:30 am for practice.
- ◆ **LOST AND FOUND** – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.
- ◆ **Safe week-end** – With Memorial day fast approaching, please take a moment to remember our brave soldiers that are serving in all branches of the military. Say a prayer for all of the fallen soldiers. Have a safe weekend!

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, May 21st – 4th Grade Field Trip – Villa Louis

Monday, May 24th – Kindergarten & 1st Grade Field Trip – Osbourne Park

Tuesday, May 25th – 2nd Grade Field Trip – Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum

Tuesday, May 25th – 6th Grade Field Trip – Spook Cave

Wednesday, May 26th – 7th Grade Field Trip – Courthouse / Jellystone Park

Wednesday, May 26th – 8th Grade Graduation/Award Ceremony – 6:30 pm St. John's Church

Friday, May 28th – Last day of school – Noon Dismissal



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 13, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

Our families are very important people. Even though we are all so unique individuals, made by the likeness of the Lord, we are family. We look after one another, guide others, respect them, and most of all love them.

- ◆ Our 8th graders returned from Washington D. C. safely on Saturday, May 10th. They had a wonderful time. Now it's the count down to the final days of school. Glad to see everyone back.
- ◆ **Lock-In** – Tomorrow Friday, May 14th the student council is sponsoring a Lock-In for the 6th – 8th grade students at St. John's Middle School. This is their way of saying "thank-you" for supporting their activities throughout the school year. Food, games, movies and more fun will be provided at no charge! **The Lock-In will start at 7:30 pm on Friday night and continue until 8:00 am on Saturday.** Student Council members will need to meet at school by 6:45 pm to set-up. If students are planning to come to the Lock-In but have to leave at a certain time, please send a note with your child.
- ◆ **Polka Mass and Bohemian Dinner** – St. John's Church is holding a Polka Mass and Bohemian Dinner on Sunday, May 16th. Serving times are 11:30 am to 1:15 pm.
- ◆ **Volunteer Mass and Breakfast** – Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 19th**. We will be honoring our Prairie Catholic volunteers with a Mass at 8:30 am in St. Gabriel's Church with a continental breakfast and a short program to follow.
- ◆ **Questions about ACT Explore results** – Do any 7th or 8th grade parent have questions regarding your student's results? Mr. Banasik from Prairie du Chien High School will be here on Wednesday, May 19th at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. He will have a brief presentation regarding the overall results and then answer individual questions on a one to one basis. Please try to join us!
- ◆ **A 5th Grade band meeting** for students and parents will be on May 18th at 7:00 pm in Bluffview Cafeteria, for any student who is interested in going out for band next year. May 20th is the 5th Grade band instrument tryouts from 12:00 - 7:00 pm at Bluffview.
- ◆ **REMINDER** – All outstanding tuition and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and 8th records will not be transferred to the High School until all fines and/or tuition is paid in full. Negative lunch balances, library fines, and book damage fines are to be paid in full by May 21st. Please call the school office to discuss any needed arrangements with Mrs. Schwartz.
- ◆ **Come Follow Days** – In today's brown envelope is a special invitation to all girls in grades 4th – 8th to attend the annual Come Follow Days. Please see the enclosed flyer for information regarding this event.
- ◆ **Students in grades 3-7** are invited to sing at the Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 23rd at St. John's Church. Choir members need to be in the loft by 10:30 am for practice.

- ◆ **LOST AND FOUND** – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

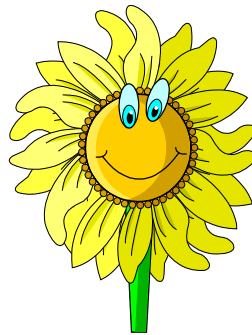
Prayer – We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate son, to become part of a family, so that as he lived his life, he would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, May 14th – 3rd Grade Field Trip – House on the Rock
Friday, May 14th – 4th Grade Field Trip - Platteville Mining Museum
Friday, May 14th – Middle School Lock-In
Thursday, May 20th – 5th Grade Field Trip – Wisconsin Dells
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UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Spelling – Test - Unit 6, Lesson 3 – Friday, May 14th
Grade 6 – 8 Writing – Video Production of News Broadcast – Due Thursday, May 20th
Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*
Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary – each Friday





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 6, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

This is the month of Mary. Mary is our Mother, kissing our bruised knees, mothering us along the way and always being there when we need to whine about how bad the world has been. She often will come looking for us when we need finding.

- ◆ From the 8th Grade Class - A big thank you to everyone who participated in snack and go. It was a huge success. The money we earned will be split between Father Amal and his family, a new printer for the Middle School computer lab, and the library at St. John's.
- ◆ Pizza Sale Top Sellers – Thanks to all the students who participated and to the following top sellers:

Top Seller	Jessica Steger	\$100.00
2 nd	Jacob Schneider	\$ 30.00
3 rd	Hunter Slaght	\$ 20.00

Special Drawing – for any student selling five or more items – the winner was Hunter Slaght, who received an Ipod touch! **Pizza Party** - Any student selling 20 items or more will be invited to an all you can eat pizza and dessert party, which will be held on Wednesday, May 12th during lunch! The following students are eligible: Ryan Garrity, Peyton Hall, Seth Harvat, Jacob Schneider, Hunter Slaght, Jessica Steger, and Michael Steiner. Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success.

- ◆ The Catholic parishes of Prairie du Chien are in need of one or two people to head up our **scrip program**. This position includes all aspects of running the program and giving monthly reports to the financial committee. We have set aside one Prairie Catholic Scholarship for the coordinator of this program, and this could be shared by two or three if a group would be willing to do this. Please contact Fr. Weighner if interested.
- ◆ In today's brown envelope you will find a survey regarding our school. The results will be tabulated at the Office of Catholic Schools in LaCrosse. Please take the time to answer the questions, and return the survey in the self stamped envelope enclosed. We value your comments as we move forward.
- ◆ Lock-In – On Friday, May 14th the student council is sponsoring a Lock-In for the 6th – 8th grade students at St. John's Middle School. This is their way of saying "thank-you" for supporting their activities throughout the school year. Food, games, movies and more fun will be provided at no charge! The Lock-In will start at 5:00 pm on Friday night and continue until 9:00 am on Saturday. Permission slips are enclosed in today's brown envelope.
- ◆ Volunteer Mass and Breakfast – Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 19th**. We will be honoring our Prairie Catholic volunteers with a Mass at 8:30 am in St. Gabriel's Church with a continental breakfast and a short program to follow.
- ◆ A 5th Grade band meeting for students and parents will be on May 18th at 7:00 pm in Bluffview Cafeteria, for any student who is interested in going out for band next year. May 20th is the 5th Grade band instrument tryouts from 12:00 - 7:00 pm at Bluffview.

- ◆ Today mid-quarter reports will be found for Grades 5-8 in the Brown Envelopes. Please feel free to set up an appointment with your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.
- ◆ Students in grades 3-7 are invited to sing at the Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 23rd at St. John's Church. Choir members need to be in the loft by 10:30 am for practice.
- ◆ **LOST AND FOUND** – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.
- ◆ Spend a Day on the Mississippi River! The Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien, the Friends of Pool 10, and the resource agencies that work together to manage the River have teamed up to take children out on the River this summer. On Monday, August 2, 2010, children will investigate a bald eagle nest, pollywog (swim) for mussels, seine for fish, collect aquatic bugs and critters, fish, learn about floodplain forest plants and animals, and eat a picnic lunch. The program is open to students ages 5 to 13. All youth must be accompanied by a parent or adult leader. This event is FREE! SPACE IS LIMITED to the first 120 people to sign up! Registration forms are enclosed. This event is sure to fill up quickly, so it is recommended you pick up, complete, and submit your forms as soon as possible!

Prayer – O Blessed Mother, O Mary, Immaculate Heart that watches over this troubled world with such infinite patience, with such steadfast love, with such kindness and care. O Mary, we don't deserve such a mother as you, but thank you for being willing to share the love of your son with each and every one of us. Thank you for treating us as your own little children how often have you searched and waited for us like you did when the child Jesus stayed behind at the Temple. When we hurt, thank you for covering us with your mantle, giving us someone to hug, a lap to cry on. Thank you for all the times you have dried our eyes. And thank your Son for the great mercy of sharing you with us. O I pray, dearest Mary, sweet mother, that every day I can grow a little bit more like you. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, May 6th – Progress Report home in the brown envelope
 Friday, May 7th – Large Band Contest – Prairie du Chien
 Sunday, May 9th – Mother's Day
 Tuesday, May 11th – 7th Grade Field Trip – River Festival
 Friday, May 14th – 3rd Grade Field Trip – House on the Rock
 Friday, May 14th – 4th Grade Field Trip - Platteville Mining Museum
 Friday, May 14th – Middle School Lock-In
 Thursday, May 20th – 5th Grade Field Trip – Wisconsin Dells
 Friday, May 21st – 4th Grade Field Trip – Villa Louis
 Monday, May 24th – Kindergarten & 1st Grade Field Trip – Osbourne Park
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UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Reading – Quiz – Chapters 16 – 20 – Friday, May 7th
 Grade 5 – Spelling – Unit 6 lesson 2 – Friday, May 7th
 Grade 6 & 7 – Language – Chapter 7 – test – Wednesday, May 12th
 Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*
 Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*
 Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
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Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 29, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

- ◆ **Compliments** – think about a time when someone gave you a compliment and how it felt. Mark Twain stated on one occasion, “that he could live six months on one compliment.” This week, think of two people we can encourage with a genuine compliment – one at home and one a school or at work. Let’s think what we might say to them when the time is right.
- ◆ **Congratulation** to our 8th grade students from the three parishes who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 24th. Please pray for their continued journey to know God in a deeper meaning!
- ◆ **May Crowning** – St. John’s school held their crowing of Mary today. Tomorrow we will be crowning Mary at our 8:30 am Mass at St. Gabriel’s. Don’t forget your flowers to present to Mary. Thank you.
- ◆ **SCRIP NEWS:** Scrip sales last week were \$9735 with an estimated profit of \$244. Also, note Bath & Body Works is offering an 18% contribution for a short time, we have a few cards on hand for immediate purchase. We also have a few iTunes \$15 and \$25 cards; they make great gifts for the grad. Thank you for supporting the Prairie Catholic Scrip Program.
- ◆ Just a reminder that our PdC Young Authors’ Night will be held at Bluff View, tonight Thursday, April 29th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. There will be a local author who will speak, two student authors who will tell about their writing processes for their books, drawings for prizes, and a time for snacks and all other students to share their books with their family and friends. It should be a good time for all. Please try to join us in the fun!
- ◆ May 1st is the Prairie Catholic Golf Outing. Please see the website for additional information!
- ◆ The Prairie Catholic 7th grade class will be having a Food Stand on Sunday, May 2, after the 11:00 am Mass at St. John’s. They will be selling Brats, Burgers and Hot Dogs from 11 until 2. Please stop by and help them raise money for their Washington D.C. trip.
- ◆ Please pray for our 8th graders and their volunteers as they travel to Washington D.C. on Sunday, May 2nd. They will be returning on Saturday, May 8th.
- ◆ Staff Appreciation Week is May 3rd through the 7th. Thank the special teacher in your child’s life. The teachers at both schools will have fun surprises that week.
- ◆ **Lock-In** – On Friday, May 14th the student council is sponsoring a Lock-In for the 6th – 8th grade students at St. John’s Middle School. This is their way of saying “thank-you” for supporting their activities throughout the school year. Food, games, movies and more fun will be provided at no charge! The Lock-In will start at 5:00 pm on Friday night and continue until 9:00 am on Saturday. Please mark your calendars!
- ◆ Congratulations to Becky Welsch (grade 8) on accomplishing her Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Becky tested on Friday, April 9th in Madison. She is the daughter of Jim & Barb Welsch. Congratulations Becky!

- ◆ Students in grades 3-7 are invited to sing at the Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 23rd at St. John's Church. Choir members need to be in the loft by 10:30 am for practice.
- ◆ 5th Grade to Middle School – On Thursday, May 6th, the 5th grade class will be spending the day at the Middle School. Each student will be partnered with a 6th Grader, and they will have the opportunity to preview their classes for next year. We will be having Mass and physical education classes that day for the 5th and 6th graders, so please plan accordingly. **All 5th grade students should be dropped off at St. John's Middle School. They can also be picked-up at St. John's at the end of the day.**
- ◆ Spend a Day on the Mississippi River! The Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien, the Friends of Pool 10, and the resource agencies that work together to manage the River have teamed up to take children out on the River this summer. On Monday, August 2, 2010, children will investigate a bald eagle nest, pollywog (swim) for mussels, seine for fish, collect aquatic bugs and critters, fish, learn about floodplain forest plants and animals, and eat a picnic lunch. The program is open to students ages 5 to 13. All youth must be accompanied by a parent or adult leader. This event is FREE! SPACE IS LIMITED to the first 120 people to sign up! Registration forms will be available beginning the afternoon of May 3, 2010 at the school office at either school. The forms will also be sent home in the brown envelopes on May 6th, however, to register sooner, stop by the school office(s) on Monday and pick up a registration form. This event is sure to fill up quickly, so it is recommended you pick up, complete, and submit your forms as soon as possible!

Prayer – Father, that I may treat others as I would like them to treat me. That I may forgive others as I would like them to forgive me. That I may encourage and compliment others in the same way that I would like them to encourage me. That I may see and love in others what I would like them to see and love in me. These things I ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, April 29th – Young Author's Night – Bluffview – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 Friday, April 30th – May Crowning – St. Gabriel's Church – 8:30 am Mass
 Friday, April 30th – Mid – Quarter
 Saturday, May 1st – PCS Golf Scramble
 Sunday, May 2nd – Saturday, May 8th – 8th Grade Washington D.C. trip
 Monday, May 3rd – Saturday, May 8th – Teachers Appreciation Week
 Thursday, May 6th – Progress Report home in the brown envelope
 Sunday, May 9th – Mother's Day
 Friday, May 14th – Middle School Lock-In
 Wednesday, May 26th – 8th Grade Graduation/Award Ceremony
 Friday, May 28th – Last day of school – Noon Dismissal

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion – Quiz – Chapter 19 – Friday, April 23rd
 Grade 5 – Spelling – Vocabulary - Quiz over unit 5, lesson 5 – Friday, April 23rd
 Grade 5 – Math - Quiz – Chapter 8 lessons 1-4 - Friday, April 30th
 Grade 5 – Vocabulary – Unit 6, lesson 1 - Friday, April 30th
 Grade 5 – Science – Chapter test – Monday, May 3rd
 Grade 5 – Religion – Test unit 5 – Wednesday, May 5th
 Grade 5 – Reading – Quiz – Chapters 16 – 20 – May 7th
 Grade 5 – Spelling – Unit 6 lesson 2 – May 7th
 Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*
 Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*
 Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
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Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 21, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

Here is the News:

- ⇒ **TOMORROW** – we have NO SCHOOL – our staff members will be attending the Diocesan Spring Regional Conference in Lacrosse.
- ⇒ Please pray for our Confirmation students who will receive the sacrament on Sunday at 2:00 pm at St. John's Church.
- ⇒ Rehearsal for all Confirmation students will be held TONIGHT at 7:00 pm at St. John's Church.
- ⇒ Confirmation Retreat will be held on this Saturday, at St. John's beginning at 9:00 am. The schedule for the day was sent out.
- ⇒ Tootsie Roll Drive will be held on Friday, April, 23rd during the lunch hours. Please bring a donation for the tootsie rolls. Proceeds go directly to Prairie Catholic School.
- ⇒ On Thursday, April 15th students in grades Pre-K – 7th received portrait packages. Packages and/or payment need to be returned to the school offices by Friday, April 23rd.
- ⇒ May Crowning is fast approaching. A special devotion in honor of Mary will take place during the month of May including May crowing ceremonies listed below. Students are asked to bring a flower to school for the ceremony.
 - St. John's - April 29th at the 8:30 am Mass
 - St. Gabriel's - April 30th at the 8:30 am Mass
- ⇒ **SCRIP NEWS:** Don't forget to purchase Scrip for all of your Confirmation and Graduation party supplies. Scrip cards also make excellent gifts. Thank you for supporting the Prairie Catholic Scrip Program.
- ⇒ Mr. Z's pick up will be on Friday, April 30th right after school until 4:30. All orders must be paid in full at the time of pick-up.
- ⇒ Mark Your Calendars – the next Home & School Meeting is Wednesday April 28th at 7:00 pm. at St. Gabriel's cafeteria.
- ⇒ The Prairie Catholic 7th grade class will be having a Food Stand on Sunday, May 2 after the 11:00 am Mass at St. John's. They will be selling Brats, Burgers and Hot Dogs from 11 until 2. Please stop by and help them raise money for their Washington D.C. trip.
- ⇒ May 1st is the Prairie Catholic School Golf Outing. Please watch for further information.

Prayer – Dear Lord, help us to show people the greatest gift – the gift of the Lord. We need to “have” the Lord with us – we must know Him, we must love Him, we need to radiate His love for us contagiously so that others will see us as sign posts pointing to Him. Let him fill us with the joy and the peace. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, April 21st – Confirmation Practice at St. John’s Church – 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 22nd – **NO SCHOOL** – LaCrosse Spring Teacher Regional In-service

Friday, April 23rd – Hard Work Counts – 1:30 pm – Lochner Park – For Middle School students

Saturday, April 24th – Confirmation Retreat – St. John’s School – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, April 25th – Confirmation – St. John’s Church – 2:00 pm – Reception immediate following

Thursday, April 29th – May Crowning – St. John’s Church – 8:30 am Mass

Thursday, April 29th – Young Author’s Night – Bluffview – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Friday, April 30th – May Crowning – St. Gabriel’s Church – 8:30 am Mass

Friday, April 30th – Mid - Quarter

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion – Quiz – Chapter 19 – Friday, April 23rd

Grade 5 – Spelling – Vocabulary - Quiz over unit 5, lesson 5 – Friday, April 23rd

Grade 5 – Reading – Quiz – Chapters 11-15 - Monday, April 26th

Grade 5 – Religion – Quiz - Chapter 20 - Thursday, April 29th

Grade 5 – Math = Quiz – Chapter 8 lessons 1-4 - Friday, April 30th

Grade 5 – Vocabulary – Unit 6, lesson 1 - Friday, April 30th

Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*

Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary – each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 15, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

Here is the News:

- ⇒ This last Sunday our 2nd graders celebrated their First Communion. I would like to thank all the teachers involved in the children's preparation, the families for their support and love of their own faith, and for the other students who sang, ushered, read, etc. It was a beautiful ceremony and the weather couldn't have been better! Thank you again and congratulations.
- ⇒ May Crowning is fast approaching. A special devotion in honor of Mary will take place during the month of May including May crowning ceremonies listed below. Students are asked to bring a flower to school for the ceremony.
 - St. John's - April 29th at the 8:30 am Mass
 - St. Gabriel's - April 30th at the 8:30 am Mass
- ⇒ SCRIP NEWS: Scrip sales last month were \$25,509 with a profit of \$671. Thanks for your support. For a limited time, the following merchants will be offering bonus contributions: iTunes 8% instead of 5% (now until April 19), Shutterfly 14% instead of 9% (April 17 thru May 14), Bath & Body Works 18% instead of 13% (now thru May 7). You can order these on the National List. Also, new to the National List is "Journeys", these are a \$25 card with a 10% contribution.
- ⇒ Mr. Z's fundraiser is currently under way. If you are interested in ordering, please contact any middle school student. The turn-in date is Monday, April 19th. Pick up date is Friday, April 30th. The profits will be used for our Accelerated Reading Program.
- ⇒ **Don't Forget** – Our Cod Fish Fry tomorrow night Friday, April 16th with serving from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at St. John's Church Hall. Co-sponsored by Catholic Knights Branch #305 & the Men's Club.
- ⇒ 8th Grade Pictures – On Tuesday, April 20th the 8th Grade students will be having their spring photographs taken. Please come with appropriate clothing.
- ⇒ Giant Map – On Wednesday, April 21st we will be hosting the Giant Map of North America. All our classes will have time slots that day to take off their shoes, move around and learn lots from this huge vinyl floor map! See the separate flyer in today's brown envelope. All are invited! **All Middle School students will be dropped off at St. Gabriel's on Wednesday, April 21st.**
- ⇒ 8th Grade Reminders – Practice for Confirmation will be Wednesday, April 21st at St. John's Church at 7:00 pm. Also, applications for the Knight of Columbus Achievement Award and The George Eastman Award are due no later than April 26th. If any student is interested, please see Mrs. Atkins for the form.
- ⇒ **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday, April 22nd - LaCrosse Spring Regional In-service.
- ⇒ Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation Day – the retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th and Confirmation is on Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 pm. at St. John's Church.

⇒ The Prairie Catholic 7th grade class will be having a Food Stand on Sunday, May 2 after the 11:00 am Mass at St. John's. They will be selling Brats, Burgers and Hot Dogs from 11 until 2. Please stop by and help them raise money for their Washington D.C. trip.

Prayer – Dear Lord, You are wonderful in everything you do. In marvelous ways You take the full, rich life of the plant and carefully fold it into tiny seeds. You form the seeds according to many different shapes and sizes and colors, so that man can know what kind of growth will come of them. When they are placed the earth they may look dry and dead, but when they are watered by the life-giving rain and nourished by the warm sun, they lose all their lifeless look and grow in an almost miraculous manner. By the power You gave them, they take the dead minerals of the earth and build up the nourishing, tasty foods that men need to sustain life.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, April 16th – Fish Fry – St. John's Church Hall – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Monday, April 19th – Last Turn In day for Mr. Z's fundraiser
Tuesday, April 20th – Honor Roll Mass – St. John's Church – after 8:30 am Mass
Tuesday, April 20th – 8th Grade Pictures
Wednesday, April 21st – Confirmation Practice at St. John's Church – 7:00 pm
Thursday, April 22nd – **NO SCHOOL** – LaCrosse Spring Teacher Regional In-service
Friday, April 23rd – Hard Work Counts – 1:30 pm – Lochner Park – For Middle School students
Saturday, April 24th – Confirmation Retreat – St. John's School – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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Thursday, April 29th – May Crowning – St. John's Church – 8:30 am Mass
Thursday, April 29th – Young Author's Night – Bluffview – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Friday, April 30th – May Crowning – St. Gabriel's Church – 8:30 am Mass
Friday, April 30th – Mid - Quarter

UPCOMING

Grade 6 – Reading – *Holes* – quiz – Friday, April 16th
Grade 5 - Math Quiz over Chapter 7, lessons 13 – 20 – Friday, April 16th
Grade 5 – Social Studies – Study Guide due – Friday, April 16th
Grade 5 – Social Studies – Test – Chapter 8 – Monday, April 19th
Grade 6, 7 and 8 – Language – Test Chapter 6 – Wednesday, April 21st
Grade 5 – Math – Chapter 7 – Wednesday, April 21st
Grade 5 – Religion – Quiz – Chapter 19 – Friday, April 23rd
Grade 5 – Spelling – Quiz over unit 5, lesson 5 – Friday, April 23rd
Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*
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See Honor Roll list below:



Prairie Catholic School

St. John's Middle School announces the 2009-2010 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

6th Grade High Honors

Kelly Check
Makayla Gerhards
Anna Zeeh

6th Grade Honors

Katie Check
Adam Groom
John Luster
Chad Mara
Lauren Nicholson
Levi Orr
Paige Rickleff
Brooke Trautsch
Emily Trautsch
Nicholas Weber

7th Grade High Honors

Dylan Boisvert
Laura DuCharme
Ryan Garrity
Brooke Moret
Courtney Pattison
Ryan Schickert
Mariah Schwager

7th Grade Honors

Mara Gerhards
Jamie Kozelka
Jacob Linder
Dominic Manganiello
Jacob Schneider
Jessica Steger
Jena Swiggum

8th Grade High Honors

McKenzie Banasik
Kelly Heal
Hayley Hemmer
Rachael Nolan
Austin Roach
Becky Welsch

8th Grade Honors

Ellen Antoniewicz
Claire Bowar
Ethan Mara
Ciara Miller
Seamus Murray
Luke Rickleff
Claire Stoeffler



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 8, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

Here is the News:

- ⇒ Your child has received his/her report card today. Please call your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's progress. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our efforts to guide your child academically, socially and most importantly, spiritually.
- ⇒ In order to raise money for Father Amal and his family, the students at Prairie Catholic will have the opportunity to participate in a couple different fundraisers. At the middle school, the 6th – 8th graders will have the opportunity to pay a dollar to wear shorts or flip-flops or two dollars for both each day from Tuesday, April 6th through Wednesday, April 14th. Neither shorts nor flip-flops may be worn to church, but may be changed into after mass. Money will need to be paid each day in order to participate. The 5th graders will also be allowed to pay a dollar to wear shorts only, and the same rules apply for mass days. Kindergarten through 4th grade will have money jars in their classrooms and students can put their donations in the jars. If anyone else would like to donate to Father Amal and his family, please send donations to the school office and it will be included. Please keep Father Amal and his family in your prayers and thank you for your donations!
- ⇒ Choir members singing for First Communion on April 11th need to arrive at St. Gabriel's Church by 12:30 pm. All Middle School students are welcome to come and sing.
- ⇒ All First Communion children should be at Church on April 11th by 12:45. Please meet in the school's cafeteria. Pews will be marked with your family name. Children will process over to church in 2's. Children will then follow the teacher's directions. They will then walk into church in 2's; bow at the altar; turn and return to their family pew. The First communion child should be sitting on the end closest to the middle aisle.
- ⇒ Mr. Z's fundraiser is currently under way. If you are interested in ordering, please contact any middle school student. The profits will be used for our Accelerated Reading Program.
- ⇒ Back by popular demand - Cod Fish Fry on Friday, April 16th with serving from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm at St. John's Church Hall. Co-sponsored by Catholic Knights Branch #305 & the Men's Club.
- ⇒ River and Bluffs Animal Shelter is holding a "Princess for an Evening." For more information please see the enclosed flyer.
- ⇒ 8th Grade Pictures – On Tuesday, April 20th the 8th Grade students will be having their spring photographs taken. Please come with appropriate clothing.
- ⇒ Giant Map – On Wednesday, April 21st we will be hosting the Giant Map of North America. Each class will have their own time slot so they can take off their shoes, move around the map, and test their knowledge. All are invited.

- ⇒ 8th Grade Reminders – Practice for Confirmation will be Wednesday, April 21st at St. John’s Church at 7:00 pm. Also, applications for the Knight of Columbus Achievement Award and The George Eastman Award are due no later than April 26th. If any student is interested, please see Mrs. Atkins for the form.
- ⇒ NO SCHOOL on Thursday, April 22nd - LaCrosse Spring Regional In-service.
- ⇒ Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation Day – the retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th and Confirmation is on Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 pm. at St. John’s Church.

Prayer: Loving Father, to you the dead do not die and, in death, our life is changed not ended. We believe that all that binds us together in love and friendship does not end with death. Hear our prayers for those close to us who have died. As you have made each of them in your image and likeness and have called them by name, hold them safe in your love in your kingdom of light, happiness and peace. Your son told us that those who mourn are “blessed” because only those who love greatly can mourn. Bless us this day with the warmth of your love as we mourn those we have lost. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- Friday, April 9th – Field Trip to Viterbo – Grades 6-8
- Sunday, April 11th – First Communion – St. Gabriel’s Church – 1:00 pm
- Friday, April 16th – Fish Fry – St. John’s Church Hall – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- Monday, April 19th – Last Turn In day for Mr. Z’s fundraiser
- Tuesday, April 20th – 8th Grade Pictures
- Wednesday, April 21st – Confirmation Practice at St. John’s Church – 7:00 pm
- Thursday, April 22nd – NO SCHOOL – LaCrosse Spring Teacher Regional In-service
- Saturday, April 24th – Confirmation Retreat – St. John’s School – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Sunday, April 25th – Confirmation – St. John’s Church – 2:00 pm – Reception immediate following
- Thursday, April 29th – May Crowning – St. John’s Church – 8:30 am Mass
- Thursday, April 29th – Young Author’s Night – Bluffview – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Friday, April 30th – May Crowning – St. Gabriel’s Church – 8:30 am Mass
- Friday, April 30th – Mid - Quarter

UPCOMING

- Grade 5 - Science Test over chapter 1 of unit C – Friday, April 9th
- Grade 5 - Spelling Test over Unit 5, lesson 3 – Friday, April 9th
- Grade 5 - Religion Test over chapter 18 – Thursday, April 15th
- Grade 5 - Math Test over Chapter 7, lessons 13 – 20 – Friday, April 16th
- Grade 5 - Spelling Test over unit 5, lesson 4 – Friday, April 16th
- Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*
- Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test – each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 1, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

How would you react to the unjust craziness of such an innocent man being found guilty – when suddenly Jesus is already dead.

A Blessed Holy Week and Easter to you and your families from the staff at Prairie Catholic School.

Here is the News:

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⇒ Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Middle School Forensics Meet held this past Tuesday, at Bloomington St. Mary's. Participating schools were: Prairie Catholic, Bluff View, and St. Mary's.

Category	Student	Title	Place
Farrago	Claire Stoeffler	Sports	1 st
	Sydney Sanders	Lewis Carroll	2 nd
	Ellen Antoniewicz	Emotions	3 rd
Poetry	Makayla Gerhard	The Giving Tree	2 nd
Prose	Claire Stoeffler	My Big Solo	1 st
	Courtney Pattison	Thomas's Snowsuit	2 nd
4-Munute Speaking	Jessi Steger	School Uniforms	2 nd
	Hunter Slaght	Chips Ahoy Cookies	3 rd
Demonstration	Mallory Fulcher	7-Layer Bars	1 st
	Pierce Lach	Pudding Pie	2 nd
	Lauren Nicholson	Coffee Shake	3 rd
Group Interpretive Reading	McKenzie Banasik, Hayley Hemmer, Seamus Murray	The Monkey and the Crocodile	1 st
	Ryan Schickert, Ryan Garrity	Who's On First	3 rd
Play Acting	Courtney Pattison, Hunter Slaght, Mariah Schwager, Erin Morovits	The Sleeping Principal	2 nd
	Paige Rickleff, Emily Trautsch	There is no Witch at the Hilton	3 rd

⇒ Choir members singing for First Communion on April 11th need to arrive at St. Gabriel's Church by 12:30 pm. All Middle School students are welcome to come and sing.

- ⇒ Parents of First Communion students, if you would like to order a flower for your child to wear on their special day, April 11th, please call the school office by Wednesday, April 7th.
- ⇒ Eighth graders interested in participating at the wreath ceremony in Washington D.C. need to write (not more than a one page) essay on “Why they should be selected for this honor.” Four representatives will be chosen. This essay is due April 6th and should be turned in to Mrs. Weber.
- ⇒ Mr. Z’s fundraiser for the middle school will kick-off on Tuesday, April 6th. The profits will be used for our Accelerated Reading Program.
- ⇒ Prairie Catholic will deviate from the public school’s calendar again this year. Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th will be our Easter vacation days. **There will be no bus service for our students the week of April 5th – 9th. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from school on these days.**

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, You have been with me during this Lenten voyage. You have led me to your cross and beyond. You have taught me of your forgiving love. I can be forgiving and loving too. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, April 1st – End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, April 2nd – NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 5th – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 6th – Kick-off Mr. Z’s fundraisers – Prairie Catholic Middle School

Friday, April 9th – Field Trip to Viterbo – Grades 6-8

Sunday, April 11th – First Communion – St. Gabriel’s Church – 1:00 pm

Monday, April 19th – Last Turn In day for Mr. Z’s fundraiser

Tuesday, April 20th – 8th Grade Pictures

Wednesday, April 21st – Confirmation Practice at St. John’s Church – 7:00 pm

UPCOMING

Grade 6 & 7 – Writing – Descriptive Essay – Due Thursday, April 1st

Grade 8 – Writing – Interview/Feature story – Due Thursday, April 1st

Grade 5 - Language Test over unit 5 (pronouns) – Tuesday, April 6th

Grade 6 – Reading – Book-It Sheets – Due Tuesday, April 6th

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test – Wednesday, April 7th

Grade 5 - Reading Sheet over chapters 6 - 10 – Wednesday, April 7th

Grade 5 - Science Study Guide – Due Wednesday, April 7th

Grade 5 - Reading Test over chapters 6 – 10 - Wednesday, April 8th

Grade 5 - Science Test over chapter 1 of unit C – Friday, April 9th

Grade 5 - Spelling Test over Unit 5, lesson 3 – Friday, April 9th

Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*

Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Middle School Specials Schedule for the week of April 5th – April 9th

Monday – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday – Computers

Wednesday – Art

Thursday – Physical Educations

Friday – Field Trip



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 25, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

We are entering our 5th week of Lent. We are people of faith, we learn to see into the heart with God's eyes. During this Lenten journey we now hope to see a new reality to which we have always been blind, just waiting for us to see it. God has been here all along, seeking us out, calling to us, even while we attempted to avoid Him with limitations of our human vision and understanding. Have you ever had an experience, good or bad, that made you see everything in a new way?

Here is the News:

- ⇒ Envelope – every family is receiving a letter from me today to put so many rumors to rest. Please read it!
- ⇒ Thank you for the wonderful Easter program presented by our Middle School students. All of you sounded great. Thank you to Kerri Weber and Joanne Faust for their countless hours of practice and the organization of the music.
- ⇒ Following the spring concert, the high school students presented the “Live Stations of the Cross”. Every time these stations are presented, they take on a new meaning for all of us! Thank you, Mrs. Jo!
- ⇒ Reminder – All **Family Registration Forms** are due to the office tomorrow, **Friday, March 26, 2010**. This information will be used in planning for the coming school year, and it is vital that we receive it in a timely manner. If you have not done so, please submit the \$100.00 registration fee that is due with the registration form.
- ⇒ **6th Grade Parents**, Butter Braids will be delivered on Friday, March 26th. They must be picked up after school in St. John's cafeteria.
- ⇒ The Athletic banquet will be held on Sunday, March 28th at St. Gabriel's cafeteria beginning at 6:00 pm.
- ⇒ 2nd Grade Retreat – Just a reminder, this Saturday, March 27th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at St. Gabriel's Church, will be our retreat for all First Communion candidates. Please meet at the registration table in church. The day will begin with a prayer service and the rest of the day will be explained.
- ⇒ Choir members singing for First Communion on April 11th need to arrive at St. Gabriel's Church by 12:30 pm. All Middle School students are welcome to come and sing.
- ⇒ Eighth graders interested in participating at the wreath ceremony in Washington D.C. need to write (not more than a one page) essay on “Why they should be selected for this honor.” Four representatives will be chosen. This essay is due April 6th and should be turned in to Mrs. Weber.
- ⇒ Dress Code – please review the dress code for school with your children. We are having some problems with TOPS and SHORTS already! If you would like to discuss the dress code, please call me at the school office.
- ⇒ Scrip news - For a short time Itune cards will be available at 8% instead of the normal 5%. We will have a limited supply of the \$15 and \$25 cards available. They make great additions to your Easter Baskets. Don't forget to purchase Scrip for all of your Easter shopping needs.

- ⇒ Come one, come all to the craziest show on earth – Donkey Basketball! This doubleheader donkey extravaganza will be held at the PdC High School on Wed., March 31. Starting time is 6:30, but doors will open at 5:30 with great food and great prizes to win. This event is sponsored by PCS class of 2011. Advance tickets are \$6.00, and you may purchase them at Peoples State Bank, Nelson True Value or by calling Laurie @ 326-8293, or Chelle @ 326-8699. Tickets will be sold at the event, but the price will be \$8.00. There will also be raffle tickets on sale, so stop by and see what we have to offer!
- ⇒ Forensics News – on Tuesday, March 30th, our students will be traveling to St. Mary's in Bloomington to participate in the competition. This event will begin at 6:30 pm.
- ⇒ Spring Pictures – Once again, this year we will be taking spring pictures of our Pre-K – 7th grade students. The date is Wednesday, March 31st.
- ⇒ Pre-K packets will be available from Monday, March 29th through Thursday, April 1st between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm at St. Gabriel's school.
- ⇒ Stations of the Cross – students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both schools during this Lenten season. The middle school students will be holding the Stations after the Thursday mass and the elementary school students after the Friday mass. We hope you can join us.
- ⇒ Prairie Catholic will deviate from the public school's calendar again this year. Friday, April 2nd and Monday, April 5th will be our Easter vacation days. **There will be no bus service for our students the week of April 5th – 9th. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from school on these days.**

Prayer: Lord, give us the strength to see every situation through God's eyes. May we see both sides of a situation and listen to both sides equally. Please God, touch us with your grace, purify our hearts, and grant us humility. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, March 29th – Thursday, April 1st – PreK Packets available at St. Gabriel's school office
 Tuesday, March 30th – Middle School Forensics – Bloomington St. Mary's
 Wednesday, March 31st – Spring Pictures Grades Pre K – 7th
 Wednesday, March 31st – Donkey Basketball – 7th Grade fundraiser
 Thursday, April 1st – End of 3rd Quarter
 Friday, April 2nd – NO SCHOOL
 Monday, April 5th – NO SCHOOL
 Friday, April 9th – Field Trip to Viterbo – Grades 6-8
 Sunday, April 11th – First Communion

UPCOMING

Grade 5 - Religion Test chapter 17 – Friday, - March 26th
 Grade 5 - Spelling Test over unit 5, lesson 1 - Friday, March 26th
 Grade 5 - Math Test (chapter 7, lessons 7 - 12) - March 30th
 Grade 6 – Reading – Bridge to *Terabithia* – Final test – Wednesday, March 31st
 Grade 5 - Spelling Test Unit 5, lesson 2 - Thursday, April 1st
 Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*
 Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*
 Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
 Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 18, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

We are in the fourth week of Lent. Prayer is the most important activity during this week because everything we do depends on God, who always answers prayers. Whether we gave up candy or put extra money in the collection basket, the most important thing is our love for God and our neighbor. So let's remember to pray more often this Lent.

Here is the News:

- ⇒ Tuition Rates and Commitment Plan – I left out a part of this form – on the 3rd line where Parishioner is written with the amounts of \$625, \$525, and \$425 it should have read: PreK – Parishioner. The correct written form is posted on our website. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.
- ⇒ The Athletic banquet will be held on Sunday, March 28th at St. Gabriel's cafeteria beginning at 6:00 pm.
- ⇒ 2nd Grade Retreat – Just a reminder, on Saturday, March 27th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at St. Gabriel's Church, we will be holding our retreat for all First Communion candidates. Hope you can make it. Please meet at the registration table in church. The day will begin with a prayer service and the rest of the day will be explained.
- ⇒ Eighth graders interested in participating at the wreath ceremony in Washington D.C. need to write (not more than a one page) essay on "Why they should be selected for this honor." Four representatives will be chosen. This essay is due April 6th and should be turned in to Mrs. Weber.
- ⇒ On Sunday, March 21st the Middle School students will be holding their Spring Concert at 3:00 pm in St. John's Church. **All Middle Schools students need to be in St. John's Church basement by 2:45 pm. Please be prompt!** Live Stations of the Cross will be presented at 4:00 pm in the Church followed by a pasta dinner sponsored by the 8th grade students at 5:00 pm in the Church Hall. Pie and ice cream will be on sale sponsored by the Home and School. Please try to join us for a moving afternoon.
- ⇒ Forensics News – on Tuesday, March 30th, our students will be traveling to St. Mary's in Bloomington to participate in the competition. This event will begin at 6:30 pm.
- ⇒ Come one, come all to the craziest show on earth – Donkey Basketball! This doubleheader donkey extravaganza will be held at the PdC High School on Wed., March 31. Starting time is 6:30, but doors will open at 5:30 with great food and great prizes to win. This event is sponsored by PCS class of 2011. Advance tickets are \$6.00 and will be on sale this Sunday after the Living Stations at St. John's Parish. You may also purchase them at Peoples State Bank, Nelson True Value or by calling Laurie @ 326-8293, or Chelle @ 326-8699. Tickets will be sold at the event, but the price will be \$8.00. There will also be raffle tickets on sale, so stop by and see what we have to offer!
- ⇒ Scrip news - Did you know the Prairie Catholic Scrip program was started in July of 2003 and has given over \$85,000 to the parishes and school? Thank you for your tremendous support to this worthwhile program.

- ⇒ Spring Pictures – Once again, this year we will be taking spring pictures of our Pre-K – 7th grade students. The date is Wednesday, March 31st.
- ⇒ Pre-K packets will be available from Monday, March 29th through Thursday, April 1st between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm at St. Gabriel’s school.
- ⇒ Reminder that Grades 3 – 5 will be going to Viterbo on Friday, March 19th.
- ⇒ Stations of the Cross – students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both schools during this Lenten season. The middle school students will be holding the Stations after the Thursday mass and the elementary school students after the Friday mass. We hope you can join us.

Prayer: Dear Lord, as I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your Spirit. Help me to give of myself. Help me to turn away from sin and help me to fast and pray, so that I may know You and serve You better. Let me be renewed through my journey and share Your grace. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- Friday, March 19th – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades 3-5
- Sunday, March 21st – Middle School Easter Program – Live Stations of the Cross - Pasta Dinner
- Monday, March 29th – Thursday, April 1st – PreK Packets available at St. Gabriel’s school office
- Tuesday, March 30th – Middle School Forensics – Bloomington St. Mary’s
- Wednesday, March 31st – Spring Pictures Grades Pre K – 7th
- Wednesday, March 31st – Donkey Basketball – 7th Grade fundraiser
- Thursday, April 1st – End of 3rd Quarter
- Friday, April 2nd – NO SCHOOL
- Monday, April 5th – NO SCHOOL
- Friday, April 9th – Field Trip to Viterbo – Grades 6-8
- Sunday, April 11th – First Communion

UPCOMING

- Grade 5 - Social Studies - Study Guide Due - Tuesday, March 23rd
- Grade 6, 7 & 8 – Language – Chapter 5 Test – Wednesday, March 24th
- Grade 5 - Social Studies Test over chapter 7 - Thursday, March 25th
- Grade 5 - Reading Weekly Assessment test - Thursday, March 25th
- Grade 5 - Religion Test chapter 17 – Friday, - March 26th
- Grade 5 - Spelling Test over unit 5, lesson 1 - Friday, March 26th
- Grade 5 - Math Test (chapter 7, lessons 7 - 12) - March 30th
- Grade 5 - Reading Weekly Assessment test - Wednesday, March 31st
- Grade 5 - Spelling Test Unit 5, lesson 2 - Thursday, April 1st
- Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*
- Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 11, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

As we continue our journey in the third week of Lent, we ask for help to pass from our old life of sin to our new life of grace. Let the powerful light of God's love shine into the deepest, darkest corners of our soul, revealing the most un-loving parts of our hearts, and we ask for forgiveness and healing.

✓ The Athletic banquet will be held on Sunday, March 28th at St. Gabriel's cafeteria beginning at 6:00 pm. Please see the enclosed flyer.

✓ 6th Grade Fundraiser – Looking for Butter Braids? These yummy treats are being sold by our 6th Grade students for their Washington trip. Please contact a 6th Grade student or call the school office to order. The fundraiser only lasts until March 12th!

✓ Eighth graders interested in participating at the wreath ceremony in Washington D.C. need to write (not more than a one page) essay on "Why they should be selected for this honor." Four representatives will be chosen. This essay is due April 6th and should be turned in to Mrs. Weber.

✓ Forensics Results - - Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the area Middle School Forensics Competition to be held at Bloomington St. Mary's, on Tuesday, March 30th at 6:30 pm. - **Farrago** – Claire Stoeffler, Sydney Sanders, Ellen Antoniewicz – **Four Minute Speaking** – Ciara Miller, Hunter Slaght, Jessica Steger – **Poetry** – Kelly Mezera, Laura DuCharme, Makayla Gerhards – **Prose** – Laura DuCharme, Claire Stoeffler, Courtney Pattison – **Storytelling** – Brooke Moret, Ethan Mara, Morgan Pedretti – **Demonstration** – Mallory Fulcher, Lauren Nicholson, Pierce Lach – **Group Interpretive Reading** – McKenzie Banasik, Hayley Hemmer, Seamus Murray, Mariah Schwager, Jamie Kozelka, Ryan Schickert Ryan Garrity – **Play Acting** – Courtney Pattison, Hunter Slaght, Mariah Schwager, Erin Morovits, Laura DuCharme, Chad Mara, Peyton Hall, Sean McGrath, Doug Mezera, Paige Rickleff, Emily Trautsch – **Solo Acting** – Claire Stoeffler, Sydney Sanders, Mallory Fulcher. GOOD LUCK! We are very proud of you!

✓ On Sunday, March 21st the Middle School students will be holding their Spring Concert at 3:00 pm in St. John's Church. Live Stations of the Cross will be presented at 4:00 pm in the Church followed by a pasta dinner sponsored by the 8th grade students at 5:00 pm in the Church Hall. Pie and ice cream will be on sale sponsored by the Home and School. Please try to join us for a moving afternoon.

✓ Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 31st! The 7th grade class is sponsoring Donkey Basketball at the Prairie du Chien High School. Look for more information as the date approaches. They are having a raffle with many great prizes, including a 1' x 2' Framed Green Bay Aaron Rodgers print, 2 \$100 cash prizes, a Romantic Getaway, Family Fun Night pkg., Kids Action pkg., a Red Schwinn Stingray Bike and more. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Contact any 7th grade student to purchase your raffle tickets.

✓ There have been many students coming to the office for Tylenol, Tums and cough drops. **The school no longer purchases these items.** Parents may either send these things to school with their child's name on it or if your child comes in and requests medicine, the secretary will call you and either ask you to bring something in or take your child home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

✓ Scrip sales last week were \$6725 with an estimated profit of \$168. Thanks for your support. Did you know if you purchase a \$20 worth of Scrip with a profit of 10%, it is the same as \$100 worth of Scrip at 2%? Every little bit helps, so keep this in mind when you purchase scrip, we make more if our profit % is higher, not necessarily because we sell more. Look for the new updated order forms with the % of profit listed.

- ✓ Parents and students are encouraged to check the 'Lost & Found' areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.
- ✓ Spring Pictures – Once again, this year we will be taking spring pictures of our Pre-K – 7th grade students. The date is Wednesday, March 31st.
- ✓ Kindergarten screening will be held on Tuesday, March 16th at St. Gabriel's school. Appointments are necessary. Please call the school office at 326-8624 to set up a time for your child.
- ✓ Pre-K packets will be available from Monday, March 29th through Thursday, April 1st between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm at St. Gabriel's school.
- ✓ Reminder that Grades 7 & 8 will be going to Madison on Monday, March 15th and Grades 3 – 5 will be going to Viterbo on Friday, March 19th.
- ✓ Stations of the Cross – students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both schools during this Lenten season. The middle school students will be holding the Stations after the Thursday mass and the elementary school students after the Friday mass. We hope you can join us.

Prayer: Father of love, source of all blessings, help us to pass from our old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare us for the glory of your kingdom. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, March 12th – **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, March 15th – Field Trip to Madison - 7th & 8th Grade Tour of State Capitol, WI Veteran's & Historical Museum

Sunday, March 14th – St. Pat's Dinner at St. Gabriel's

Friday, March 19th – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades 3-5

Sunday, March 21st – Middle School Easter Program – Pasta Dinner – Live Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 30th – Middle School Forensics – Bloomington St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 31st – Spring Pictures Grades Pre K – 7th

Wednesday, March 31st – Donkey Basketball – 7th Grade fundraiser

UPCOMING

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Language – Chapter 5 test – Around March 17th

Grade 5 - Math test over lessons 1 – 6 - Wednesday - March 17th

Grade 5 - Weekly Reading Assessment test - Wednesday - March 17th

Grade 5 - Spelling test unit 4, lessons 1 - 5 - Thursday - March 18th

Grade 5 - Social Studies - Study Guide Due - Tuesday, March 23rd

Grade 5 - Social Studies Test over chapter 7 - Thursday, March 25th

Grade 5 - Reading Weekly Assessment test - Thursday, March 25th

Grade 5 - Religion Test chapter 17 – Friday, - March 26th

Grade 5 - Spelling Test over unit 5, lesson 1 - Friday, March 26th

Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*

Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 4, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

The second week of Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism.

- Middle School Fundraiser has a **change of date** – April 6th (kick-off date) until April 19th (turn in date). Profits will be used toward the Accelerated Reader program in the Middle School.
- 6th Grade Fundraiser – Looking for Butter Braids? These yummy treats are being sold by our 6th Grade students for their Washington trip. Please contact a 6th Grade student or call the school office to order. The fundraiser only lasts until March 12th!
- Our 1st fish fry this Lenten season will be held tomorrow, March 5th at St. John's Church basement. Parents please remember to drop off your bars or cookies by 3:00 pm in the Church kitchen.
- On Sunday, March 21st the Middle School students will be holding their Spring Concert at 3:00 pm in St. John's Church. Live Stations of the Cross will be presented at 4:00 pm in the Church followed by a pasta dinner sponsored by the 8th grade students at 5:00 pm in the Church Hall. Pie and ice cream will be on sale sponsored by the Home and School. Please try to join us for a moving afternoon.
- Students will receive a progress report in today's Brown Envelope for students in Grades 5-8. Please contact your child's teacher if you have concerns about grades or other factors that may be influencing your child's performance at school. You may call either school office or call the teacher directly.
- Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 31st! The 7th grade class is sponsoring Donkey Basketball at the Prairie du Chien High School. Look for more information as the date approaches. They are having a raffle with many great prizes, including a 1' x 2' Framed Green Bay Aaron Rodgers print, 2 \$100 cash prizes, a Romantic getaway, Family fun Night pkg., Kids Action pkg., a Red Schwinn Stingray Bike and more. Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Contact any 7th grade student to purchase your raffle tickets.
- There have been many students coming to the office for Tylenol, Tums and cough drops. **The school no longer purchases these items.** Parents may either send these things to school with their child's name on it or if your child comes in and requests medicine, the secretary will call you and either ask you to bring something in or take your child home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- Parents and students are encouraged to check the 'Lost & Found' areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.
- Kindergarten screening will be held on Tuesday, March 16th at St. Gabriel's school. Appointments are necessary. Please call the school office at 326-8624 to set up a time for your child.
- Pre-K packets will be available from Monday, March 29th through Thursday, April 1st between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm at St. Gabriel's school.
- Reminder that Grades 7 & 8 will be going to Madison on Monday, March 15th and Grades 3 – 5 will be going to Viterbo on Friday, March 19th.

Prayer: God of love, bring us back to you. Send your Spirit to make us strong in faith and active in good works. Grant this through our Lord Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Your Son one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, March 4th – Progress Report Home in Brown Envelope

Friday, March 5th – In school Forensics – Middle School

Friday, March 12th – **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, March 15th – Field Trip to Madison - 7th & 8th Grade Tour of State Capitol, WI Veteran's & Historical Museum

Sunday, March 14th – St. Pat's Dinner at St. Gabriel's

Friday, March 19th – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades 3-5

Sunday, March 21st – Middle School Easter Program – Pasta Dinner – Live Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 30th – Middle School Forensics – Bloomington St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 31st – Spring Pictures Grades Pre K – 7th

Wednesday, March 31st – Donkey Basketball – 7th Grade fundraisers

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion - Test over Chapter 16 – Friday, March 5th

Grade 5 - Spelling test - Unit 4, Lesson 4 – Friday, March 5th

Grade 6, 7, & 8 – Language – Adjective quiz – Friday, March 5th

Grade 6 & 7 – Writing – Process and Demonstrations – Due March 9th & 11th

Grade 5 - Math test over lessons 1 – 6 - Wednesday - March 17

Grade 5 - Weekly Reading Assessment test - Wednesday - March 17

Grade 5 - Religion Test chapter 17 - Thursday - March 18

Grade 5 - Spelling test unit 4, lessons 1 - 5 - Thursday - March 18

Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*

Grade 8 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 25, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

As we struggle through the 1st full week of Lent, we may find ourselves tempted to slack off in our Lenten discipline. St. Joseph, the patron of workers, is our ally. He reminds us that all of our labor is part of our struggle on the road to heaven.

- § Thank you to everyone who helped to make the St. Gabriel's Book Fair 2010 a BIG success! A very special thank you to Crystal Steiner and Molly Kirschbaum for volunteering to co-chair this year's book fair and to Linda Ginkel for chairing the "teacher wish list" program. Also, a special thank you to the library volunteers who put a lot of extra effort into making this a success. This year's sales totaled \$3,498.93 which yields a total profit of \$1,099.68 (\$874.73 cash profit and \$224.95 in Scholastic product). All proceeds directly benefit the St. Gabriel School Library.
- § Stations of the Cross – students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both schools during this Lenten season. The middle school students will be holding the Stations after the Thursday mass and the elementary school students after the Friday mass. We hope you can join us.
- § Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss – St. Gabriel's school is sponsoring a birthday celebration on Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm. We will start in the library. Dr. Seuss stories will be read, milk and cake will be enjoyed afterwards. Hope to see you there!
- § Our 1st fish fry this Lenten season will be held on March 5th at St. John's Church basement. See enclosed flyer. Students interested in bussing table should sign up with Mrs. Igou. This is also a great way to receive service hours.
- § Middle School Fundraiser – our students will be selling Mr. Z's products from March 4th through March 17th. Items will be delivered before Easter. Profits will be used toward the Accelerated Reader program in the Middle School. Please contact a Middle School student or the school office at 326-4400.
- § Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 21st. The Middle School students will be holding their Spring Concert at 3:00 p.m. in St. John's Church. Live Stations of the Cross will be presented at 4:00 p.m. in the Church. A Spaghetti Dinner will follow at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. This is sponsored by the 8th Grade students. Pie and ice cream will be on sale sponsored by the Home and School. Please try to join us for a moving afternoon.
- § There have been many students coming to the office for Tylenol, Tums and cough drops. **The school no longer purchases these items.** Parents may either send these things to school with their child's name on it or if your child comes in and requests medicine, the secretary will call you and either ask you to bring something in or take your child home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- § Parents and students are encouraged to check the 'Lost & Found' areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

§ Box Tops need to be mailed out by February 27th to be counted for this year. Also, the bonus point certificates from Piggly Wiggly will be turned in at the same time. These can be dropped off at the back of either church or school office before February 26th.

§ Kindergarten screening has been set for Tuesday, March 16th. More information to follow!

§ Reminder that Grades K-2 will be going to Viterbo in LaCrosse on Wednesday, March 4th – Grades 7th & 8th will be going to Madison on Monday, March 15th, and Grades 3rd – 5th will be going to Viterbo on Friday, March 19th.

Prayer: Lord, protect us in our struggle against evil. As we begin the discipline of Lent, make this season holy by our self-denial. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, Forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, February 26th – Mid-Quarter

Tuesday, March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Night at St. Gabriel's

Wednesday, March 3rd – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades K-2

Thursday, March 4th – Progress Report Home in Brown Envelope

Friday, March 5th – In school Forensic – Middle School

Friday, March 12th – NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 15th – Field Trip to Madison - 7th & 8th Grade Tour of State Capitol, WI Veteran's & Historical Museum

Sunday, March 14th – St. Pat's Dinner at St. Gabriel's

Friday, March 19th – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades 3-5

Sunday, March 21st – Middle School Easter Program – Pasta Dinner – Live Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 30th – Middle School Forensic – Bloomington St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 31st – Spring Pictures Grades Pre K – 7th

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion - Test over Chapter 15 – Thursday, February 25th

Grade 5 - Spelling – Test - Unit 4, Lesson 3 – Thursday, February 25th

Grade 7 – Reading – Test – Number the Stars – Friday, February 26th

Grade 5 - Reading - Weekly Assessment Test – Monday, March 1st

Grade 5 - Social Studies - over Chapter 6 – Monday, March 1st

Grade 5 - Language Test - over Unit 4 – Tuesday, March 2nd

Grade 5 – Religion - Test over Chapter 16 – Friday, March 5th

Grade 5 - Spelling test - Unit 4, Lesson 4 – Friday, March 5th

Grade 8 – Writing – Research paper – Rough draft due March 2nd – Final Copy due March 4th

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 18, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

Prayer is the most important activity we could do during this season of Lent. Everything we do depends on God, who always answers prayers. Whether we give up candy or put our allowance in the collection basket, the most important thing is our love for God and our neighbor. So let's remember to pray more often this Lent. We don't have to tell anyone what we're going to do; we only have to pray, and the Father will know. He will respond by giving us what we need.

§ Thank you to all that attended the Valentine's dance. The Home and School sponsored event was well attended.

§ Stations of the Cross – students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both schools during this Lenten season. The middle school students will be holding the Stations after the Thursday mass and the elementary school students after the Friday mass. The Stations will begin next week. We hope you can join us.

§ In today's brown envelope each middle school student will receive a Lenten Mission box. All money will be sent to the Diocesan Mission Office in LaCrosse for Father Flock's Mission in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. The elementary students received their boxes earlier.

§ Penny War for Haiti – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Student Council Penny War for Haiti. We raised a total of \$1,018.38! Congratulations to the 3rd grade class at St. Gabriel's and the 7th grade class at St. John's for winning the Penny War at their school. Here are the total amounts.

K	\$15.80	5 th	\$60.40
1 st	\$57.87	6 th	- \$90.50 (\$232.90)
2 nd	\$64.33	7 th	\$ 4.57 (\$194.34)
3 rd	\$118.64	8 th	- \$109.14 (\$181.16)
4 th	\$108.74		

The winning classes will receive ice cream parties sponsored by the Student Council. Thank you!

§ **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, February 19th. This is the La Crosse Teacher's Convention.

§ Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss – St. Gabriel's school is sponsoring a birthday celebration on Tuesday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm. We will start in the library. Dr. Seuss stories will be read, milk and cake will be enjoyed afterwards. Hope to see you there! Please see the flyer.

§ Our 1st fish fry this Lenten season will be held on March 5th at St. John's Church basement. Watch for more information. Please join us.

§ **REMINDER** - If your son or daughter is absent from school due to illness the school must be notified by no later than 9:00 am. Students who are absent must present a written note signed by a parent or guardian to their homeroom teacher upon their return. If a student has a doctor or dental appointment **written notification, not by phone,** must be submitted one day prior to the appointment. This also must be signed by a parent or guardian.

§ In today's brown envelope the parents of 7th and 8th grade students will receive a flyer regarding the upcoming ACT Explore test. The test will be given within the next two weeks. If you have any questions feel free to contact the school.

§ There have been many students coming to the office for Tylenol, Tums and cough drops. **The school no longer purchases these items.** Parents may either send these things to school with their child's name on it or if your child comes in and requests medicine, the secretary will call you and either ask you to bring something in or take your child home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

§ Parents and students are encouraged to check the 'Lost & Found' areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

§ Box Tops need to be mailed out by February 27th to be counted for this year. Also, the bonus point certificates from Piggly Wiggly will be turned in at the same time. These can be dropped off at the back of either church or school office before February 27th.

§ Kindergarten screening has been set for Tuesday, March 16th. More information to follow!

Prayer: Dear Lord, as I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your spirit. Help me to give of myself. Help me to turn away from sin and help me to fast and pray, so that I may know You and serve You better. Let me be renewed through my journey to share Your grace with the world. Amen

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, February 18th – 8th Grade meeting – 6:15 pm – St. John's cafeteria – Regarding Graduation

Thursday, February 18th – Final 8th Grade Washington D.C. meeting – 7:00 pm – St. John's cafeteria

Friday, February 19th – **NO SCHOOL** – LaCrosse Teacher Convention

Friday, February 26th – Mid-Quarter

Tuesday, March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Night

Wednesday, March 3rd – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades K-2

Sunday, March 14th – St. Pat's Dinner at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, March 19th – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades 3-5

Sunday, March 21st – Middle School Easter Program – Pasta Dinner – Live Station of the Cross

Wednesday, March 31st – Spring Pictures Grades Pre K – 7th

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion Test – Chapter 14 – Thursday, February 18th

Grade 5 – Spelling Test – Unit 4 – Lesson 2 – Thursday, February 18th

Grade 5 – Math - over Chapter 5, lessons 9 – 15 Monday, February 22nd

Grade 5 - Math - Chapter 5 – Wednesday, February 24th

Grade 5 - Study Guide for Social Studies due - Wednesday, February 24th

Grade 5 – Religion - Test over Chapter 15 – Thursday, February 25th

Grade 5 - Spelling – Test - Unit 4, Lesson 3 – Thursday, February 25th

Grade 5 - Reading - Weekly Assessment Test – Monday, March 1st

Grade 5 - Social Studies - over Chapter 6 – Monday, March 1st

Grade 5 - Language Test - over Unit 4 – Tuesday, March 2nd

Grade 5 – Religion - Test over Chapter 16 – Friday, March 5th

Grade 5 - Spelling test - Unit 4, Lesson 4 – Friday, March 5th

Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday

Grade 7 – Reading – ongoing quizzes on Number the Stars



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 11, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

There is a big difference between hearing and listening. Anyone whose ears work can hear, but to listen is to stop what we are doing and pay attention to the speaker. As Christians, we are called to listen to God and be open to what he says. Each week we stop what we are doing and go to Mass. Readings, prayers, and songs are spoken and sung. Are we listening?

- § Correction: In last week's newsletter it was printed that on March 9th, grades 3-5 were going to Viterbo. The **correct** date is March 19th. Sorry for any confusion this caused.
- § A Valentine's Dance is being planned by the Home & School Association on Saturday, February 13th. **It will be held in St. Gabriel's School Hall.** Please see the enclosed flyer and please try to attend!
- § Mardi Gras is next week **Tuesday, February 16th**. This is a family event sponsored by the 7th grade class. The money raised will help with their Washington, D.C. trip. Please see the enclosed flyers for more information regarding lunch.
- § Ash Wednesday is February 17th, and we will have Masses at both churches on that day. All school children will be attending Mass that day.
- § There will be a **mandatory** meeting for all 8th graders and parents going on the Washington, D.C. trip on Thursday, February 18th, in St. John's Middle School cafeteria at 7:00 pm. Dave from Hawkeye will be presenting "Packing Up"! **Father would like to meet with the 8th grade parents before this meeting regarding graduation. Please meet at 6:15 pm at St. John's cafeteria. The Washington D.C. trip will follow.**
- § **There will be a mandatory meeting for all 2nd grade parents.** It is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th, following the Ash Wednesday Mass at St. John's at approximately 8:00 p.m. in the church basement.
- § SCRIP NEWS: Scrip sales last week were \$9215 with an estimated profit of \$184. Thanks for your support. Did you know if you purchase a \$20 worth of Culver's, Papa Murphy or Subway, our profit (10%) is the same as \$100 worth of Wal-Mart (2%)? That's right! Every little bit helps, so keep this in mind when you purchase scrip, we make more if our profit % is higher, not necessarily because we sell more.
- § **REMINDER** - If your son or daughter is absent from school due to illness the school must be notified by no later than 9:00 am. Students who are absent must present a written note signed by a parent or guardian to their homeroom teacher upon their return. If a student has a doctor or dental appointment **written notification, not by phone**, must be submitted one day prior to the appointment. This also must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- § There have been many students coming to the office for Tylenol, Tums and cough drops. **The school no longer purchases these items.** Parents may either send these things to school with their child's name on it

or if your child comes in and requests medicine, the secretary will call you and either ask you to bring something in or take your child home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

§ **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, February 19th. This is the La Crosse Teacher's Convention.

§ Eagle Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, February 27th.

§ Box Tops need to be mailed out by February 27th, to be counted for this year. Also, the bonus points certificates from Piggly Wiggly will be turned in at the same time and can be either dropped off at the back of both churches or either school office before February 27th.

Prayer: Jesus, help me listen for your words and put the words into practice everyday.

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, February 13th – Valentine Day Dance at St. Gabriel's – See enclosed flyer for more information

Tuesday, February 16th – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's cafeteria – See enclosed flyer

Thursday, February 18th – 8th Grade meeting – 6:15 pm – St. John's cafeteria

Thursday, February 18th – Final 8th Grade Washington D.C. meeting – 7:00 pm – St. John's cafeteria

Friday, February 19th – **NO SCHOOL** – LaCrosse Teacher Convention

Friday, February 26th – Mid-Quarter

Tuesday, March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Night

Wednesday, March 3rd – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades K-2

Sunday, March 14th – St. Pat's Dinner at St. Gabriel's

Tuesday, March 19th – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades 3-5

Sunday, March 21st – Middle School Easter Program – Pasta Dinner – Live Station of the Cross

Wednesday, March 31st – Spring Pictures Grades Pre K – 7th

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Spelling and Religion test – Friday, February 12th

Grade 5 – Reading – Weekly Assessment Test – Monday, February 15th

Grade 5 – Science – Test Chapter 1 – Unit 2 – Tuesday, February 16th

Grade 6, 7, & 8 – Language – Test - Chapter 4 – Wednesday, February 17th

Grade 5 – Religion Test – Chapter 14 – Thursday, February 18th

Grade 5 – Spelling Test – Unit 4 – Lesson 2 – Thursday, February 18th

Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday

Grade 7 – Reading – ongoing quizzes on Number the Stars

Happy Valentine's Day!



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 4, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

What does it mean to hear with your heart? The message God is telling us is to receive the words inside, to live your faith, not just say the words! The first step is the hardest, the following steps become easier.

Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest – Congratulations to the following students who placed in the recent competition. The first place winners are eligible to compete at the Diocesan level.

Grade 5 Spelling

1st – Eric Nolan
2nd – John Manganiello

Grade 5 Math

1st – Josh Cavanaugh

Grade 6 Spelling

1st – Adam Groom
2nd – Johnny Luster

Grade 6 Math

1st – Nicholas Weber
2nd – Levi Orr

Grade 7 Spelling

1st – Dylan Boisvert

2nd – Dominic Manganiello

Grade 7 Math

1st – Brooke Moret

2nd – Justin Cavanaugh

Grade 8 Spelling

1st – Sydney Sanders

2nd – Ellen Antoniewicz

Grade 8 Math

1st – Hayley Hemmer

2nd – Kelly Mezera

§ Well done to our team of 7th & 8th graders who participated in the “Brains” competition in LaCrosse this past Saturday. They fought a tough fight. A big thank-you to their coach, Mrs. Kari Kronberg and all the parents who traveled to LaCrosse.

§ Tomorrow is our ski trip to Mt. LaCrosse for Grades 5-8. Students going on the trip will need to report directly to St. John’s Middle School. They will be returning at approximately 4:00 pm. The elementary students (K-4) will be having their pajama and movie day.

§ Thank-you to all the parents, staff members, and students who assisted with our Catholic Schools Week activities. From the Masses, prayer services, an Opera for the Young to the well-planned Wednesday “family night”, it was a huge success. Thanks to all who attended the activities! It was great.

§ A Valentine’s Dance is being planned by the Home & School Association on Saturday, February 13th. More information will be coming!

§ Honor Roll Mass for the Middle School students will be on Tuesday, February 9th at St. John’s Church at 8:30 am. All are welcome to attend.

§ Want a special sweet treat for someone special? The Middle School Student Council will be doing Candy-O-Grams for both schools.

§ Can you believe Mardi Gras is only a couple of weeks from now? **MARK THE DATE – February 16th**. This is a family event sponsored by the 7th grade class. The money raised will help with their Washington, D.C. trip. Lunch tickets will be made available in the lunch line for guests. **NO ADVANCED LUNCH SALES** this year. Please see the enclosed flyer regarding tickets for games, concession stand, and raffle items.

§ Ash Wednesday is February 17th and we will have Masses at both churches on that day. All school children will be attending Mass that day.

- § There will be a mandatory meeting for all 8th graders and parents going on the Washington, D.C. trip on Thursday, February 18th in St. John's Middle School cafeteria at 7:00 pm. Dave from Hawkeye will be presenting "Packing Up"!
- § SCRIP NEWS: Scrip sales last week were \$4745 with an estimated profit of \$95. Thanks for your support. Don't forget to purchase SCRIP for your Valentine. We have a variety of cards available.
- § Congratulations to 7th grader Dylan Boisvert for placing second in the West Sectionals Spelling Bee. We are so proud of your success.
- § NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 19th, this is the LaCrosse Teacher's Convention.
- § Eagle Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, February 27th. There is a coloring contest. See the enclosed information.
- § Box Tops need to be mailed out by February 27th, to be counted for this year. Also, the bonus points certificates from Piggly Wiggly will be turned in at the same time and can be either dropped off at the back of both churches or either school office before February 27th.

Prayer: Lord, give me ears open to hearing you and a heart willing to serve you. Let your word do its work in me and make me always faithful to your inspirations.

Mark Your Calendars

- Thursday, February 4th – Basketball Grade Evaluation
- Friday, February 5th – Grades 5th -8th – Ski Trip – Mt. LaCrosse
- Sunday, February 7th – Swiss Steak Dinner – St. Gabriel's cafeteria – 10:45 am – 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 9th – Honor Roll Mass at St. John's Church – 8:30 am
- Wednesday, February 10th – Math Counts Competition – Huckleberry's – Noon – 3:00 pm
- Saturday, February 13th – Valentine Day Dance – More information to come
- Tuesday, February 16th – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's cafeteria – More information to come
- Thursday, February 18th – Final 8th Grade Washington D.C. meeting – 7:00 pm – St. John's cafeteria
- Friday, February 19th – NO SCHOOL – LaCrosse Teacher Convention
- Friday, February 26th – Mid-Quarter
- Tuesday, March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Night
- Wednesday, March 3rd – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades K-2
- Tuesday, March 9th – Field trip to Viterbo – Grades 3-5
- Sunday, March 14th – St. Pat's Dinner at St. Gabriel's
- Sunday, March 21st – Middle School Easter Program – Pasta Dinner – Live Station of the Cross
- Wednesday, March 31st – Spring Pictures Grades Pre K – 7th

UPCOMING

- Grade 6, 7, & 8 – Language – Chapter 4 test – February 10th or after
- Grade 8 – Reading - test on The Pigman – sometime after February 9th
- Grade 5 – Spelling and Religion test – Friday, February 12th
- Grade 5 – Science test – Monday, February 15th
- Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday

Grade 7 – Reading – ongoing quizzes on Number the Stars

Grade 8 – Reading – ongoing quizzes on The Pigman



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 28, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

I can't believe Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner. Please refer to the schedule of activities and special days ahead. Thank you for all your support!

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SWEEPSTAKES CALENDARS

First Drawing to be held Sunday, February 7th, 2010

If you have done so please make every effort to sell your calendars

All calendars and/or money are due by Friday, January 29th

- Congratulations to all the Basketball boys who played with so much heart this past weekend. You worked hard, showed us true spirit and what we are made of. Here are the results:
 - 5th Grade – 1st place
 - 6th Grade – 3rd place
 - 7th Grade – 2nd place
 - 8th Grade – 2nd place
- Corrections: In last week's newsletter, I wrote that our 5th grade girls placed 4th in the tournament. It should have read 3rd place. I am very sorry girls!
- Congratulations to 4th grader Evan Boisvert! He entered a Christmas poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. He was one of 12 winners. His poster will be displayed at Wisconsin Dells during the KC convention. We are very proud of you!
- All Ski Trip (grades 5-8) money was due on **Monday, January 11th**. Please see that all money is turned into the office no later than Monday, February 1st. All money must be paid before students will be allowed to go on this trip. **Reminder:** If your son/daughter will be riding home with you from the ski trip, a note must be turned into the school office by **Monday, February 1st**.
- Catholic School's Week – in last week's newsletter, we sent home a list of items we are collecting for St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota. Please bring these items to Wednesday night's activities during Catholic Schools Week. Thank you for all who responded to the need of students for the 10:00 am Mass at St. John's Church on Sunday, January 31st. **Reminder:** All choir members should be at St. John's Church by 9:30 am on Sunday. All are welcome to attend.
- Mark your calendar – Thursday, February 18th – all 8th graders and their parents – “Packing up for Washington D.C.” 7:00 pm at St. John's cafeteria. Also, please see the enclosed form regarding chaperones.
- **Knights of Columbus Contest – Grades 5-8 – Tuesday, February 2nd at 3:30 p.m. – St. John's Middle School** - Students sign in when they arrive and may choose to compete in Spelling or Math. Testing will run from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Students may wait in the cafeteria while results are tallied and then announced at 4:30 p.m. Snacks will be available for purchase while students wait for their results. The first place winners are eligible to compete at the Diocesan level.

- A Valentine's Day Dance is being planned for Saturday, February 13th – More information to come.
- Mark your calendar for two upcoming events – Tuesday, March 2nd – Dr. Seuss Night at St. Gabriel's School from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. On Sunday, March 21st – St. John's Middle School will have an Easter program. Again this year high school students will perform the living stations. A pasta dinner is also being planned. Watch for more information.
- Mardi Gras is Tuesday, February 16th. If you have any new or like new items you would like to donate as prizes or for baskets, please send them to school within the next week. Or call Laurie Pedretti (326-8293) or Kathy Schneider (326-2958) if you would like to make a basket.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Son of God, Thank you for the gift of Catholic education. Day after day, week after week, you give us many opportunities to grow and learn. Help us respond to the gift of faith so that we may be recognized as your disciples. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, January 29th – Hard Work Counts at Middle School

January 30th – February 6th – Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, February 2nd – Opera for the Young & Knights of Columbus Contest

Wednesday, February 3rd – Family Night

Thursday, February 4th – Basketball Grade Evaluation

Friday, February 5th – Grades 5th -8th – Ski Trip – Mt. LaCrosse

Sunday, February 7th – Swiss Steak Dinner – St. Gabriel's cafeteria – 10:45 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, February 9th – Honor Roll Mass at St. John's Church – 8:30 am

Wednesday, February 10th – Math Counts Competition – Huckleberry's – Noon – 3:00 pm

Saturday, February 13th – Valentine Day Dance – More information to come

Tuesday, February 16th – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's cafeteria – More information to come

Thursday, February 18th – Final 8th Grade Washington D.C. meeting – 7:00 pm – St. John's cafeteria

Friday, February 19th – NO SCHOOL – LaCrosse Teacher Convention

Friday, February 26th – Mid-Quarter

UPCOMING

Grade 5 - Religion Test over Unit 3, Chapters 9–12 & Spelling Test over Unit 3, lesson 5 - Friday, January 29th

Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday

Grade 7 – Reading – ongoing quizzes on Number the Stars

Grade 8 – Reading – ongoing quizzes on The Pigman



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 21, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

We are all called to be peace makers, agents of God's power to forgive and reconcile. There are many peace makers today whose examples we could all follow. How about your? How can you make peace today?

ON SALE NOW

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More calendars are available at either school office.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

- § Congratulations to all the Basketball girls who played so hard this past week. You showed a lot of heart, spirit and the Prairie Catholic sportsmanship. Here are the results.
- 5th Grade – 4th place
 - 6th Grade – 2nd place
 - 7th Grade – 1st place
 - 8th Grade – 1st place
- § Remember we are asking for copies or scanned pictures of yourself or family member celebrating one of the Seven Sacraments **as soon as possible**. We will use these photos as part of a display for Catholic Schools Week. These photos will not be returned so please be sure to send in a copy. Photos can be dropped off at either school office.
- § Congratulations to the students who took the challenge of the Geography Bee. First place – Ryan Schickert, and second place – Spencer Pedretti. Thanks to Mrs. Boisvert and Mrs. Yager for driving.
- § Catholic School's Week – in last week's newsletter, we sent home a list of items we are collecting for St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota. Please bring these items to Wednesday night's activities during Catholic Schools Week. Also, in addition, Prairie Catholic students in Grades 2 – 8 are invited to participate in the opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 at St. John's Church. Please see the enclosed flyer and return to either school office by **Monday, January 25th**.
- § A Quick reminder – we only have a half day of school tomorrow! Students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. Teachers will be working on report cards. It is the end of first semester.
- § Mark your calendar – Thursday, February 18th – all 8th graders and their parents – “Packing up for Washington D.C.” 7:00 pm at St. John's cafeteria. Also, please see the enclosed form regarding chaperones.
- § **Knights of Columbus Contest – Grades 5-8 – Tuesday, February 2nd at 3:30 p.m. – St. John's Middle School** - Students sign in when they arrive and may choose to compete in Spelling or Math. Testing will run from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Students may wait in the cafeteria while results are tallied and then announced at

4:30 p.m. Snacks will be available for purchase while students wait for their results. The first place winners are eligible to compete at the Diocesan level.

§ A Valentine's Day Dance is being planned for Saturday, February 13th – More information to come.

§ If your son/daughter is absent from school due to illness the school must be notified by 9:00 am. Students who are absent must present a written note signed by a parent or guardian to their homeroom teacher upon their return. If a student has a doctor or dental appointment **written notification** must be submitted one day prior to the appointment. This also must be signed by a parent or guardian.

§ Mark your calendar for two upcoming events – Tuesday, March 2nd – Dr. Seuss Night at St. Gabriel's School from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. On Sunday, March 21st – St. John's Middle School will have an open house and Easter program. Again this year high school students will perform the living stations. A pasta dinner is also being planned. Watch for more information.

§ All Ski Trip (grades 5-8) money was due on **Monday, January 11th**. Please see that all money is turned into the office as soon as possible. All money must be paid before students will be allowed to go on this trip.

Prayer: Lord, show me how to forgive and how to be an agent of reconciliation and unity. Jesus, I want to be a peacemaker like you! Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, January 21st – Basketball Grade Evaluation

Friday, January 22nd – 1:00 o'clock dismissal

Friday, January 22nd – End of 2nd Quarter

Saturday & Sunday, January 23rd & 24th – Prairie Catholic Schools Boy's Basketball Tournament

Monday, January 25th – 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Bluffveiw – start time 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 26th – 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Garnavillo – start time 4:00 pm

Friday, January 29th – Hard Work Counts at Middle School

January 30th – February 6th – Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, February 2nd – Opera for the Young & Knights of Columbus Contest

Wednesday, February 3rd – Family Night

Thursday, February 4th – Basketball Grade Evaluation

Friday, February 5th – Grades 5th -8th – Ski Trip – Mt. LaCrosse

Tuesday, February 9th – Honor Roll Mass at St. John's Church – 8:30 am

Wednesday, February 10th – Math Counts Competition – Huckleberry's – Noon – 3:00 pm

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion – Chapter 12th – Friday, January 22nd

Grade 5 – Spelling – Unit 3, Lesson 4 – Friday, January 22nd

Grade 5 - Social Studies Guide Due – Tuesday, January 26th

Grade 5 - Weekly Reading Assessment Test and Social Studies Test over chapter 5 –Thursday, January 28th

Grade 5 - Religion Test over Unit 3, Chapters 9–12 & Spelling Test over Unit 3, lesson 5 - Friday, January 29th

Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday

Grade 7 – Reading – ongoing quizzes on Number the Stars

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Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 14, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

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- § You are invited to a Pancake, French Toast & Sausage Breakfast in St. John's Hall on Sunday, January 17th from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. All you can eat – free-will offering. All proceeds will go to Prairie Catholic Schools.
- § Don't forget – vote for **Prairie Catholic School - 515 N Beaumont Rd.** online through US Cellular. Tell your friends, relatives, and neighbors. PLEASE VOTE! **January 15th is the last day!**
- § SCRIP NEWS - The deposit last week was \$6,165.00 with an estimated profit of \$123. Thank you for your support! We still have Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body, Starbucks, Hardees and Outback Steakhouse left from the holiday season. These make great gifts. Stop by and purchase yours while supplies last.
- § In today's Brown Envelope you will find the work schedule for the upcoming Boys Basketball tournament on January 23rd & 24th. Please be aware that every parent will be down to work at the tournament. If you are not able to work the time assigned, it is your responsibility to send a replacement or switch with a friend. Also, all parents who have a boy player are asked to bring a pan of bars, plate of cookies, a snack, or make a \$5.00 donation, so baked goods can be supplied for you. There will be a sheet at each gym to sign when dropping off your snacks. If you would like to donate \$5.00 instead, please send the money back in your brown envelope by Monday, January 18th.
- § Catholic School's Week – included in today's Brown Envelope is the week's events. Also, we will be collecting items for the St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota. There is a list of items needed on the reverse side of the events calendar.
- § The following students will be competing at St. John's Middle School on Friday, January 15th at 2:00 pm for the Geography Bee. This will be held in the cafeteria.

Dylan Boisvert
Ryan Schickert
McKenzie Banasik
Ciara Miller
Seamus Murray

Luke Rickleff
Spencer Pedretti
Evan Boisvert
Nick Rogge
Will Yager

- § St. John's Middle School spelling bee winners – Congratulations to Dylan Boisvert 1st, Sydney Sanders, 2nd, and Hayley Hemmer 3rd place. Good luck to Dylan and Sydney who will be traveling to Ithaca to compete!

Other participants were Ellen Antoniewicz, Ethan Mara, Dominic Manganiello, Jacob Linder, Hunter Slaght, John Luster, Kelly Check, Chad Mara and Makayla Gerhards.

- § Parents we need your help . . . please read the enclosed memo from the Family Night Committee.
- § If your son or daughter is absent from school due to illness the school must be notified by 9:00 am. Students who are absent must present a written note signed by a parent or guardian to their homeroom teacher upon their return. If a student has a doctor or dental appointment **written notification** must be submitted one day prior to the appointment. This also must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- § All Ski Trip (grades 5-8) forms and money was due on **Monday, January 11th**. Please see that all forms and money are turned into the office as soon as possible.
- § The 8th grade class of 2010 has decided to give back to the school by holding “Snack-n-Go”, the food stand where students can purchase snacks after school. “Snack-n-Go” will be located in Mrs. Igou’s room after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All items will cost 50¢. Proceeds will go back to the school as a thank-you from the 8th graders.
- § Cold Weather Reminders – Now that winter weather has arrived, we must insist that heavy jackets, mittens, hats, and boots be worn. If students do not wear appropriate attire, they will not be allowed to participate in outdoor activities. Children wearing boots must carry with them a pair of shoes to be worn inside the building. Reminder – throwing snowballs will result in a detention and a fine. Please listen to the local radio station for school delays and closings as the season of inclement weather unfolds.

Prayer: Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life, and crowned its goodness by creating the family of man. In history’s moment when all was ready. You sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all men that we may share in your life forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, January 14th – 7th & 8th Grade Boy’s Basketball @ Bluffview – 5:30 pm start time
Thursday, January 14th – 6th Grade Girl’s Basketball vs MFL/Mar-Mac – 5:30 pm start time
Saturday & Sunday, January 16th & 17th – Prairie Catholic Schools Girl’s Basketball Tournament
Monday, January 18th – 7th & 8th Grade Boy’s Basketball @ Boscobel – 4:30 pm start time
Tuesday, January 19th – 6th Grade Girl’s Basketball @ River Ridge – 5:30 pm start time
Tuesday, January 19th – 5th & 6th Grade Boy’s Basketball @ Boscobel – 5:00 pm start time
Wednesday, January 20th – 5th Grade Boy’s Basketball @ Bloomington St. Mary’s – 5:30 pm start time
Wednesday, January 20th – 7th Grade Girl’s Basketball @ Bloomington St. Mary’s – 6:30 pm start time
Thursday, January 21st – Basketball Grade Evaluation
Friday, January 22nd – 1:00 o’clock dismissal
Friday, January 22nd – End of 2nd Quarter
Saturday & Sunday, January 23rd & 24th – Prairie Catholic Schools Boy’s Basketball Tournament

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion – Chapter 11 – Friday, January 15th
Grade 5 – Spelling – Unit 3, Lesson 3 – Friday, January 15th
Grade 7 – Reading – Unit 3 – test – Friday, January 15th
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Language – Quiz – Friday, January 15th – subject, verb, direct object, and indirect object
Grade 5 – Math – Test – Chapter 4 – Wednesday, January 20th
Grade 5 – Language – Unit 3 – Thursday, January 21st
Grade 5 – Religion – Chapter 12th – Friday, January 22nd
Grade 5 – Spelling – Unit 3, Lesson 4 – Friday, January 22nd

Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday
Grade 8 – Reading – ongoing quizzes on The Pigman



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 7, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

Welcome to our New Year of 2010! We hope that your Christmas, New Year and vacation were relaxing, prayerful and fun filled. Many of us have set goals for 2010, may you take small steps to reach your goals.

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- § Sixth grade students need to bring a small to medium size shoe box to writing class by Tuesday, January 12th.
- § Don't forget – vote for **Prairie Catholic School - 515 N Beaumont Rd.** online through US Cellular. Tell your friends, relatives, and neighbors. PLEASE VOTE! Time is running short.
- § SCRIP NEWS - Because of your support, the Prairie Catholic Scrip program was able to give the school \$7,000 this past week. Thank you for your support! Don't forget you still have time to purchase scrip to earn a 2% tuition credit; the deadline for purchases to qualify is Jan. 15.
- § In today's Brown Envelope you will find the work schedule for the upcoming Girls Basketball tournament on January 16th & 17th. Please be aware that every parent will be down to work at the tournament. If you are not able to work the time assigned, it is your responsibility to send a replacement or switch with a friend. Also, all parents who have a girl player are asked to bring a pan of bars, plate of cookies or a snack or make a \$5.00 donation, so baked goods can be supplied for you. There will be a sheet at each gym to sign when dropping off your snacks. If you would like to donate \$5.00 instead, please send the money back in your brown envelope by Monday, January 11th.
- § Catholic School's Week – Mark your calendars now for the Wednesday of Catholic School's week. The date is Wednesday, February 3rd. That evening we will be holding our Book Fair, Chili, Fries and Grilled Cheese Supper, hands on activities, and a juggler with a special message. Please try to join us! More information will follow.
- § If your son or daughter is absent from school due to illness the school must be notified by 9:00 am. Students who are absent must present a written note signed by a parent or guardian to their homeroom teacher upon their return. If a student has a doctor or dental appointment **written notification** must be submitted one day prior to the appointment. This also must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- § The spelling Bee for Grades 6-8 will be held on Friday, January 8th at 2:00 pm in the middle school cafeteria. Grades 3-5 will be held on Thursday, January 14th at 2:00 pm in the elementary cafeteria. The

Geography Bee for both schools will be held on Friday, January 15th at 2:00 pm in St. John's middle school cafeteria. Parents are welcome.

§ In the Brown Envelope you should be receiving information for the annual Ski Trip (grades 5-8) as part of Catholic Schools Week. Please read each form carefully, complete all the information, and return the forms with your check to School by Monday, January 11th. If you did not receive forms it is because we are showing that your child is not planning on skiing, if this is not correct, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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Prayer: O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please in every day and every hour of this New Year that the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, January 7th – 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ River Ridge – 4:30 pm start time

Thursday, January 7th – 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball vs Boscobel – 5:30 pm start time

Thursday, January 7th – Basketball Grade Evaluation

Friday, January 8th – Prairie Catholic Middle School Spelling Bee – 2:00 pm

Monday, January 11th – 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs River Ridge – 5:30 pm start time

Tuesday, January 12th – 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Bluffview – 5:30 pm start time

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Thursday, January 14th – 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Bluffview – 5:30 pm start time

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UPCOMING

Grade 8 – Reading - Unit 4 – test – Friday, January 8th

Grade 7 – Reading – Unit 3 – test – Sometime after Thursday, January 14th

Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

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Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 17, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

As we light the 3rd candle it marks a shift from the more solemn tone to a more joyous atmosphere of expectancy. That is why this 3rd Sunday of Advent is also known as the Sunday of Joy. The 4th Sunday marks the joy of the impending nativity of Jesus. The center candle is white and is called the Christ Candle. It is traditionally lighted on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to symbolize giving light to the world.

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- § This will be the last newsletter of 2009! There will NOT BE A BROWN ENVELOPE coming home next week. The teachers and staff members from Prairie Catholic School would like to wish each and everyone a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!
- § Congratulations to Mrs. Kerri Weber, volunteers, and elementary students for a wonderful Christmas concert. It put us in a joyful mood and we are excited about Christmas day.
- § The 8th grade class of 2010 has decided to give back to the school by holding “Snack-n-Go”, the food stand where students can purchase snacks after school. “Snack-n-Go” will be located in Mrs. Igou’s room after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All items will cost 50¢. Proceeds will go back to the school as a thank-you from the 8th graders.
- § St. John’s Middle School is looking for any empty Pringles potato chip containers with lids. They can be dropped off at either school or in the back of church. The students will be using them for a science project. Thanks for you help.
- § Don’t you forget – vote for **Prairie Catholic School - 515 N Beaumont Rd.** on line through US Cellular. Tell your friend, relatives, and neighbors. PLEASE VOTE!
- § Reminder – if you are shopping on line this season, please remember to use Good Search and Good Shop on Prairie Catholic web page. The school earns money every time you use Good Search.com. Thanks for supporting Prairie Catholic School!
- § Cold Weather Reminders – Now that winter weather has arrived, we must insist that heavy jackets, mittens, hats, and boots be worn. If students do not wear appropriate attire, they will not be allowed to participate in outdoor activities. Children wearing boots must carry with them a pair of shoes to be worn inside the building. Reminder – throwing snowballs will result in a detention and a fine. Please listen to the local radio station for school delays and closing as the season of inclement weather unfolds.
- § Christmas Eve Children’s Mass at St. John’s – Thank you to Rochelle Fulcher and Jean Ann Dillman for volunteering to head the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass. The ladies will be contacting you. Thanks again

for taking the time to assist with the program. Also, students in grades 3-8 who are singing in the Children's choir for Christmas Eve Mass, need to arrive at St. John's no later than 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

§ Just a reminder that our Christmas vacation begins at the end of December 22nd. We have full days of school on Monday and Tuesday. We will resume classes on Monday, January 4, 2010.

§ School closings, delays, and early dismissals - Please listen to the radio station WQPC and television stations for up to the minute school closing and/or delays. If you would like to be notified at work, please notify the school office. Thank you.

§ Catholic School's Week – Mark your calendars now for the Wednesday of Catholic School's week. The date is Wednesday, February 3rd. That evening we will be holding our Book Fair, Chili, Fries and Grilled Cheese Supper, hands on activities, and a juggler with a special message. Please try to join us! More information will follow.

§ Scrip sales last week were \$12,130 with an estimated profit of \$303! Thank you for supporting the Prairie Catholic Scrip program! Give the gift that won't be returned! Scrip cards make great gifts for anyone on your list. Stop by and see what we have in-stock. Some examples are: iTunes \$15, Hardees \$10, Bath & Body \$10, Barnes & Noble \$10, Claire's \$10, Papa Murphy \$10, StarBucks \$10 and Subway \$5.

Prayer: Third Week of Advent – O Jesus Christ, Key of David, come and set your people free. Open the gates of heaven for us, come deliver us from evil. King David was a mighty king who built a city long ago. He left a key that Jesus found in the manger hay. Key of David, Jesus Christ, open heaven's gates for us.

Fourth Week of Advent – O Jesus Christ, Holy Wisdom, come and teach us your way. Word of life, Word made flesh, come speak your truth. Jesus, come and teach me, how to sing and lay, how to learn new words, tell me what to say. Teach me how to be a child, for you know the way.

Christmas Prayer - Almighty God and Father of light, a child is born to us and a Son is given to us. Your eternal Word leaped down from heaven in the silent watches of the night, and now your Church is filled with wonder at the nearness of her God. Open our hearts to receive His life and increase our vision with the rising of dawn that our lives may be filled with His glory and His peace, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mark Your Calendars

December 17th – 5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball vs Boscobel – 5:30 pm start time

December 17th – 6th Grade Boys Basketball at Cassville – 5:30 pm start time

December 17th – Basketball Grade Evaluation

December 17th – Progress Reports go home in the Brown Envelope

December 18th – 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball at MFL-Mar-Mac – 4:00 pm start time

December 19th – 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Riverdale @ Hoffman Hall – 1:30 pm start time

December 19th – 6th Grade Boys Basketball vs Bluffview @ Hoffman Hall – 3:45 pm start time

December 21st – 5th Grade Boys & 7th Grade Girls vs Bloomington St. Mary's – 5:30 pm start time

December 22nd – 5th Grade Boys Basketball at Cassville – 5:30 pm start time

December 22nd – 6th Grade Girls Basketball vs Bluffview – 5:30 pm start time

December 23rd – January 3rd – Christmas Break

January 4th – Classes Resume

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion test – Chapter 9 – Friday, December 18th

Grade 5 – Spelling test – Lesson 1, Unit 3, Friday, December 18th

Grade 6, 7 and 8 – Language – Chapter 3 – Friday, December 18th

Grade 5 – Weekly Reading assessment test – Monday, December 21st

Grade 5 – Math test – Chapter 4 – Lessons 6-11 – Monday, December 21st

Grade 5 – Social Studies test – Chapter 5 – Tuesday, December 22nd

Grade 8 – Reading - Unit 4 – test – Moved to after Christmas Break

Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 10, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

As we are in the 2nd week of Advent, the excitement of the season is gearing up. Our thoughts turn toward Mary - - she has been told that she is with child, and she will have a son and name him Jesus.

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§ Congratulations to the 8th grade class at St. John's and the 4th grade class at St. Gabriel's for bring in the most items at their schools. Both classes will enjoy a pizza party. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Food Drive! Here are the totals for each grade:

Grade 8	97 items (4.41 per child)	Grade 3	157 items (5.23 per child)
Grade 7	44 items (2.10 per child)	Grade 2	84 items (3.50 per child)
Grade 6	82 items (3.90 per child)	Grade 1	46 items (3.07 per child)
Grade 5	25 items (1.19 per child)	Grade K	44 items (2.75 per child)
Grade 4	134 items (8.38 per child)		

§ Christmas Program – Due to the snowy, winter weather, we had to cancel our Christmas Program. The program has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m.

§ Congratulations to our boy's basketball teams who represented Prairie Catholic School well at last week's Wauzeka tournament. Our 5th & 8th grades took 1st place and our 6th grade took 2nd place. Way to go boys!

§ The 8th grade class of 2010 has decided to give back to the school by holding "Snack-n-Go", the food stand where students can purchase snacks after school. "Snack-n-Go" will be located in Mrs. Igou's room after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All items will cost 50¢. Proceeds will go back to the school as a thank-you from the 8th graders.

§ St. John's Middle School is looking for any empty Pringles potato chip containers with lids. They can be dropped off at either school or in the back of church. The students will be using them for a science project. Thanks for you help.

§ Math Counts was cancelled due to the weather. A make -up date will be announced.

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Prayer: *O Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, come and save your people. Joy of every heart, strength of those who are poor, come quickly to help us. Prince of Peace, teach the loin and the little lamb, teach the cat and the mouse, the hawk and the tiny bird, teach everyone who doesn't get along to live in peace.*

Mark Your Calendars

December 11th – 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball at Lancaster – 4:00 pm start time
December 12th – 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs Waukon - @ Hoffman Hall – 1:30 pm start time
December 14th – 6th Grade Boys & Girls Basketball at Cassville – 5:00 pm start time
December 15th – 7th & 8th Grade Girls at MFL-Mar-Mac – 4:00 pm start time
December 15th – 5th & 6th Grade Boys vs MFL-Mar-Mac – 5:30 pm start time
December 15th – Middle School Winter Band Concert – Bluffview – 6:30 pm
December 16th - Elementary Christmas Program – 6:30 pm – St. Gabriel's Church
December 17th – 5th & 6th Grade Girls Basketball vs Boscobel – 5:30 pm start time
December 17th – 6th Grade Boys Basketball at Cassville – 5:30 pm start time
December 17th – Basketball Grade Evaluation
December 17th – Progress Reports go home in the Brown Envelope

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion test – Unit 2 – Friday, December 11th
Grade 5 – Spelling test – Unit 2 – Friday, December 11th
Grade 6 – Reading – *Tuck Everlasting* – Final test – Tuesday, December 15th
Grade 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Spanish – Quiz – Thursday, December 17th
Grade 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Language – Chapter 3 – test – Thursday, December 17th
Grade 5 – Religion test – Chapter 9 – Friday, December 18th
Grade 5 – Spelling test – Lesson 1, Unit 3, Friday, December 18th
Grade 8 – Unit 4 – test – Tuesday, December 22nd
Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 3, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

The beginning of Advent is a time for preparing, waiting, and hoping. Among the customs of Advent, the Advent wreath is probably the most important. Lighting the Advent candles each day with a prayer can prepare your household for Christmas.

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 - § The Brains Team will be competing at the Brains and Braun Tournament in LaCrosse as part of Catholic Schools week on January 30th. Congratulations to this year's team members: Sydney Sanders, Hayley Hemmer, Dylan Boisvert, Dominic Manganiello, Becky Welsch, Ciara Miller, Mara Gerhards, Ryan Schickert and Ryan Garrity.
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 - § Looking for servers – We are in need for servers for the following Masses:
 - Christmas Eve – 8:00 p.m. – St. John's
 - Christmas Day – 8:00 a.m. – St. Gabriel's
 - 10:00 a.m. – St. John's
- If you can serve any of these times, please contact Mary Stoeffler at 326-0033.
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Prayer: O Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, come and dwell with us. Desire of all nations; Gift to every generation, come, make your home with us. All nations, everybody, is waiting for you, Indians, Eskimos are waiting for you. People in New York are waiting for you. People in Beijing are waiting for you. Jesus come to us.

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UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Religion test – Chapter 8 – Friday, December 4th

Grade 5 – Spelling test – Unit 2 – Lesson 5 – Friday, December 4th

Grade 5 - Weekly Reading Assessment test – Monday, December 7th

Grade 5 – Math, over lessons 1-5, Chapter 5 – Tuesday, December 8th

Grade 6 – Reading – Tuck Everlasting – Section 4 – Quiz – Thursday, December 10th

Grade 5 – Language test – Unit 3 – Part 1 (verbs) – Thursday, December 10th

Grade 8 – Writing – Beginning research writing

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Vocabulary Test each Friday



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 25, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

It's that time of year again when families come together to enjoy special dinners, celebrate old traditions, and create new ones. From the staff at Prairie Catholic School, we wish each and everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

ON SALE NOW

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SWEEPSTAKES CALENDARS

First Drawing to be held Sunday, February 7th, 2010

This is our second fundraiser for the school year. Please do your best to support our school through this sale.

Last year the sale raised 12,000.00 for the benefit of our school.

More calendars are available at either school office.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

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§ December 5th is the night to hang your stocking up – St. Nicholas may pay you a visit. We have fantastic kids and wonderful parents so no one should be getting raw onions or coal.

§ DO NOT MISS the St. John's Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 5th at St. John's Middle School.

§ **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Thursday, December 24th - 4:30 pm at St. John's (Children Mass – see enclosed sign up sheet)

6:00 pm at St. Gabriel's - 7:00 pm at Wauzeka - 8:00 pm at St. John's

Friday, December 25th - 8:00 am at St. Gabriel's - 10:00 am at St. John's

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Thanksgiving Prayer: Thank you God for everything I've experienced here on Earth. Thank you for protecting me from the moment of my birth. Thank you for the beauty round me everywhere. The gentle rain and glistening dew, the sunshine and the air. The joyous gift of "feeling" the soul's soft whispering voice that speaks to me from deep within and makes my heart rejoice. Oh, God, no words are great enough to thank you for just living. And that is why every day – is a day for real THANKSGIVING.

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November 26th & 27th – **No School – HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

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November 30th – 5th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Cassville – 5:30 pm start time

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UPCOMING

Grade 8 – Reading – Unit 2 – Test – Wednesday, December 2nd

Grade 5 – Science test – Chapter 3 – Wednesday, December 2nd

Grade 5 – Religion test – Chapter 8 – Thursday, December 3rd

Grade 5 – Spelling test – Unit 2 – Lesson 1 – Thursday, December 3rd

Grade 5 - Weekly Reading Assessment test – Monday, December 7th

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 19, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

Be a source of encouragement and inspiration to all you know. You can make a difference because Christ is in you. Each of us can lead, even as we follow the Lord.

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- ◆ Scrip sales for last week were \$11,539 with an estimated profit of \$288! Don't forget you can purchase Scrip through your school envelope. Just fill out an order form and enclose it with payment in an envelope and put it in Thursday's envelope. Your order will be filled and sent home with your child. Remember to put your name and phone number on all order forms, in order to accumulate tuition credit. Thanks for supporting the Scrip Program and raising much needed funds for our school!
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- ◆ Christmas Program – please see the enclosed flyer in today’s brown envelope regarding dress rehearsal and actual times for the program. Thanks.
- ◆ Update on U.S. Cellular – see the flyer – parishioners will be receiving information in the bulletin. PLEASE VOTE!
- ◆ Please see the letter from Chris Panka regarding The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth.

Prayer: Lord, you have called me to follow you. Help me to keep my eyes on you and to discover how you want me to influence others.

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- November 19th – 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Waukon – 5:30 pm start time
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UPCOMING

- Grade 8 – *Flowers for Algernon* – Quiz – Friday, November 20th
- Grade 5 - Spelling words found on page 51 – Friday, November 20th
- Grade 5 - Religion chapter 7 – Friday, November 20th
- Grade 5 - Week Reading Assessment Test – Tuesday, November 24th
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Writing – will be entering a Christmas reflections poetry contest sponsored by The Catholic Times – Final copy due November 24th
- Grade 5 - Over chapter 2 on nouns – Wednesday, November 25th
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Language – Chapter 2 – Test – Wednesday, November 25th
- Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Writing – Students will be entering an essay contest sponsored by Catholic Family Life Ins.
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Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 11, 2009

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- November 30th – 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball at Clayton Ridge (Garnavillo) – 4:00 pm start time
- November 30th – 5th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Cassville – 5:30 pm start time

UPCOMING

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Writing – Final copy of “What Catholic Education Means to Me” essay due November 17th
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Writing – Students will be entering an essay contest sponsored by Catholic Family Life Ins.
Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 5, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

It's good to learn to visit the Lord and simply to sit in his presence. Put aside your list of needs, wants, fears, or complaints; fix on who God is. He will speak to you!

- Report Cards are in today's brown envelope. Parent Teacher conferences will be on Thursday, November 12th, from 8:00 am to 7:45 pm. Hope to see you there. Reminder, NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 13th.
- The weather is calling for a Soup & Sandwich Night. Wednesday, November 18th, at St. Gabriel's cafeteria, the 8th grade class and their parents will be serving soup and sandwiches from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. More information will be coming – mark your calendars!
- Bedtime Story Hour – mark your calendars, Monday November 9th, will be the date! It starts at 6:30 pm at B.A. Kennedy and ends at 7:30 pm with milk and cookies. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! See you there!
- Scrip sales for last week were \$7,150 with an estimated profit of \$179! Our Scrip winner for October is Don & Edith Ritchie. They won \$25 in the Scrip of their choice. Congratulations! Also note the following donation bonuses: Shutterfly – 14% thru Dec. 11, Bath & Body 18% thru Dec. 4, Cabela's -12% thru January 1, Applebee's – 10% thru December 31, and JC Penney – 6% thru November 20. Order today and save even more! It is not too early to think about Christmas Shopping!
- Holy hours for Priests – this is the Year of the Priest. Let us take the time to pray for more vocations into the priesthood and convents. St. Wenceslaus in Eastman will hold their prayerful hour on November 11th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. St. Gabriel's will hold their prayerful hour on December 6th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Please join us!
- Everyone is invited to the Book Fair at St. John's Middle School, running from November 7th thru November 12th during parent - teacher conferences. Remember, this year for every book you purchase, your name will be entered for a chance to win a gift card. All proceeds go towards the purchase of new books for the middle school library.
- The Thanksgiving Food Drive will be under the direction of our Student Council. Both schools can participate. The class that brings in the most food items will win an ice cream party – One winner at both schools. The items can be brought into your child's homeroom teacher or class teacher from Monday, November 9th to Monday, November 30th. All food items will be donated to the Prairie du Chien Jaycees for Operation Santa. Thank you for thinking of others during this time of the year!
- The 5th grade class is selling Advent Calendars for their Washington, DC Trip. The cost is \$3.50. They will be selling them after weekend masses and at parent - teacher conferences or you can contact a 5th grader if you would like to help them out and purchase one. Thank you!

- A special Mass for Honor Roll Students is planned for Tuesday, November 10th at the 8:30 am Mass at St. John's. Please try to attend!
- **NO SCHOOL – November 12th & 13th.**

Prayer: Lord, I want to sit in your presence. Fill my thoughts with the truth of your love and your goodness.

Mark Your Calendars

November 6th – Meteorologist from WXOW – Science classes at St. John's
 November 7th – 12th – St. John's Middle School Book Fair
 November 10th – Honor Roll Mass – St. John's Church – 8:30 am – All are welcome
 November 12th – Parent Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL
 November 13th – **NO SCHOOL**
 November 14th – 6th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball at St. Charles in Cassville – 10:00 a.m. start time
 November 14th – 6th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball at St. Charles in Cassville – Noon start time
 November 16th – Toe Kwon Do Club – St. John's Middle School – Grade 6 Geography – 12:41 pm
 November 16th – 7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball at River Ridge – 4:30 pm start time
 November 17th – 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball at River Ridge – 5:30 pm start time
 November 18th – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade – Walking to High School for matinee of *Flower Drum Song*
 November 18th – 8th Grade Soup & Sandwich Supper
 November 19th – First Basketball Grade Evaluation
 November 19th – 5th & 6th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Waukon – 5:30 pm start time
 November 23rd – 6th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Cassville – 5:00 pm start time
 November 23rd – 6th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Cassville – 6:00 pm start time
 November 24th – 6th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Bloomington St. Mary's – 5:30 pm start time
 November 25th – Dismiss at 1:00 pm
 November 26th & 27th – **No School – HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
 November 30th – 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball at Clayton Ridge (Garnavillo) – 4:00 pm start time
 November 30th – 5th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Cassville – 5:30 pm start time

UPCOMING

Grade 5 – Spelling test – Friday, November 6th
 Grade 5 – Religion – Test – Chapter 6 – Friday, November 6th
 Grade 7 – Reading – Test on *The Halloween Tree* – November 10th
 Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Language – Vocabulary quiz on this Friday and Wednesday, November 11th
 Grade 7 – Reading – Final Project on *The Halloween Tree* – Due November 17th
 Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Fundraiser

5th Grade – Advent Calendars - \$3.50 each from November 2nd – November 30th
 8th Grade – Soup & Sandwich Supper – November 18th - St. Gabriel's cafeteria from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 28, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

God is with us, offering love and mercy despite our weaknesses and failings. Jesus will never abandon his church, even in the darkest moments. In our times of suffering or struggle, Jesus is even closer than before.

- Thank you – Both schools celebrated Halloween in the afternoon today! We had costumes, danced, played games, etc and had a great time! Thank you to the student council at the middle school and the parents and teachers at the elementary school especially Mrs. Kronberg, Mrs. Holler and Mrs. Pedretti.
- Fall Break – There will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday, October 29th, and Friday, October 30th. This is the public schools teacher's convention so the public school students will be out of school as well!
- Fall Festival – On Sunday, November 1st, St. Gabriel's will be holding the annual Fall Festival. Games, food, prizes, basket raffle and much more. Hope to see you there!
- Basketball Information – in today's brown envelope there is information regarding practice times, and uniform hands out. Reminder to get your physicals. St. Gabriel's and St. John's office must have a copy of the physical or alternate card before you will be allowed to practice.
- Parent Teacher conferences will be on Thursday, November 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Keep the lines of communication open between you and the teacher. Times for your conferences are being sent home today. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.
- The weather is calling for a Soup & Sandwich Night. Wednesday, November 18th, at St. Gabriel's cafeteria, the 8th grade class and their parents will be serving soup and sandwiches from 4:30 pm to 7:00 p.m. More information will be coming – mark your calendars!
- Bedtime Story Hour – mark your calendars, Monday November 9th, will be the date! It starts at 6:30 pm at B.A. Kennedy and ends at 7:30 pm with milk and cookies. Don't forget to wear your pajamas! See you there!
- Prairie Catholic School Athletic Committee will be hosting a pancake supper tonight, October 28th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. All money raised helps offset the cost of the local facilities used.
- Scrip sales last week were \$9545 with an estimated profit of \$239! Don't forget this is the last week to have your scrip purchases entered into the October drawing. You have a chance to win \$25 in the scrip of your choice. We will be drawing the name on Monday and announcing it next week. Good Luck!! Also note the following donation bonuses: Cabela's- 12% thru Jan. 1, Applebee's- 10% thru Dec. 31, JC Penney 6%- thru Nov. 20 and Walgreen's- 7% thru Nov. 27. Order today and earn even more!

- Holy hours for Priests – this is the year of the Priests and pray for more vocations into the priesthood and convents. Eastman will hold their prayerful hour on November 11th, from 7:00 to 8:00. St. Gabriel's will hold their prayerful hour on December 6th, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please join us!
- Everyone is invited to the Book Fair at St. John's Middle School, running from November 7th, thru November 12th, during parent teacher conferences. Remember this year for every book you purchase, your name will be put in for a chance to win a gift card. All proceeds go towards the purchase of new books for the middle school library.
- We are sorry to say, but we did not get enough children to sign up for the 7th grade class day care fundraiser for Friday, October 30th, so we will not be having it. Thank you to the families that signed up. Have a Happy Halloween!
- **NO SCHOOL – October 29th & 30th.**

Prayer: Father, I know that your love is sustaining me right now. Grant me the grace to accept your love in good times and in bad times. You hold my future in your hands.

Mark Your Calendars

October 28th – End of Quarter

October 28th – Athletic Pancake Supper – St. Gabriel's cafeteria

October 29th & October 30th – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK

November 1st – St. Gabriel's Fall Festival

November 2nd – Basketball uniform hand out – St. Gabriel's cafeteria – See enclosed schedule

November 2nd – Basketball practice starts

November 4th – Home & School Meeting – 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's cafeteria

November 6th – Meteorologist from WXOW – Science classes at St. John's

November 7th – 12th – St. John's Middle School Book Fair

November 12th – Parent Teacher Conferences

November 13th – NO SCHOOL

November 18th – 8th Grade Soup & Sandwich Supper

November 25th – Dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

November 26th & 27th – No School – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

UPCOMING

Grade 7 – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Halloween Tree*

Grade 8 – Reading – Project due November 4th

Grade 5 – Reading Weekly Assessment Test – Thursday, November 5th

Grade 5 – Spelling test – Friday, November 6th

Grade 5 – Religion – Test – Chapter 6 – Friday, November 6th

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Language – Vocabulary quiz on Friday

Grade 6, 7, and 8 – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 22, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

- Reminder to those students out for basketball to get your physicals. St. Gabriel's or St. John's office must have a copy of the physical or alternate card before your student will be allowed to practice. ***If you played a fall sport, we need a copy of that card here at our school.*** Also, in today's brown envelope is the Prairie Catholic School Athletic Eligibility Policy form. Please return signed form by Monday, October 26th. A note will be attached if we have not received a copy of the physical or alternate card.
- All School Mass - Bishop ListECKI has agreed to come celebrate a Mass for our schools and parishioners on Tuesday, October 27th, at St. John's Church during the 8:30 a.m. Mass. **Please mark this on your calendars and plan to join us in welcoming Bishop ListECKI to Prairie du Chien.** All St. Gabriel's students should report directly to St. John's School the morning of October 27th. A short reception will follow in the church basement. We are asking our students to wear nice clothes, "Sunday Best" Please no jeans, t-shirts, or hoodies for Mass. All student council members need to be at school at 7:45 a.m.
- Parent Teacher conferences are right around the corner – Thursday, November 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. If you haven't returned your form, do so A.S.A.P. We will be sending your time in next week's brown envelope.
- Prairie Catholic School Athletic Committee will be hosting a pancake supper on Wednesday, October 28th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. All money raised helps offset the cost of the local facilities used. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may contact a member of any basketball team or either school office. Players, remember to return your money (and any unsold tickets) to either school office by Monday, October 26th.
- Health Clinic – The Crawford County nurses will be here Wednesday, October 28th, to vaccinate the students with consent forms. They will begin at the middle school around 9:00 a.m. and St. Gabriel's around 9:45. Any parents may be with their child when getting the vaccine.
- The Elementary School will be having their Halloween costume party on Wednesday, October 28th. The students may dress right after noon recess. Parents are welcome. Please see the enclosed invitation. Also, the Student Council will be sponsoring a Halloween party for the middle school. The party will be a 1:15 in the cafeteria. Students can bring costumes to change into for the party. There will be a costume contest, and will be judged on creativity and originality. Costumes cannot be bloody, gory, or in poor taste. The dress code still applies for the costumes. Also, no hair dye or spray will be allowed. There will be snacks, games, music, and prizes. As a Catholic school, we try to instill a sense of faith and respect for life and one another in everything the school teaches and does. In the past, some of the costumes worn to the Halloween party seem to go against our Christian teaching. With this in mind. We are asking that students who wish to wear a costume, choose costumes that do not glorify murder and mayhem. Any costumes that display or include blood, weapons, or depict mass murders will not be allowed. Any students wearing an inappropriate costume will be asked to take it off and put it in his/her locker. Thanks for your understanding and support.
- 4th Annual Monster Bash – see enclosed flyer.

- Scrip News – Scrip sales for last week were \$10,588 with an estimated profit of \$265! Don't forget every purchase you make during the month of October will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$25 in the scrip of your choice. Purchase often and have a greater chance of winning. Also, note the following donation bonuses: Cabela's – 12% thru January 1st, Applebee's – 10% thru December 31st, and JC Penney – 6% thru November 20th. Order today and save even more!
- We are sorry to say, but we did not get enough children to sign up for the 7th grade class day care fundraiser for Friday, October 30th, so we will not be having it. Thank you to the families that signed up. Have a Happy Halloween!
- **NO SCHOOL – October 29th & 30th.**

Here is the story! Brenda was almost halfway to the top of the tremendous granite cliff. She was standing on a ledge where she was taking a breather during this, her first rock climb. As she rested there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens. "Great", she thought. "Here I am on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet from the bottom and hundreds of feet to the top of this cliff, and now my sight is blurry." She looked and looked, hoping that somehow it had landed on the ledge. But it just wasn't there. She felt the panic rising in her, so she began praying. She prayed for calm, and she prayed that she may find her contact lens. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but it was not to be found. Although she was calm now that she was at the top, she was saddened because she could not clearly see across the range of mountains. She thought of the bible verse "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me." Later, when they had hiked down the trail to the bottom of the cliff they met another party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across a twig on the face of the rock, carrying it! The story doesn't end there. Brenda's father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a cartoon of an ant lugging the contact lens with the caption, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You." I think it would do all of us some good to say, "God, I don't know why You want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if You want me to carry it, I will." God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called. Yes, I do love God. He is my source of existence and my Savior. He keeps me functioning each and every day. Without Him, I am nothing, but with Him, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. (Phil. 4:13)

Mark Your Calendars

October 27th – All School Mass – St. John's Church – The Bishop will be celebrating the Mass
 October 28th – End of Quarter
 October 28th – Athletic Pancake Supper – St. Gabriel's cafeteria
 October 29th & October 30th – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK
 November 1st – St. Gabriel's Fall Festival
 November 7th – 12th – St. John's Middle School Book Fair
 November 12th – Parent Teacher Conferences
 November 13th – NO SCHOOL

UPCOMING

Grade 6th - Reading – Book Report due – Monday, October 26th
 Grade 6th – Reading – *Where the Red Fern Grows* – Final Test – Tuesday, October 27th
 Grade 7th & 8th – Reading – Book Report due Tuesday, October 27th
 Grade 7th – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Halloween Tree*
 Grade 8th – Reading – Final test on *Of Mice and Men* – Friday, October 23rd
 Grade 8th – Reading – Project due November 4th
 Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – are learning how to diagram sentences. This is going very well – ask your child!
 Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Language – Vocabulary quiz on Friday and Chapter 1 test
 Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Prairie Catholic Weekly

Newsletter

October 15, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

Fall is a time of transition, change, and new beginnings.

News Items:

- Parents - if your child is not feeling well in the morning, please do not give them medicine and then send them to school. **Keep your child home from school until his or her temperature has been normal for 24 hours, without medication.** Lately, there have been many students coming to the office for Tylenol, Tums, and cough drops and the school's supplies are almost out. The school will no longer be purchasing these items for the students' use since it can get so costly. Parents may either send these things to school with their child's name on it or if your child comes in and requests medicine, the secretary will call you and either ask you to bring something in or take your child home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- If your son or daughter is absent from school due to illness, the school must be notified by 9:00 am. Students who are absent must present a written note signed by a parent or guardian to their homeroom teacher upon returning. If a student has any type of appointment, **written notification** must be submitted one day prior to the appointment. This also must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- Math Counts has started. This group will meet on Wednesday right after school. This is a great way for kids to have fun with creative problem solving strategies. This year the coach will be Mrs. Igou and representatives from 3M will be helping.
- Save Lids to Save Lives – The middle school religion students are saving Yoplait yogurt lids through the month of October. For every pink lid, Yoplait will donate 10 cents to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, to help fight breast cancer. Please help to support this cause by donating your lids.
- Since there are some students who still do not have their books covered, please check the website www.booksox.com to order any additional book covers. The pricing is the same as charged at registration, however, you will need to pay for shipping. Remember you do not need to purchase booksox, but student's books *must* be covered.
- Reminder to get your physicals. St. Gabriel's or St. John's office must have a copy of the physical or alternate card before your student will be allowed to practice. **If you played a fall sport, we need a copy of that card here at our school.**
- Meeting for all 5th grade parents on Wednesday, October 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Agenda: fundraisers, coaches, elect treasures, etc.
- Meeting for all basketball coaches will be on Wednesday, October 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Please try to be there or call Mike or Deb Trautsch.
- Calling ALL 8th grade students and parents – Meeting for Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's cafeteria. This is a mandatory meeting for all persons going. Dave from Hawkeye Stages will also bring a coach bus.

- The Bishop from the Diocese of LaCrosse will be holding an “All School Mass” on Tuesday, October 27th at St. John’s Church. All are invited to attend. A short reception will follow.
- Parent Teacher conferences are right around the corner – Thursday, November 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Please fill out the enclosed form and return the sheet indicating your preference for conference times. Times fill up quickly, so return your slip A.S.A.P. We will notify you of your time through the brown envelope.
- Prairie Catholic School Athletic Committee will be hosting a pancake supper on Wednesday, October 28th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in St. Gabriel’s cafeteria. All money raised helps offset cost of the use of the local facilities used. All basketball players are receiving dinner tickets today in the brown envelope. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may contact a member of any basketball team or either school office.
- We will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 28th in the afternoon at both schools. Please watch for more information.
- Scrip News – Scrip sales were \$8,610.00 with an estimated profit of \$215.00. Thanks to all of you that purchase and sell scrip. If you haven’t purchased scrip yet, October is a great month to give it a try. Every scrip purchase you make in October will be entered into a drawing with a chance to win \$25.00 in the scrip of your choice. Don’t forget to put your name and phone number on your order form. Good Luck!
- NO SCHOOL – October 29th & 30th.
- We are sorry to say, but we did not get enough children to sign up for the 7th grade class day care fundraiser for Friday, October 20th, so we will not be having it. Thank you to the families that signed up. Have a Happy Halloween!

Prayer: Loving God, Your creation is so beautiful. This autumn is so beautiful. Thank you for the corn stalks, pumpkins, colorful tress, crisp fall air. As the leaves fall and change, your power and love remain changeless and eternal. May the beauty of this day, and the blessings of this life, glorify Your name, now and always. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

October 20th – 8th Grade Washington D.C. Meeting with Hawkeye Stages – St. John’s Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.
 October 21st – Basketball Coaches Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – St. Gabriel’s cafeteria
 October 21st – 5th Grade Parent Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – St. Gabriel’s cafeteria
 October 27th – All School Mass – St. John’s Church – The Bishop will be celebrating the Mass
 October 28th – End of Quarter
 October 28th – Athletic Pancake Supper – St. Gabriel’s cafeteria – Information enclosed
 October 29th & October 30th – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK

UPCOMING

Grade 6th, 7th, and 8th – DOL quiz – Friday, October 16th
 Grade 6th – Reading – *Where the Red Fern Grows* – Quiz – Chapters 16-18 – Tuesday, October 20th
 Grade 6th, 7th, 8th – Writing – Descriptive Essay – due October 20th
 Grade 6th - Reading – Book Report due – Monday, October 26th
 Grade 6th – Reading – *Where the Red Fern Grows* – Final Test – Tuesday, October 27th
 Grade 7th & 8th – Reading – Book Report due Tuesday, October 27th
 Grade 7th – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Halloween Tree*
 Grade 8th – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *Of Mice and Men*
 Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – are learning how to diagram sentences. This is going very well – ask your child!
 Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Language – Vocabulary quiz on Fridays
 Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Prairie Catholic Weekly

Newsletter

October 8, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

Welcome to our fall weather! October has started off on a cool, wet note. With our change in climate, please have the children dress accordingly. Enjoy the beautiful colors.

News Items:

- Parents - if your child is not feeling well in the morning, please do not give them medicine and then send them to school. Lately, there have been many students coming to the office for Tylenol, Tums and cough drops and the school's supplies are almost out. At Father Weighner's request, the school will no longer be purchasing these items for the student's use since it can get so costly. Parents may either send these things to school with their child's name on it or if your child comes in and requests medicine, the secretary will call you and either ask you to bring something in or take your child home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
- If your son or daughter is absent from school due to illness, the school must be notified by 9:00 am. Students who are absent must present a written note signed by a parent or guardian to their homeroom teacher upon returning. If a student has any type of appointment, written notification must be submitted one day prior to the appointment. This also must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- Tomorrow, Friday, October 9th, is our Limo Lunch for the students that qualified. We have over 50 students going to Pizza Hut. Great job kids!
- Scrip sales last week were \$10,320 with an estimated profit of \$258. Thanks to all of you that purchase and sell scrip. If you haven't purchased scrip yet, October is a great month to give it a try. See the enclosed scrip flier and see the "spook-tacular treat" we are offering. Good Luck!
- Home & School meeting, Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 pm in St. Gabriel's Cafeteria.
- St. Gabriel's Health Screening is set for Thursday, October 15th.
- Calling ALL 8th grade students and parents – Meeting for Washington D.C. on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's cafeteria. This is a mandatory meeting for all persons going. Dave from Hawkeye Stages will also bring a coach bus.
- The Bishop will be holding an "All School Mass" on Tuesday, October 27th at St. John's Church. All are invited to attend.
- Do you like pancakes? The Athletic group for Prairie Catholic Schools will be holding a "pancake supper" on Wednesday, October 28th. Information will follow.
- We will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 28th in the afternoon at both schools. Please watch for more information.

Prayer:

I believe in Your miracles, All Powerful God. Remind me that all I have to do is ask and then believe and it shall be mine. Let me seek Your guidance on all that matters, so I may find this great blessing of Yours. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

October 14th – Home & School Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – St. Gabriel’s cafeteria

October 15th – St. Gabriel’s School Health Screening

October 20th – 8th Grade Washington D.C. Meeting with Hawkeye Stages – St. John’s Cafeteria – 7:00 p.m.

October 27th – All School Mass – St. John’s Church – The Bishop will be celebrating the Mass

October 28th – End of Quarter

October 28th – Athletic Pancake Supper – St. Gabriel’s cafeteria – More information to come

October 29th & October 30th – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK

UPCOMING

Grade 7th – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Halloween Tree*

Grade 8th – Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *Of Mice and Men*

Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – are learning how to diagram sentences. This is going very well – ask your child!

Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Language – Vocabulary quiz on Fridays

Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 1, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

We all lead such busy lives that sometime the most routine things become just routine. Let's try to take five minutes out of every day to see God's beauty, thank God for his bounty and smile!

News Items:

- Thank you, Michele Pattison for all the time you put into making Patron's Day a success. We had a great time!
- Thank you, Laurie Pedretti and all her group for organizing the Grandparent's Day celebration yesterday. Also, a big thank you to the staff for teaching the students their performance songs, skits, etc. Once again, it was a huge success!!
- 6th Graders will be camping at Wyalusing State Park starting after school today until the end of school on Friday, October 2nd. They will return back to school and will be dismissed at the regular time.
- Tomorrow we will be holding our pig races and bingo party for the students that participated in the magazine sale. The limo lunch will be next week.
- The month of October is Iowa Basic Testing time:
 - St. John's Middle School will be testing the first full week of October.
 - St. Gabriel's Elementary School will be sending out individual newsletters with their dates.
- On Thursday, October 8th is "Fire Prevention Day". Grade 4 will have the Bridgeport Fire Department's Smoke House at 10:00 a.m. In the afternoon, around 1:30 p.m., the elementary students (K-5) will have a presentation by the Prairie du Chien Fire Department in the cafeteria.
- Scrip sales last week were \$8090.00 with an estimated profit of \$202.00. For a limited time the \$20.00 and \$50.00 Kwik Trip card offers a 10% donation instead of the normal 5%. Purchase yours today and help save twice as much. Don't forget to purchase Local Scrip and support the local businesses.
- Save quart jars with lids that you are willing to donate to a soup and sandwich fundraiser. Please start saving them now. After the fall break, you can bring them into the church basement. Thanks in advance.
- Total Magazine sales for the 2009 school year were \$24, 477.00.
 - Top Five Salesperson: Kaitlyn Waller, Andrew Waller, Spencer Pedretti, Lydia Abram and Peggy Koresh.

Fall Prayer:

The coolness in the air and the turning of the leaves reminds us of a new season. God, we ask you to renew our spirit. Let our family actions speak the truth of your love. Let those who see us know you a little better. This we ask through your Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 1st – Progress Report sent home in brown envelope
- October 1st – 2nd – 6th Grade Outdoor Education – Wyalusing State Park
- October 3rd – Burgers & Fries Supper – St. John’s Church Hall – 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- October 7th – Math Counts will start after school – 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- October 8th – 6th – 8th Grade Health Screening
- October 14th – Home & School Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – St. Gabriel’s cafeteria
- October 15th – St. Gabriel’s School Health Screening
- October 27th – All School Mass – St. John’s Church – The Bishop will be celebrating the Mass
- October 28th – End of Quarter
- October 28th – Athletic Pancake Supper – St. Gabriel’s cafeteria – More information to come
- October 29th & October 30th – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK

UPCOMING

- Grade 7 Reading – Unit 1 test – Friday, October 2nd
- Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Language – Vocabulary quiz on Fridays
- Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 24, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

We had a wonderful week: lots of activities, beautiful weather for St. John's Bazaar, and time to get outside and enjoy the Lord's blessings. He even graced us with a little rain!

Magazine turn-in – YESTERDAY WAS OUR FINAL TURN-IN DAY. In next week's newsletter we should have our grand total of items sold and the dollar amount of what we sold. According to Pat (the magazine "dude") we are very close to our goal. Great job and thank you for supporting Prairie Catholic Schools.

Patron's Day – Tomorrow is the day that we honor St. Gabriel the Archangel and St. John Nepomoc. We will begin with an All School Mass at St. Gabriel's. All are invited. **All 6th and 7th Grade Middle School students should report directly to St. Gabriel's Friday morning. All students will be dismissed from St. Gabriel's.**

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th – Diocese Fall Regional Conference in LaCrosse.

Don't Forget – Grandparent's Day celebration on Wednesday, September 30th. The agenda for the morning is included with this newsletter. If you like, grandparents may bring your grandchildren to school that day! If you have any questions, please call 326-8624. Thanks. **All Middle School students report directly to St. Gabriel's for the All School Mass.**

Scrip News – Scrip sales last week were \$7015 with an estimated profit of \$175. For a limited time the \$20 and \$50 Kwik Trip card offers a 10% donation instead of the normal 5%. Purchase yours today and help save twice as much. Thank you to all that help sell and purchase scrip. We can make a difference.....No purchase is too small!

Library Help Needed - St. Gabriel School library is in need of some additional volunteer help. Friday afternoons are typically a difficult time to get volunteer help in the library. If several people would volunteer, a rotating schedule could work nicely; example being: one volunteer for the first and third Fridays of the month and another for the second and fourth Fridays. The two classes that use the library on Friday afternoons are Mrs. Post's 4th graders and Mrs. Jo's 5th graders. If a parent or grandparent would be interested in helping in the library on Friday afternoons for several hours, please call Annie Beinborn at school or at home @ 326-4549.

Grade 8 Candy Bar Sale – The 8th Graders have begun their annual candy bar sale to benefit their class for the spring Washington D.C. trip. Candy bars cost \$1.00 and come in five flavors. The sale will run until the end of November.

Crawford County Public Health Department - has asked that the area schools send home the following information regarding the influenza of 2009. Please read it over and fill out the consent form (one way or the other) and return it to the office by Tuesday, September 29th.

Celebrate our Priests – Please remember them in your prayers. Thank-you Fr. Thome for the time you spent at our parishes and schools. May God bless you!

Congratulations to one of our 7th Graders – Mallory Fulcher attended an art class during the summer where she learned how to cut and make rubber stamps. One of her pieces was entered into the Soldiers Grove Art Festival. She won 1st Place for her print. Watch the paper for her picture. The rubber stamp print will be auctioned off at a later date. We are proud of you, Mallory.

Our Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for the gift of Your presence at home, at play, and especially at school. Please bless our students as they continue to learn and grow this fall. Comfort them when they struggle with homework, tests, activities, and people. Guide them in healthy relationships with teachers, friends, and other classmates at school. Especially be present at Prairie Catholic schools. Be with our students now and always, and help them to learn and grow in Your name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

September 25th – Patron’s Day
September 25th – 8th Grade Ropes adventure course – Dubuque IA
September 28th – Fall Teacher Regional in LaCrosse – NO SCHOOL
September 29th – 8th Grade ACT Explore Special Survey - AM following music.
September 30th – Grandparents Mass & Breakfast with grandchildren – Please see enclosed flyer
October 1st – Progress Report sent home in brown envelope
October 1st – 2nd – 6th Grade Outdoor Education – Wyalusing State Part – Information enclosed
October 8th – 6th – 8th Grade Health Screening
October 15th – St. Gabriel’s School Health Screening

UPCOMING

Grade 8 Reading – Unit 1 test – Thursday, October 1st
Grade 7 Reading – Unit 1 test – Friday, October 2nd
Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Language – Vocabulary quiz on Fridays
Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 17, 2009

Messages from the Principal:

We are in our third week of school, but it's our first full week. Most students are settling into the "school routine" very well. This is a real adjustment period for all persons. Have faith - - - my door is always open to the students, parents, and teachers. In the weeks to come, we have so many activities planned for the kids. Get out and enjoy the beautiful days ahead of us!

Magazine turn-in – LAST TURN-IN DATE WILL BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd – this has been changed from this Friday due to the Cannons and Redcoats field trip which will be attended by many of our students. We are so close to last year's sales. Don't forget you can place orders on the internet! On our first turn-in on September 9th, we had a total of \$11,723.00 and 615 items were sold. Great job everyone. Let's keep it going!

Diocese of LaCrosse – in today's brown envelope you will find a release from the Diocese of LaCrosse. Please read the photograph release form. Please fill it out and return it to the school office by Monday, Sept. 21st.

Student Council – Congratulations to the new 2009-2010 Student Council members

President – Seamus Murray

Vice-President – Austin Roach

Secretary – Jamie Kozelka

Treasurer/Marketing Officer – Morgan Pedretti

- 8th Grade Representatives – McKenzie Banasik, Hayley Hemmer, Kelly Heal, Vince Weber
- 7th Grade Representatives – Michael Steiner, Brooke Moret, Ryan Garrity, Erin Morovits
- 6th Grade Representatives – Nick Weber, Katie Check, Sean McGrath, Kelly Check

The student Council meets every Wednesday during recess in Mrs. Kronberg's room.

Celebrate our Priests – the Diocese of LaCrosse has declared this year "The Year for Priests". We will be doing various activities at school to celebrate our priests. Please remember our three priests in your prayers.

Local Business Having Going Out of Business Sale - The Simple Elegance Bridal Boutique is going out of business and would like to inform the public that all the flower girl dresses are 50% off and is a great idea for First Communion. Plenty of variety and styles to choose from. Also available, are white gloves and veils. The store will be closing in November so you may want to hurry in!

Picture Retake Day – If your child missed registration or didn't have their picture taken, they will have their picture taken on Tuesday, September 22nd. This will be at both schools. Lifetouch will also be doing retakes for any student who would like them done at that time.

Scrip News - Scrip sales last week were \$6360 with an estimated profit of \$159. Thank you to all that help sell and purchase Scrip; every little bit helps! We can make a difference!

Grade 8 Candy Bar Sale – The 8th Graders have begun their annual candy bar sale to benefit their class for the spring Washington D.C. trip. Candy bars cost \$1.00 and come in five flavors. The sale began on Wednesday, and will run until the end of November.

A Prayer For Our Priests

We thank you, God our Father for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf. Fill your priests with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to new depths of union with your Son. Increase in them profound faith in the Sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen, and heal us. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

September 20th – Fall Fest at St. John’s

September 22nd – Picture Retake Day

September 25th – Patron’s Day – Please see enclosed flyer

September 25th – 8th Grade Ropes adventure course – Dubuque IA

September 28th – Fall Teacher Regional in LaCrosse – NO SCHOOL

September 30th – Grandparents Mass & Breakfast with grandchildren – Please see enclosed flyer

UPCOMING

Grade 6 Reading – Red Fern quiz – Chapters 4-11 – Tuesday, September 22nd

Grade 6th, 7th and 8th Language – Chapter 1 test – Wednesday, September 23rd

Grade 7th & 8th – Spanish – Quiz – Thursday, September 24th

Grade 6 Writing – Writing Prompts – Tales of the talking notebook – final copy – September 23rd

Grade 7 Writing – Writing Prompts – Tales of the talking dollar bill – final copy – September 23rd

Grade 8 Writing – Writing Prompts – Tales of the talking toothbrush – final copy – September 23rd

Grade 8 Reading – Unit 1 test – Tuesday, September 29th

Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Language – Vocabulary quiz on Fridays

Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 10, 2009

Messages from Principal:

I hope everyone enjoyed the gorgeous weekend we experienced these past days. So much to do: parades, church picnics, reunions with families and friends, eating great food, time spent outside, just relaxing, etc. With all that we did, a special day is fast approaching – September 11th – a day to remember and pray for our country's safety.

Forms – this is a reminder that all forms should have been turned in to the school office. Below is a list of all required forms. In today's brown envelope is a note of any missing forms. **Please return forms ASAP.** Thanks for your help.

- Tuition payment plan
- Emergency cards
- Compliance Form
- Student Insurance
- Reduced and Free Hot Lunch Application
- Information/Photo/Video Release Forms
- Non-Prescription Medication Form

Left Over Lunch Tickets – please return tickets to the office and your family account will be credited \$1.85 per ticket. If you have any questions, please refer to the office.

Elementary School Fundraiser Update – Our first magazine turn-in was yesterday, September 9th. More information in next week's newsletter. It was a great turn-in day! Our second turn-in day is Monday, September 15th.

Don't Forget – Sunday, September 13th – Breakfast to welcome our priests and all new parishioners, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at St. John's hall. Hope to see you there!

8th Grade Road Rally – has been set for Friday, October 23rd. More information to come.

6th & 7th Grade Meeting – Tuesday, September 15th in St. John's Cafeteria

- 7th Grade – 6:00 p.m.
- 6th Grade – 6:30 p.m.

This meeting will be about setting fundraisers and dates – bring your ideas!

Grandparent's Day – Just a reminder – please turn in any pictures of students and their grandparnts, especially from the Middle School, by Monday, September 14th. The 8th grade computer class is working on a photo slideshow for Grandparents Day. All photos will be returned.

Patron's Day - is set for Friday, September 25th. More information will be in next week's newsletter. The theme is Wellness.

Prairie Catholic Schools Day Care – Looking for a daycare? Prairie Catholic School Day Care still has openings in the 3 and 4 year old programs. The hours are 8:00-3:00. If interested call Lori at 326-5383.

Scrip News - Scrip is the fundraising program that works while you shop! Scrip sales last week were \$10,070 with a profit of \$252. Thanks for your support! If you haven't already done so, please hand in your seller request form. All families are asked to help sell Scrip after a weekend mass; by filling out the form you will get to pick which weekend you sell. Thanks for your attention to this and for supporting your School by purchasing and selling Scrip.

School Prayer For the Anniversary of 9-11

Father, on this anniversary of 9-11 terrorist attacks, we pray that you comfort all those still suffering from this tragedy. We pray for the souls of all those who lost their lives in this, and all, terrorist attacks. May all those consumed by hatred for others, be touched by your divine love. We pray in Jesus name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

September 13th – Pancake & Sausage breakfast and St. John's – Welcome new priests and new members

September 20th – Fall Fest at St. John's

September 22nd – Picture Retake Day

September 25th – Patron's Day – more information to come

September 25th – 8th Grade Ropes adventure course – Dubuque IA

September 28th – Fall Teacher Regional in LaCrosse – NO SCHOOL

September 30th – Grandparents Mass & Breakfast with grandchildren – more information to come

UPCOMING

Grade 6 Reading – Red Fern quiz – Chapters 1-7 – Monday, September 14th

Grade 7th & 8th – Reading Unit 1 test – sometime after September 16th

Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Language – Vocabulary quiz on Fridays

Grade 6th, 7th and 8th – Religion – Quiz on Thursdays

From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

May 28, 2009

Prayer: *Almighty God, as we come to the end of the school year, we thank you for all the blessings and benefits that this year has brought. May we never forget the privilege of being part of a school such as Prairie Catholic, and of having so much when so many have so little. Please bless those who are leaving us at the end of this year, pupils and staff. Be with them, guide them and protect them as they move on to new beginnings elsewhere. Finally, we ask your blessings on each of us reading this today. We pray for our families and for all those with who will spend time with summer. Keep us all safe, and give us refreshment and renewal in the weeks ahead. Amen.*

Thank – You – to all the parents and staff members who continue to support our schools. You will be kept in our prayers during the summer months. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Tuition Rates – Enclosed in this last brown envelope, you will find our 2009-2010 tuition rates and commitment plan for the school year. You do not need to do anything with it at this time – just information.

School Calendar – Also, in the brown envelope is a copy of our “tentative” school calendar to help you plan for vacations and times we are not in session.

Update Dress Code – Enclosed, please find the 2009-2010 updated version of the dress code that will be enforced starting in August. Please discuss these changes and additions with your child.

Additional letter about Corpus Christi – Please mark your calendar for Sunday, June 14th. Additional information for this special day!

Scrip News – *Scrip sales* last week were \$7000 with an estimated profit of \$175!! For those of you not sure of what Scrip is, it is “no-selling” fundraising. We earn money for our school by purchasing everyday expenses like food, gas, clothing and entertainment and paying for them with SCRIP. The money we earn helps to keep our tuition down. Don't forget to purchase scrip for your everyday needs and have a great summer. Remember; if you cannot sell Scrip at your designated time please find someone to trade with you. Thanks for all of your help.

Lost and Found – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

Please contact either school office if your family has a change of address over the summer.

Have a safe and fun summer vacation!

From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

May 21, 2009

Prayer: *Dear Lord of Creation, as the Earth awakens around me, and all the creatures rejoice with the spring, let me too, rejoice. Let my heart be filled with thanksgiving, let me count my many blessing. Go forward with me through the year knowing You are near, and will always be my friend. Amen.*

Safe Week-end – With Memorial day fast approaching, please take a moment to remember our brave soldiers that our in all branches of the military and say a prayer for all the fallen soldiers. Have a safe weekend!

Corpus Christi – Please mark your calendar for Sunday, June 14th. An informational letter is enclosed.

Scrip News – *Scrip sales* last week were \$8786 with an estimated profit of \$220!! A BIG THANK YOU to those that purchase SCRIP!! We have a variety of in-stock cards available, including Best Buy, Radio Shack, Bath & Body, Barnes & Noble, Hallmark, Walgreen's to name a few. They make great gifts for Dad and the Grads! Stop by and purchase yours today.

Lost and Found – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

Last day for 8th Graders – Tuesday will be the last day for our 8th grade students. They will be graduating on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Church. Practice will be on Tuesday, right after Mass. **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY FOR THE 8th GRADERS ONLY!**

Reminder –All outstanding tuition and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and 8th Grade records **will not be transferred** to the High School until all fines and/or tuition is paid in full. Borrowed lunch tickets, Library fines and book damage fines are to be paid in full by May 22nd. Please call the school office to discuss any needed arrangements with Mrs. Schwartz.

Last Day Of School – Thursday, May 28th will be our last day of school. This will be an early release day. All students will meet at St. John's Church at 8:00 a.m. We will begin with Mass and then walk to Lockner Park for a final day of activities. Parents can pick up their children at the park at 12:00. If it rains – we will hold activities at St. John's School! If you have any questions, please call the school offices.

ACT Results – In today's brown envelope parents of 7th and 8th graders will find the results of the ACT explore test taken in March. Also included is an interpretive guide.

Hard Work Counts – All students who are eligible for fourth quarter Hard Works Counts will enjoy an afternoon of games outside on Friday, May 22nd. A special treat will be given by the Home and School Association. A special thank you to the Home & School Association that helps sponsor Hard Work Counts at the Middle School. Please congratulate your child for their efforts in handing in homework on time and for their good behavior at school.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, May 22nd – 3rd Grade Field Trip – House on the Rock

Friday, May 22nd – 4th Grade Field Trip – Villa Louis

Saturday, May 23rd – Student Council Trip – Brewers/Twins Game

Monday, May 25th – Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 26th – 2nd Grade Field Trip – Burr Oak

Tuesday, May 26th – 6th Grade Field Trip – Henry Vilas Zoo & UW Arboretum - Madison

Tuesday, May 26th – 7th Grade Field Trip – Crawford Co. Courthouse, and Jellystone Park

Tuesday, May 26th – 8th Grade Graduation Practice – Last day of school for 8th Grade

Wednesday, May 27th – 8th Grade Graduation – 7:00 p.m. – St. John's Church

Wednesday, May 27th – Kindergarten Field Trip – Osbourne Park

Wednesday, May 27th – 1st Grade Field Trip – Hixon Forest

Thursday, May 28th Last day of school – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal

UPCOMING

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Fourth Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days
7 Rules of Church – 14 Works of Mercy 8th Grade also Beatitudes.

6th Grade English – DOL Test – Friday May, 22nd

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

May 14, 2009

Prayer: *Inspire us, O God, with a love of all men, and especially for those who suffer and are persecuted; teach us to go in Your name as Christ-bearers, to bring love where there is hate, light of Christian principles where there is darkness of error; help us for Your honor and Glory to renew the face of the earth. Enable us never to flinch where truth and justice are assailed. May we serve You by prayer and good works by bringing into every phase of private and public life the only truth that can make me free, the only love that embraces all mankind, the only peace that will last through the eternal ages.*

Volunteer Mass and Breakfast – Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 20th. We will be honoring our Prairie Catholic Schools volunteers with a Mass at 8:30 a.m. in St. Gabriel's Church with a breakfast and short program to follow.

Scrip News – *Scrip sales* last week were \$9879 with an estimated profit of \$296!! A BIG THANK YOU to those who purchase SCRIP!! We have a variety of in-stock cards available, including Best Buy, Radio Shack, Bath & Body, Barnes & Noble, Hallmark, Walgreen's to name a few. Also, don't forget to purchase Local Scrip and support our local merchants that support the program.

Lock-In – On Friday, May 15th, the student council is sponsoring a Lock-In for the 6th – 8th grade students at the middle school. This is our way of saying thank you for supporting our activities through out the year. Food, games, movies and fun will be provided at no charge! The Lock-In will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday night and continue until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Polka Mass & Bohemian Dinner – St. John's Church is holding a Polka Mass and Bohemian Dinner on Sunday, May 17th. Serving from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Lost and Found – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

Reminder – All outstanding tuition and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and 8th Grade records **will not be transferred** to the High School until all fines and/or tuition is paid in full. Borrowed lunch tickets, Library fines and book damage fines are to be paid in full by May 22nd. Please call the school office to discuss any needed arrangements with Mrs. Schwartz.

Photos of 1st Communion – 1st Communion pictures are on the parish website at www.prairiecatholic.org. However, images will not print correctly if copied from this page. Please contact Deanne Mezera at St. Gabriel's School to request a full resolution image/images that you wish to have. Email her at dmezera@pdccatholic.com or call her office at 326-8624. Please specify the name of the picture you want. To do this, right click on the image and then click on properties. It will then tell you the name of the picture. There is no charge for this. Thank you.

Summer School – The public school is offering a Jump Start program to all school age children. The program begins August 3rd and runs for three weeks. A flyer will be coming – watch for it if you are interested.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, May 15th – 4th Grade Field Trip – Platteville Mining Museum
Friday, May 15th – 5th Grade Field Trip – River Boat in Dubuque
Wednesday, May 20th – Volunteer Breakfast and Mass at St. Gabriel's
Thursday, May 21st – Pre-K Program
Friday, May 22nd – 3rd Grade Field Trip – House on the Rock
Friday, May 22nd – 4th Grade Field Trip – Villa Louis
Saturday, May 23rd – Student Council Trip – Brewers/Twins Game
Monday, May 25th – Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 26th – 2nd Grade Field Trip – Burr Oak
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UPCOMING

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Fourth Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days
7 Rules of Church – 14 Works of Mercy 8th Grade also Beatitudes.
6th Grade Reading – Book Reports due – Monday, May 18th
6 Grade English – DOL Test – Friday, May 22nd
7th Grade Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *Hatchet*
8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

May 7, 2009

Prayer for Mother's:

*May God bless all of the Mothers who spread their love, sharing their hope and wisdom
Nurturing each one of us all through our lives.*

*May God bless all of the Mothers who have worked tirelessly praying and providing for us
Anything it takes to give us a better life.*

*May God bless all of the Mothers be they birth Mothers adopted Mother Stepmother,
Mother-in Law, Grandmothers, Aunts, or a Motherly friend.*

For each of these women have touched the hearts, have enriched the minds

Have soothed the souls of the children, young or grown in their lives.

May God bless all of the Mothers on this Mother's Day and everyday.

For her blessings she shares each day of the year

May God bless all of the Mothers for this I pray for if anyone deserves it don't they?

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4th – 8th is Teacher Appreciation Week, this would be a great time to say “thank-you to the students teacher or former teachers.

National Prayer Day – is Thursday, May 7th, try to say an extra prayer for our leaders, peace in the world and a safe summer for all!

Volunteer Mass and Breakfast – Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 20th. We will be honoring our Prairie Catholic Schools volunteers with a Mass at 8:30 a.m. in St. Gabriel's Church with a breakfast and small program to follow.

Scrip News - Scrip sales last week were \$7480 with an estimated profit of \$224!! A BIG THANK YOU to those that purchase SCRIP, because of you, were able to give \$2000 to the school! Keep up the good work!

Lock-In – On Friday, May 15th, the student council is sponsoring a Lock-In for the 6th – 8th grade students at the middle school. This is our way of saying “thank-you” for supporting our activities through out the year. Food, games, movies and fun will be provided at no charge! The Lock-In will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday night and continue until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Permission slips are enclosed in today's brown envelope.

Lost and Found – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 3rd – 9th – 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

Friday, May 8th – 7th Grade Band Contest – Platteville

Friday, May 8th – Bill Graul from WKBT 8 – LaCrosse – will be at St. John's Middle School for 6th Grade Science

Sunday, May 10th – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Wednesday, May 13th – 7th Grade Field Trip – River Festival – Noble's Island Boat Landing

Friday, May 15th – 4th Grade Field Trip – Platteville Mining Museum

Wednesday, May 20th – Volunteer Breakfast and Mass at St. Gabriel's

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6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Fourth Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days

7 Rules of Church – 14 Works of Mercy 8th Grade also Beatitudes.

6th Grade English – Vocabulary Test 30 – Friday May, 8th

6th Grade Reading - *Holes* Final Test – Monday, May 11th

6th Grade Reading – Book Reports due – Monday, May 18th

7th Grade Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *Hatchet*

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

8th Grade Reading - *To Kill a Mockingbird* – Test – May 14th or 15th

8th Grade Science – Chapter 23 – Test- after May 11th

From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

April 30, 2009

Prayer: *Jesus, I need you. I repent for the life I've lived apart from you. Thank you for dying on the cross to take the penalty for my sins. I believe you are God's Son and I now receive you as my savior and Lord. I commit my life to follow you. Amen.*

Congratulations – to all of our 2nd graders that received their 1st Communion on Sunday, April 26th! May God be with you always. Thank you to the teachers and parents for all of their hard work.

Congratulations – to all of our 8th graders that received the sacrament of confirmation on Wednesday, April 29th. May the Holy Spirit be your guiding light throughout your lives. Thank you to all their teachers and parents for the guidance they have instilled in them.

Update on the Mr. Z's Sales – Again, I would like to thank everyone that participated in our yearly middle school fundraisers. Our profit was \$2,477.50. That is effort money to begin our Accelerated Reading Program at the St. John's Thanks, again!

8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip –our students will be leaving Sunday morning for Washington. We pray for their safe journey and return on Saturday. This year four 8th graders have been chosen to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The students are Lindsey Ariss, Molly Stram, Sarah Mezera and Nicole Trautsch. Please keep them and all the students, parents and chaperones in your prayers.

Volunteer Mass and Breakfast – Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 20th. We will be honoring our Prairie Catholic Schools volunteers with a Mass at 8:30 a.m. in St. Gabriel's Church with a breakfast and small program to follow. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it school office by Monday, May 4th.

Scrip News - Scrip sales for last week were \$8565 with an estimated profit of \$300!! Thank you to those of you that already purchase SCRIP. If you don't currently purchase Scrip, please consider doing so. Every little bit helps! Stop by and see our new selection of In-Stock cards; they make great Mother's Day, Graduation gifts, and end of the school year teacher gifts.

May Crowning is fast approaching – Special devotions in honor of Mary will take place during the month of May including May Crowning ceremonies listed below, students may bring a flower to school for the ceremony.

St. Gabriel's – May 1st at the 8:30 a.m. mass.

5th Grade to Middle School – On Thursday, May 7th the 5th grade class will be spending the day at the Middle School. Each student will be partnered with a 6th grader, and they will have the opportunity to preview their classes for next year. We will be having mass and physical education class that day for the 5th and 6th graders, so please plan accordingly.

Lock-In – On Friday, May 15th, the student council is sponsoring a Lock-In for the 6th – 8th grade students at the middle school. This is our way of saying “thank-you” for supporting our activities through out the year. Food, games, movies and fun will be provided at no charge! The Lock-In will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday night and continue until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Please mark your calendars!

World Vision – This past week-end twenty of our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students participated in a 30 hour famine. The student’s raised \$2,089.00 for world hungry. Job well done!

Lost and Found – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

Box Tops for Education – The school received a check for \$1506.90 from Box Tips for Education. A special thank-you to Rhonda Stubbe for coordinating and sending in the labels. Thanks, and keep saving the labels!

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, April 30th – Mid-Quarter progress reports go home in Brown Envelopes
Friday, May 1st – May Crowning @ St. Gabriel’s
Saturday, May 2nd – Burgers & Fries at St. John’s Church – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
May 3rd – 9th – 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
Friday, May 8th – 7th Grade Band Contest – Platteville
Sunday, May 10th – HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
Wednesday, May 13th – 7th Grade Field Trip – River Festival – Noble’s Island Boat Landing
Friday, May 15th – 4th Grade Field Trip – Platteville Mining Museum
Wednesday, May 20th – Volunteer Breakfast and Mass at St. Gabriel’s
Thursday, May 21st – Pre-K Program
Friday, May 22nd – 3rd Grade Field Trip – House on the Rock
Friday, May 22nd – 4th Grade Field Trip – Villa Louis
Monday, May 25th – Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 26th – 2nd Grade Field Trip – Burr Oak
Tuesday, May 26th – 6th Grade Field Trip
Tuesday, May 26th – 7th Grade Field Trip – Jellystone Park
Tuesday, May 26th – 8th Grade Graduation Practice – Last day of school for 8th Grade
Wednesday, May 27th – 8th Grade Graduation – 7:00 p.m. – St. John’s Church
Wednesday, May 27th – Kindergarten Field Trip – Osbourne Park
Wednesday, May 27th – 1st Grade Field Trip – Hixon Forest
Thursday, May 28th Last day of school – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal

UPCOMING

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Fourth Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days
7 Rules of Church – 14 Works of Mercy 8th Grade also Beatitudes.
6th Grade English – Vocabulary Test & DOL – Friday, May 1st
6th Grade English – Chapter 9 test – Tuesday, May 5th.

7th Grade Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *Hatchet*
8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday
8th Reading - Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*

From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

April 23, 2009

Prayer: *O Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, full of compassion and maker of peace, you lived in poverty and suffered persecution for the cause of justice. You chose the Cross as the path to glory to show us the way of salvation. May we receive the work of the gospel joyfully and live by your example as heirs and citizens of your kingdom. Amen.*

Pizza Hut Thank-you – The staff would like to thank everyone that attended the “guest server night” at Pizza Hut. We presented a check for \$465.00 to the Home and School at last night’s meeting.

Practice for First Communion – TONIGHT is the practice for ALL 2nd graders receiving their First Holy Communion. Please meet at St. Gabriel’s Church at 6:00 p.m. This is a mandatory practice for all students (PCS and CCD) and their parents.

NO SCHOOL – There will be no school on Friday, April 24th due to the Spring Teacher Inservice in La Crosse.

8th Grade Reminder – Practice for Confirmation will be Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John’s Church. Our 8th graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, April 29th at St. John’s Church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcomed to attend! There will be a retreat for Confirmation students on Tuesday, April 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Scrip News - Scrip sales for last week were \$6298 with an estimated profit of \$220!! Just imagine how much we could earn if everyone would just purchase \$25 a week! For example, if 1000 parishioners would each purchase \$25 that would be sales of \$25,000 for the week and a profit of \$875 for the week! Wow, can you just imagine how much that would help our parishes and school. Thank you to those of you that already purchase SCRIP. Every amount helps!

Server Schedule – The new schedule is included in your brown envelopes. Reminder – please be at church 15 minutes before mass and if you can not serve on the day assigned, it’s your responsibility to find someone to take your place.

May Crowning is fast approaching – Special devotions in honor of Mary will take place during the month of May including May Crowning ceremonies listed below, students may bring a flower to school for the ceremony.

St. John’s – April 30th at the 8:30 a.m. mass.

St. Gabriel’s – May 1st at the 8:30 a.m. mass.

Presidential Physical Fitness Testing – The testing at the Middle School is complete! The top boy and girl in each category will have subway for lunch from Mrs. Kronberg on Tuesday, April 28th. The winners are: Shuttle Run – Luke Rickleff and Lindsey Ariss. One Mile Run: Ryan Antoniewicz and Jamie Kozelka. Sit and Reach: Sam Neisius and Mara Strandlie. Curl-ups: Joey Linder and Courtney Pattison. Push-ups: Vince Weber, Jacob Linder, and Courtney Pattison. Congratulations to all!

Lost and Found – Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found areas at both schools. The bins are overflowing with many items that need claiming. Those items remaining at the end of the school year will be given to charity.

Physical Education - Our last unit at the Middle School will be softball, starting on Monday, April 27th. Please remind your child to bring their ball glove with their physical education clothes on physical education days. Thank you!

Needed – If anyone has a good used office typewriter that you would like to donate or sell for use in St. Gabriel School Library, please call school at 326-8624 or Annie Beinborn at 326-4549.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 19th – 24th – “Turn Off The TV Week”

Thursday, April 23rd – First Communion Practice for 2nd Grade students and parents

Thursday, April 23rd – End of Mid-Quarter

Friday, April 24th – **NO SCHOOL**

Sunday, April 26th – 1st Communion 11:30 @ St. Gabriel’s Church

Tuesday, April 28th – Confirmation Practice 7:00 @ St. John’s Church

Wednesday, April 29th – 8th Grade Confirmation

Thursday, April 30th – May Crowning @ St. John’s

Thursday, April 30th – Mid-Quarter progress reports go home in Brown Envelopes

Friday, May 1st – May Crowning @ St. Gabriel’s

May 3rd – 9th – 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip

UPCOMING

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Fourth Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days
7 Rules of Church – 14 Works of Mercy 8th Grade also Beatitudes.

6th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Monday, April 27th.

6th Grade Science – Unit D – Chapter 1 test – sometime after April 27th

6th Grade Reading – *Holes* Quiz – Tuesday, April 28th

6th Grade Science - D1 – Test – Wednesday, April 29th

8th Grade Science – Test – Chapter 23 – Thursday, April 30th

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

8th Reading - Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*

From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

April 16, 2009

Prayer: *Lord, You have arisen forever in my heart! May the sunrise remind me to shine in Your light. May the caress of a gentle breeze remind me of Your compassion. May the fragrance of a flower remind me to blossom in Your love. May the singing of birds bring a song of joy to my lips, and in the closing of each day. May I remember to quietly pray. Wherever I am, whatever I do, may my thoughts in joy return to You!*

A Huge Thank You – to all the middle school teachers and staff for the time and effort they put into the projects for the Open House – to all the 8th grade students and parents for preparing, serving and clean up of the pasta supper – To Kerri Weber, Joanne Faust, and all the middle school students for a wonderful Easter performances. A special thanks to the volunteers that assisted with the program. Mrs. Jo and all the young actors of the “Living Stations of the Cross” This night set the stage for the upcoming days of Holy Week. A JOB WELL DONE BY ALL!

Mark Your Calendar – The week of April 19th – 24th is “Turn off the TV Week”. On Tuesday, April 21st, the staff at Prairie Catholic will be “guest servers” at Pizza Hut from 4:00 – 7:00. Please come and join us. All money received will be given to the Home and School.

8th Grade Pictures – On Wednesday, April 22nd the 8th graders will be having their spring pictures taken by B & C Photography. Please come with appropriate clothing.

Practice for First Communion – On Thursday, April 23rd, we will hold a practice at 6:00 at St. Gabriel’s Church for ALL 2nd grade students receiving their First Holy Communion this year. This is a **mandatory** practice for all students (PCS and CCD) and their parents.

NO SCHOOL – There will be no school on Friday, April 24th due to the Spring Teacher Inservice in La Crosse.

National Geographic Giant Map – On Thursday, April 16th we will be hosting a National Geographic Giant Map of Africa at St. Gabriel's. All our classes will have time slots that day to take off their shoes, move around and learn lots from this huge vinyl floor map! All are invited!

8th Grade Reminder – Practice for Confirmation will be Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John’s Church. Application for The Knights of Columbus Achievement Award and The George Eastman Award, are due no later than Monday, April 27th.

Scrip News – *Scrip sales* for last week were \$3440 with an estimated profit of \$120!! Not bad for no weekend sales. **Don't forget** to purchase your Pizza Hut scrip for Guest Server night next week! What a good way to support our School! For a limited time we will be adding additional cards to our in-stock inventory. These include: Radio Shack \$25(4%), Hallmark \$25(4%) and Maurices \$20(7%). Also, Cummings Photography has recently increased their donation percentage from 3% to 5%! Be sure to thank them in person by purchasing and using your Local Scrip at Cumming's Photography!

Middle School Students – Wednesday, April 22nd is Break A Rule Day at St. John’s Middle School. Bring \$1.00 to wear flip-flops or a hat or \$2.00 to wear both. Thank you for supporting student council!

Thank – You – Mrs. Huser would like to thank Mrs. Linder, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Kirschbaum for coloring Easter Eggs with the kindergarten class. Thanks also goes out to all the parents who donated hard boiled eggs and Easter dye. We had some good old fashion Easter Fun!

To All 8th Grade Parents - Excerpt: 2008-2009 Prairie Catholic School Family Handbook, page 25; paragraph 2 - "A policy was passed in January of 2007, that all students going on the Washington, D.C. must pay all tuition, or/and fees prior to the trip. If this causes a hardship, a written timeline for paying must be submitted before the trip to the principal" Please have tuition, and outstanding fees paid by **Thursday, April 23rd**. If arrangements have not been made by that date, your student’s name will be removed from the list of people going on the trip.

Student Demographics – In today’s brown envelope the 8th grade students will find the student demographics sheet. This information will be used next year at the high school. Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to St. John’s School office by **Monday, April 20th**.

LOOKING AHEAD

April 19th – 24th – “Turn Off The TV Week
Tuesday, April 21st – “Guest Server night at Pizza Hut 4:00 – 7:00 – Staff of Prairie Catholic Schools
Wednesday, April 22nd – Break A Rule Day at middle school
Wednesday, April 22nd – 8th Grade Pictures
Thursday, April 23rd – 6th Grade Field trip – Children’s Museum – LaCrosse Grossology
Thursday, April 23rd – First Communion Practice for 2nd Grade students and parents
Friday, April 24th – **NO SCHOOL**
Sunday, April 26th – 1st Communion 11:30 @ St. Gabriel’s Church
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Wednesday, April 29th – 8th Grade Confirmation
Thursday, April 30th – May Crowning @ St. John’s

UPCOMING

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Fourth Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days
7 Rules of Church – 14 Works of Mercy 8th Grade also Beatitudes.
8th Grade Science – Chapter 21 test – Friday, April 17th
8th Grade English – Final Draft - Persuasive essay – Due Monday, April, 20th
7th & 8th Grade Reading – Book reports due Monday, April 20th
6th Grade Science – Unit D – Chapter 1 test – sometime after April 27th
8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday
8th Reading - Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*

From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

April 9, 2009

Prayer for Holy Week – *Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you in to my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always. Amen.*

The staff at Prairie Catholic Schools wishes you and your family a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

Attention Incoming Pre-K Parents – If you have not yet received your Registration Packets you can still pick one up in St. Gabriel's school office.

Easter Break – Our Easter break will begin on Good Friday, April 10th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 14th.

- **There will be no bus service for our students the week of April 14th – 17th. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from school on these days.**

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8th Grade Reminders – Practice for Confirmation will be Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Church. Confirmation Forms and letter to the Bishop are due on Tuesday, April 14th. Also in today's brown envelope is the Comprehensive Child Consent and Release Form, for the Washington D.C. Trip. Please read over and fill out and return by Monday, April 20th. Finally, the application for The Knights of Columbus Achievement Award and The George Eastman Award, are also enclosed. Students who feel they are eligible for either award should complete the form and return no later than Monday, April 27th.

Scrip News – Tuesday, April 21st is “Guest Server Night” at Pizza Hut from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, the servers will be staff members from Prairie Catholic Schools! Don’t forget to purchase Pizza Hut scrip and join in on the fun. Scrip sales last week were \$10,265 with an estimated profit of \$359!! Thank you for purchasing and using Scrip. We CAN make a difference!

Thank – You – Mrs. Atkins would like to thank Ken and Jane Baker for donating a variety of chicken eggs for incubation. We were successful; eighteen out of twenty-two hatched! Thanks also goes out to Laura DuCharme and her family. They provided us with a deceased five-foot Northern Water snake and a deceased squirrel for dissection. Finally, a huge thank you goes to Bill Schultz. He performed the squirrel dissection for the sixth grade science class. His expertise was greatly appreciated! He did a great job of dissecting and explaining. Very Cool!

LOOKING AHEAD

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Monday, April 13th – **NO SCHOOL**

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8th Grade Science – Chapter 21 Test – Wednesday, April 15th.

7th Grade Reading – Projects due – *The Outsiders* – Wednesday, April 15th – Test – Thursday, April 16th.

6th Grade English- Chapter 8 test – Thursday, April 16th.

8th Grade English – Chapter 8 Test – Thursday, April 16th – Persuasive essay – Friday, April, 17th.

7th & 8th Grade Reading – Book reports due Monday, April 20th.

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8th Reading - Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*



HAPPY EASTER!

“Blessed Is He Who Comes In The Name of The Lord.”

Reflection:

As this joyous season of Easter unfolds, take time to recognize the many opportunities we have to be of service to others. When you see needs, sacrifice your plenty. When you see despair, share hope. When you see loneliness, give of yourself. It is only in serving others that we are serving God.

A Blessed Holy Week and Easter to you and your families from the staff at Prairie Catholic Schools!

Stations of the Cross – Students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both St. Gabriel’s and St. John’s at 2:30 PM for the last time this Friday.

Attention Incoming Pre-K Parents – Registration Packets are now available in St. Gabriel’s school office.

Easter Program – On Wednesday, April 8th, the middle school will be hosting several events:

- The 8th Grade will be sponsoring a Pasta Supper from 4:30 – 7:00 PM in St. John’s school cafeteria.
- Open House at the middle school from 4:30 – 7:00 PM
- Easter performance titled “Amazing Grace” put on by middle school students at 7:00 PM in St. John’s Church
- The Prairie Catholic Youth Group will be performing the Living Stations at St. John’s Church from 7:30 – 8:00 PM

All are invited to attend these events. It’s a good way to get ready for Holy Week.

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- **There will be no bus service for our students the week of April 14th – 17th. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from school on these days.**

Thank You! – Please see the letter included in the brown envelopes this week from the Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki.

Yearbooks – Each student will be receiving a yearbook this year. Each teacher will set a time which students will be allowed to get autographs, etc. from classmates and friends. All yearbooks will be distributed by April 8th.

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Scrip News – *How does purchasing Scrip help us raise money?* It's simple—scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount, or accept our Local Scrip dollars and give us a donation based on the percentage they agreed on. Member families like yours buy the Local Scrip dollars and certificates for full face value, redeem them for full face value, and our school and parishes keep the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins: the retailer gets repeat business, you get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves no selling, and our school and parishes get a regular source of revenue. Scrip sales last week were \$7304 with an estimated profit of \$219!! Thank you for purchasing and using Scrip. We CAN make a difference!

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, April 8th – Easter Program, Pasta Dinner & Living Stations @ St. John's

Friday, April 10th – Good Friday – **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, April 13th – **NO SCHOOL**

April 19th – 24th – “Turn Off The TV Week

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Wednesday, April 22nd – 8th Grade Pictures

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Friday, April 24th – **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday, April 29th – 8th Grade Confirmation

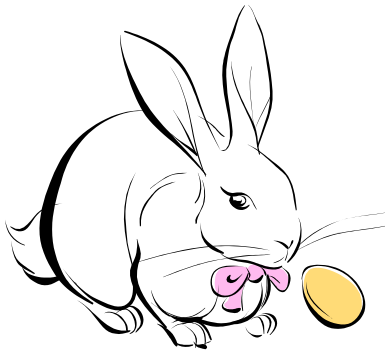
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7 Rules of Church – 14 Works of Mercy 8th Grade also Beatitudes.

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

7th Reading - Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*

8th Reading - Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*



Reflection: Our 5th week of Lent is to HAVE FAITH – RISE TO NEW LIFE.

Death is like a huge stone. We see only this life, from a point somewhere in our past up to the blank, stone wall of our death beyond which we cannot see. As a people baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have been truly blessed. The stone has been rolled away centuries ago, the veil between this life and the next ripped apart. The final conclusion of Christian faith is the complete 'death of death', accomplished by Jesus on the cross. After that, it is up to us to DECIDE to have faith. God has done His part to fulfill His promise and has saved us... even though we did nothing to deserve it.

Prayer: *Lord, as we prepare for the final week before Easter, let us think about what life will be like with you! May we live our lives to the fullest; put others before ourselves; and love one another. Amen.*

Report Cards – In today's brown envelope you will find your child's report card. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Stations of the Cross – Students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both St. Gabriel's and St. John's at 2:30 PM each Friday during Lent.

Confirmation – The date for Confirmation is Wednesday, April 29th at St. John's Church. In today's brown envelope the 8th grade students will find information regarding confirmation and forms that need to be filled out. Also, there is a note regarding the letter to Bishop ListECKI that all 8th graders will be writing. Please read over all the information and be aware of the due dates. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Jozefowicz.

World Vision – 6th, 7th and 8th grade students can participate in a 30 – Hour Famine. This event will be held on March 27th and 28th. Information was handed out in Religion classes.

Attention Incoming Pre-K Parents – Registration Packets will be available in St. Gabriel's school office between March 30th and April 3rd.

Scrip News – Scrip sales last week were \$8110 with an estimated profit of \$324. This week we are recognizing the rest of our Local Scrip businesses who accept our Local Scrip dollars. They are: Ritchie's Jewelry, Riveland Nursery, River City Roller Rink, Small Engine Doctors, Smarty Pants, Sports World Outlet, and Wall Street. Remember to use your scrip dollars and thank them in person. Also from now until April 3rd, these National merchants are offering extra bonuses (which means extra money for our school): Cabela's 14%, LL Bean 17%, JC Penney 6% and TGI Fridays 10%. If you would like to cash in on any of these great values, use the pink National order form. Thank you for purchasing Scrip!

First Reconciliation – Congratulations to our 2nd graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday. May the Lord always be with you.

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Spring Pictures – On April 1, Lifetouch Photography will be here to take Spring pictures of our students in Pre-K through 7th grade. Information is in today's brown envelope.

Easter Program – On Wednesday, April 8th, the middle school will be hosting several events:

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- Open House at the middle school from 6:30 – 7:30 PM
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All are invited to attend these events. It's a good way to get ready for Holy Week.

Shortened Easter Break – Prairie Catholic will deviate from the public school's calendar again this year. Friday, April 10th and Monday, April 13th will be our Easter vacation days. **There will be no bus service for our students the week of April 14th – 17th.** **Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from school on these days.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, March 27th – Confessions at St. Gabriel's Elementary School @ 9:00

Friday, March 27th – Saturday, March 28th – 30 Hour Famine @ St. John's school

Friday, March 27th – K – 2 trip to Viterbo – "Stellaluna"

Wednesday, April 1st – Pre-K – 7th Grade Spring pictures

Wednesday, April 8th – Easter Program, Pasta Dinner & Living Stations @ St. John's

Friday, April 10th – Good Friday – **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, April 13th – **NO SCHOOL**

UPCOMING

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Fourth Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days
7 Rules of Church – 14 Works of Mercy 8th Grade also Beatitudes.

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

8th Grade Science – Earthworm Quiz – Monday or after – Chapter 14 test sometime after Tuesday, March 25th

7th Reading - Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*

8th Reading - Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*



Reflection: Our 4th week of Lent is to HAVE FAITH – OPEN YOUR EYES.

As people of faith we learn to see into the heart with God's eyes. Paradigm shift! A paradigm shift is when your whole idea of the world and how you understand it changes suddenly. You frame what you see in new ways! Think of how different the world would seem to be the poor blind beggar who was cured?

Now WE see a new reality to which we have always been blind, just waiting for us to see it. Have faith...God has been here all along, seeking us, calling us, even while we attempted to avoid Him with the limitations of our human vision and understanding. Have you ever had an experience, good or bad, that made you see everything in a new way?

Prayer: *Lord, give us the strength to see every situation through God's eyes. May we see both sides of a situation and listen to both sides equally. Please God, touch us with your grace, purify our hearts, and grant us humility. Amen.*

Athletic Banquet – Our athletic banquet will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at St. Gabriel's cafeteria beginning at 6:00 PM. Each family of a basketball player is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own drink and table service.

Forensics News – Prairie Catholic hosted the district Forensics competition on Tuesday. Attending were students from Prairie Catholic, Bloomington St. Mary's and Bluffview. The results are as follows: **Demonstration** – Mallory Fulcher took 1st place and Becky Welsch took 3rd place. **Farrago** – Claire Stoeffler took 1st place and Ellie Antoniewicz took 2nd place. **Group Interpretive Reading** – Nikki Hess, Molly Groom, Sarah Mezera, Jessica Faust and Nicole Trautsch took 2nd place and Katie White and Lindsey Ariss took 3rd place. **Play Acting** – Nicole Trautsch, Lindsey Ariss, Katie White, Lexie Lenzendorf and Sarah Mezera took 1st place. Erin Morovits, Mariah Schwager, Brooke Moret, Jamie Kozelka, and Morgan Pedretti took 2nd place. Tanner Clausen, Cole Pattison, Joey Linder, Molly Stram and Nikki Hess took 3rd place. **Poetry** – Sarah Mezera took 1st place and Jamie Kozelka tied for 3rd place. **Prose** – Courtney Pattison tied for 1st place and Claire Stoeffler took 2nd place. **Storytelling** – Brooke Moret took 1st place. Ellie Antoniewicz and Seamus Murray tied for 3rd place. Great job done by all!

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Scrip News – Scrip sales last week were \$5520 with an estimated profit of \$220. This week we are recognizing more of our local businesses that accept our Local Scrip dollars. They are: Knutson Photography, Kozelka's Men's Wear, Krause Monuments, LA Fashions, and Nelson

True Value. Remember to use our scrip dollars and thank them in person! Also, from now until April 3, these National merchants are offering extra bonuses (which means extra money for our school): Cabela's 14%, LL Bean 17%, JC Penney 6% and TGI Fridays 10%. If you would like to cash in on any of these great values, use the "pink" National order form that you will find in your school envelope today. Thank you for purchasing Scrip!

In Today's Brown Envelope – In today's brown envelope you will find your child's results of their recent standardized tests. The test yields information that will help us see the skills students have mastered and the skills they have yet to learn. If you have questions about the results of your child's test, please contact your child's teacher.

First Reconciliation – The second graders will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 25th after Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as we move through Lent.

Spring Pictures – On April 1, Lifetouch Photography will be here to take Spring pictures of our students in Pre-K through 7th grade. More information will be coming your way.

Easter Program – On Wednesday, April 8th, the middle school will be hosting several events:

- The 8th Grade will be sponsoring a Pasta Supper from 4:30 – 7:00 PM in St. John's school cafeteria.
- Open House at the middle school from 6:30 – 7:30 PM
- Easter performance titled "Amazing Grace" put on by middle school students at 7:00 PM in St. John's Church
- The Prairie Catholic Youth Group will be performing the Living Stations at St. John's Church from 7:30 – 8:00 PM

All are invited to attend these events. It's a good way to get ready for Holy Week.

Shortened Easter Break – Prairie Catholic will deviate from the public school's calendar again this year. Friday, April 10th and Monday, April 13th will be our Easter vacation days. **There will be no bus service for our students the week of April 14th – 17th. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from school on these days.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, March 20 – **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

Friday, March 20th – Fish Fry at St. John's Church Hall 4:00 – 7:00

Sunday, March 22nd – Athletic Banquet at St. Gabriel's Cafeteria @ 6:00

Wednesday, March 25th – First Reconciliation – Grade 2

Thursday, March 26th – Confessions at St. John's Middle School @ 9:00

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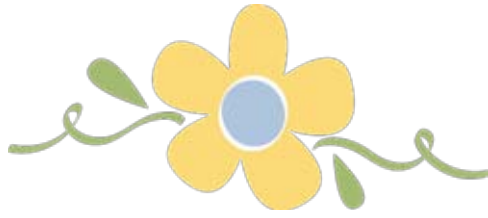
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Our 3rd week of Lent is to HAVE FAITH – Worship in Spirit and Truth.

Part of our “faith life” is in our worship and prayer at Mass and elsewhere, where we look beyond what is just in front of our eyes, through eyes of faith, to a much deeper meaning.

With St. Patrick’s Day just around the corner, our prayer this week is:

An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine be warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields, and until
we meet again may God hold you in the small of His hand.*

St. Patrick’s Dinner – St. Gabriel’s will be holding their annual St. Patrick’s Dinner this Sunday. They will be serving from 10:45 AM – 1:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

Athletic Banquet – Our athletic banquet will be held on Sunday, March 22nd at St. Gabriel’s cafeteria beginning at 6:00 PM. Each family of a basketball player is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own drink and table service.

Forensics News – On Tuesday, March 17th, Prairie Catholic will be hosting the conference forensics competition at St. John’s Middle School. This event will begin at 6:30 PM.

Middle School Fundraiser – Our annual Mr. Z’s fundraiser is over. The pick up date is Thursday, March 19th at 4:00 PM. Don’t forget to pick up your items!

Lost & Found – A pair of prescription eyeglasses were found on the playground after Mardi Gras. If anyone is missing a pair of glasses, you may pick them up at St. Gabriel School office.

Stations of the Cross – Students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both St. Gabriel’s and St. John’s at 2:30 PM each Friday during Lent.

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Scrip News – Scrip sales for the week of March 2nd – 8th was \$7098 with an estimated profit of \$284. Thank you for purchasing and using Scrip. We CAN make a difference! Great news – We will now carry both \$10 and \$20 Culver’s cards in stock. Be

sure to get yours today. Also, thank you to those who purchased our old Scrip inventory. We do have a few left. Stop in and see what we have. Did you know – Several of our businesses accept the Local Scrip dollars. This week we would like to thank Bloomington Meats, Blackhawk Dry Cleaners, Bob’s Bar, Computer Support Plus, Cumming’s Photography, Eunice’s, Frye Dental and Hartig Drug. Remember to use your Scrip dollars and thank them in person.

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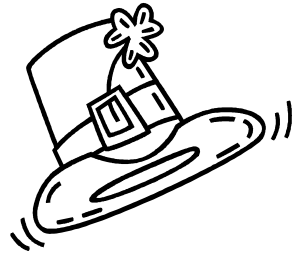
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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, March 15th – St. Patrick’s Dinner @ St. Gabriel’s
Tuesday, March 17th – Forensics Meet at St. John’s
Tuesday, March 17th – 3 – 5 trip to Viterbo – “The Jungle Book”
Wednesday, March 18th – ACT Explore Testing – 7th & 8th Grade students @ 8:00
Thursday, March 19th – End of 3rd Quarter - **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**
Friday, March 20 – **FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**
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6th Grade Reading – Book Reports Part 1 due Friday, March 13th
6th Grade Reading – Book Reports Part 2 due Monday, March 16th – Thursday, March 19th
6th Grade Reading – *Bridge to Terabithia* Final Test – Wednesday, March 18th
6th Grade English – Vocabulary Test 22 – Friday, March 13th
6th Grade English – Chapter 6 Test – Tuesday, March 17th
8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday
8th Language Chapter 5 Test - Friday, March 13
7th Reading Ongoing quizzes on *The Outsiders*
8th Reading Ongoing quizzes on *To Kill a Mockingbird*



Reflection: God has saved us, as the second reading says today, not because of anything we have done ourselves but because that always has always been His plan. He “will make of you a great nation”, as it says in Isaiah. God loves us because He created us...that's it! We don't have to do anything else to deserve His love, which He gives no matter what we do or what we are. We know this because we know that Jesus died for us on the cross and that God then raised him up, showing us that not even death can separate us from God's love. He promised us this because He loves us. So why do we sometimes doubt? What would you do if you saw Jesus and the prophets standing and talking with someone you know? Do you truly believe in your heart that God loves you no matter what, and that you love Him too...or do you just say the words?

Our theme this Lent is: HAVE FAITH. This second week is BELIEVE IN GOD'S PROMISE.

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Middle School Fundraiser – We are putting on the final touches to this year's fundraiser. Final results will be announced at a later date. Delivery for the Mr. Z's products will be on Thursday, March 19th.

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Stations of the Cross – Students will share in the Stations of the Cross at both St. Gabriel's and St. John's at 2:40 PM each Friday during Lent.

Home & School Meeting – We will be having a Home & School meeting on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 PM in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. If you would like to become more involved in your school, please come and join us. You may want to think about running for a position on the board, as we will be taking nominations that night. Also, keep in mind that as summer approaches we will be doing our summer fundraisers. They are Rendezvous, Relay for Life and Back to School Bash. We will be looking for people to help out at these events, so if you are interested in volunteering please let Pam Kiesau, Char Steger, Cassie Rickleff or Rochelle Neisius know and we will be glad to put you to work.

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businesses accept the Local Scrip dollars. This week we would like to thank the Salons that support our program. These include: A Cut Above, Classic Cuts, Creative Cuts, Designs By Windy, & Kate's Hair Studio. Remember to use your scrip dollars and thank them in person.

Kindergarten Screening – Kindergarten Screening will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at St. Gabriel's school. Appointments are necessary. Please call the school office at 326-8624 to set up a time for your child. **Note – there will be no Pre-K on this day.**

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Thursday, 5th – Education Committee 6:30 @ St. John's
Friday, March 6th – 7th & 8th Grade trip to Madison
Tuesday, March 10th – Kindergarten Screening at St. Gabriel's
Sunday, March 15th – St. Patrick's Dinner @ St. Gabriel's
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Reflection: Yesterday was Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent. Lent is a season that reminds us to repent and get our lives centered, our priorities straight, and our hearts clean. This holy season offers us a new chance to say, “yes” to the Lover of our Souls who created us, who made us in his own image. Lent is the time for a restoration project that will reveal the beauty of God’s design for us, showing once again the scale, proportion, and priorities intended by our Maker. Lent is a season of hope and with ashes on our foreheads and hope in our hearts, we go forth to love and serve. For by God’s grace in Christ, we do not have to stay the way we are.

Our theme this Lent is: Have Faith.

Week 1: Resist Temptation

Faith is the greatest defense against temptation, because when we surrender completely to God then we have no need of the temptation to replace him with our own meager devices. What are the defenses of your life? In what ways do you not allow God to be in control and instead try to control your life yourself? Take these questions and think about how they apply in your life.

Tournament News – Congratulations to the 5th grade girls for placing 3rd in the La Crosse Aquinas tournament. Our 6th grade girls placed 1st in the same tournament. Our 7th / 8th grade boys placed 1st in the Garnavillo tournament this past weekend and the 8th grade girls took 3rd place in Garnavillo as well. We are proud of all of you!

Middle School Fundraiser - Our students will be selling Mr. Z’s products through March 2nd. This year, our profits will go toward the Accelerated Reader program. Please contact a middle school student or contact the school office at 326-4400. The students had a “Quick Start” drawing in conjunction with the fundraiser. Winners were: Logan Dickman – 5 lb. Hershey bar, Ryan Garrity – Hamburger Telephone, and John David – French Silk Pie.

Full Days of School – We are trying to closely follow the public school calendar this year. With that said, we will have a full day of school tomorrow. We also need to make up one snow day. The March calendar will look like this: Full days on Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th.

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Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss – St. Gabriel’s school is sponsoring a birthday celebration in the Library on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 PM. Dr. Seuss stories will be read and cake, milk and coffee will be served afterwards. Hope to see you there!

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6th Grade Reading – Section 3 quiz on Bridge to Terabithia – Tuesday, March 3rd.
6th Grade Reading – Book It! Sheets due Wednesday, March 4th
7th Grade Reading – Test on *Number the Stars* – Wednesday, March 4th
7th Grade Reading – Project due Tuesday, March 10th
8th Grade Reading – Test on *The Pigman* – Wednesday, March 4th
8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday
6th Grade Science – Unit C Chapter 1 test sometime after March 2nd
8th Grade Science – Chapter 13 test sometime after March 2nd



From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

February 19, 2009

Prayer: O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul because you are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor and myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

Tournament News – Congratulations to the 6th grade boys who placed 2nd in the Fennimore tournament this past weekend. Also, congratulations to our girls – 5th grade placed 4th, 6th grade placed 1st, 7th grade placed 2nd and 8th grade also placed 2nd in the Wauzeka tournament. We are very proud of all of you!

Middle School Fundraiser - A kick-off was held Monday from Mr. Z's Pizza. Our students will be selling their products for the next couple of weeks. This year, our profits will go toward the Accelerated Reader program. Please contact a middle school student or contact the school office at 326-4400.

Washington D.C. Trip - The final meeting for 8th Grade students and parents will be held **tonight**, February 19th at 6:30 in the cafeteria of St. John's School. **THIS IS A MANDATORY MEETING FOR ALL PEOPLE GOING ON THE TRIP!**

Fire Safety Program – There will be a Fire Prevention program sponsored by the Wisconsin Firefighters Association on Monday, February 23 at the elementary school.

Mardi Gras – Mardi Gras will be held on Tuesday, February 24th. Please see the enclosed flyer for a schedule of the day's activities. Raffle tickets are still on sale and will be throughout the day's events. Hope to see you there!

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Thursday, February 19th – Washington D. C. Trip Meeting – **6:30** p.m. – St. John’s Cafeteria

Saturday, February 21st – Chili & Grilled Cheese supper – St. John’s Church Hall

Tuesday, February 24th – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel’s – More information to come.

Thursday, February 26th – Forensics at the Middle School – Mid Quarter reports go home in Brown Envelope

Friday, February 27th – FULL DAY OF SCHOOL

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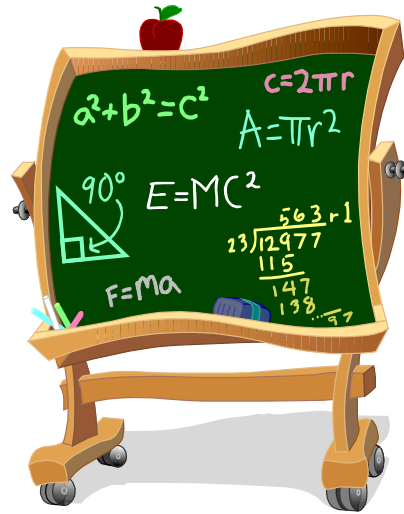
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8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday



From the Principal's Office

NEWSLETTER

February 12, 2009

Prayer: Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Iowa Basic Skills Testing – Just a reminder that we have been testing this week and next week. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during the testing times. All teachers from the Elementary School sent out the days and times they are testing. Please make sure your child is well rested each day and make sure they have eaten a good breakfast.

Book Fair Update - Thank you to everyone (library volunteers, students, parents and staff) who helped make the Scholastic Book Fair a huge success! The 2009 sales totaled \$3429.29 making a total profit of \$1043.79 (30% of our sales) to be used to purchase new books/materials for our library. A very special thanks to our two new chairpersons, Molly Kirschbaum and Crystal Steiner for taking on this big role. Also, a special thanks to Linda Ginkel for her continued helpfulness during the annual book fair. Our library is very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteers!

Washington D.C. Trip - The final meeting for 8th Grade students and parents will be held on Thursday, February 19th at 7:00 in the cafeteria of St. John's School. Please decide by the time of the meeting if you can chaperone this event.

St. John's School Fundraiser – Our kick-off will be held Monday, February 16th at 2:30 p.m. Please be watching for all the material coming home on Monday, February 16th after the kick-off.

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Math Counts – A team from Prairie Catholic won the first Math Counts Competition of the school year held on February 4th. With over 22 teams and 90 students, the team of Tanner Clausen, Tyler Nack, John David and Justin Panka took first place honors. Tyler Nack took first place individually. Congratulations to all the teams that participated.

Art Show at Effigy Mounds - will feature Prairie Catholic students in K - 5 the weekend of February 13, 14 and 15.

Mardi Gras – Can you believe next month is Mardi Gras? Mark your calendars Now! The date is Tuesday, February 24th. This is a family event sponsored by the 7th graders. The money raised will help with the Washington D.C. trip. To get ready for this event the 7th grade students will be selling raffle tickets ahead of time. The drawing

for the raffle prizes will take place at 2:15 p.m. at St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Each ticket is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00 or 30 for \$20.00. Hope to see you there at St. Gabriel's Cafeteria for Mardi Gras.

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NO SCHOOL – On Friday, February 13th we will not be holding classes. Since we are trying to follow the public schools calendar, this day is a scheduled LaCrosse conference day for teachers.

Ash Wednesday – February 25th is Ash Wednesday, Masses will be held at both parishes at 8:30 a.m. so all students can attend.

LOOKING AHEAD

February 9th – 20th – Iowa Basic Testing

Friday, February 13th – NO SCHOOL – LaCrosse Convention

Monday, February 16th – Kick –off – Mr. Z's pizza sales – Middle School – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18th – Mid Quarter

Thursday, February 19th – Washington D. C. Trip Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – St. John's Cafeteria

Thursday, February 26th – Forensics at the Middle School – Mid Quarter go home in Brown Envelope

Tuesday, February 24th – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's – More information to come.

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8th Grade Science – Test Chapter 12 – Wednesday, February 18th

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8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

Prayer: *O my God, I love thee with my whole heart and above all things, because thou art infinitely good and perfect: and I love my neighbor as myself for love of thee. Grant that I may love thee more and more in this life and in the next for all eternity. Amen.*

Congratulations – to 8th grader Tyler Nack for placing first in the West sectionals Spelling Bee, and now he moves on to State. We are so very proud of you!

Well Done – to our team of 7th & 8th graders who participated in the “Brains” competition in LaCrosse on Saturday. They took home the honor of 5th place in the competition! We are all so very proud of each and every one of you. A big thank – you to coach, Mrs. Kari Kronberg and all the parents who came to cheer you on!

Can't Thank you Enough – We are so grateful for all the wonderful volunteers that helped with our Book Fair this past week. You all did a wonderful job and we couldn't have done it without you and the leadership from Mrs. Crystal Steiner.

Student Council – Want a special sweet treat for someone special? The Middle School Student Council will be doing Candy-O-Grams for both schools. Forms went out in last weeks brown envelope, please return form and money to the office by Friday, February 6th.

Iowa Basic Skills Testing – Please be aware that our annual standardized testing will be given in at both schools during the weeks of February 9th through the 20th. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during testing times. Parents, please talk to your child about the tests. It is important that your child anticipate the tests with interest rather than with anxiety. They should realize that they are taking an achievement test that will yield information about the skills they have mastered, and the skills they still need to learn. Point out to your child that some questions are more difficult than others and some may be new to them. Emphasize that the test will not affect their school grades. **Please make sure your child is well rested each day and make sure they have eaten a good breakfast.**

Washington D.C. Trip - The final meeting for 8th Grade students and parents will be held on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 in the cafeteria of St. John's School. Please decide by the time of the meeting if you can chaperone this event.

St. John's School Fundraiser – We will be holding our yearly pizza sales fundraiser February 16th – 27th. Kick-off will be on Monday, February 16th. More information in next week's brown envelope.

Bishop John J Paul Scholarship – Information for this scholarship was sent last week in the brown envelope. The forms need to be in the school office by Friday, February, 20th. I will then forward them to the Diocese on Monday, February 23rd.

Tyson Project A+ - Our schools are signed up for this project. The project is easy – if you eat Tyson products, you can help Prairie Catholic Schools earn money! Each label is worth 24¢ - our goal is \$12,000.00 so we can continue to

buy computers. I'm encouraging everyone to participate in this program. An update on our progress will be in future newsletters.

Art Show at Effigy Mounds - will feature Prairie Catholic students in K - 5 the weekend of February 13, 14 and 15.

Mardi Gras – Can you believe next month is Mardi Gras? Mark your calendars Now! The date is Tuesday, February 24th. This is a family event sponsored by the 7th graders. The money raised will help with the Washington D.C. trip. To get ready for this event the 7th grade students will be selling raffle tickets ahead of time. The drawing for the raffle prizes will take place at 2:15 p.m. at St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Each ticket is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00 or 30 for \$20.00. Hope to see you there at St. Gabriel's Cafeteria for Mardi Gras.

Box Tops - need to be in the school offices by no later than February 25th to be counted for this school year. Please remember that any bonus points received from Piggly Wiggly should be turned in by the 25th also.

NO SCHOOL – On Friday, February 13th we will not be holding classes. Since we are trying to follow the public schools calendar, this day is a scheduled LaCrosse conference day for teachers.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, February 6th – 7th & 8th Grade Band students – Band field trip to Madison

February 9th – 20th – Iowa Basic Testing

Friday, February 13th – NO SCHOOL – LaCrosse Convention

Monday, February 16th – Kick –off – Mr. Z's pizza sales – Middle School

Wednesday, February 18th – Mid Quarter

Thursday, February 19th – Washington D. C. Trip Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – St. John's Cafeteria

Thursday, February 26th – Forensics at the Middle School – Mid Quarter go home in Brown Envelope

Tuesday, February 24th – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's – More information to come.

UPCOMING

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Third Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days
7 Rules of Church – 8th Grade also Beatitudes.

6th Grade English – Vocabulary Test 18 – Friday, February 6th

6th Grade Reading – Section 1 – Quiz on *Bridge to Terabithia* – Friday, February 6th

6th Grade Science – Test Unit B Chapter 4 – Friday, February 6th

8th Grade Language – Chapter 4 test – Friday, February 6th

8th Grade Science – Test Chapter 12 – Sometime after February 11th

6th Grade English – Vocabulary Test 19 – Thursday, February 12th

6th Grade Reading – Section 2 - Quiz on *Bridge to Terabithia* – Thursday, February 12th

7th Grade Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *Number the Stars* and the vocabulary – Project due at the end of book

8th Grade Reading – Ongoing quizzes on *The Pigman* and the vocabulary

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

Prayer for Catholic Schools: Gracious God, thank you for the gift of Catholic education. Day after day, week after week, You give us many opportunities to know Your great love, peace, and forgiveness. May all who enter their classrooms be filled with the gift of Your Holy Spirit and come to know You in a more meaningful way. May Catholic education grow so that Your service be continued to teach children from all around Your world. Amen!

Thank you for another successful Catholic Schools Week – I would like to personally thank all the teachers and staff members for all their hard work on Science Night, Mrs. Kerri Weber for organizing the Opera of the Young, and Mrs. Michele Pattison for pulling off the ski trip to Mr. LaCrosse. To all the coaches and students for the great tournaments, and for all the wonderful parents and community members that helped out in so many ways – **THANK-YOU!** You are the best!!

Ski Trip to Mt. LaCrosse – It's finally here! The Ski Trip will be tomorrow, Friday, January 30th. Students will be departing from St. Johns at 8:00 a.m. and returning at 4:00 p.m. Just a reminder for those students not attending – This is a regular day of school, and students are expected to be at school. Also, all students not going must bring a sack lunch.

Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest – Congratulations to the following students who placed in the recent competition. The first place winners are eligible to compete at the Diocesan level.

Grade 5 Spelling

1st – Kelly Check

2nd – Lauren Nicholson

Grade 7 Spelling

1st – Ellen Antoniewicz

2nd – Claire Stoeffler

Grade 5 Math

1st – Levi Orr

2nd – Anna Zeeh

Grade 7 Math

1st – Hayley Hemmer

2nd – Becky Welsch

Grade 6 Spelling

1st – Dylan Boisvert

2nd – Dominic Manganiello

Grade 8 Spelling

1st – Tyler Nack

2nd – Isaac Moret

Grade 6 Math

1st – Mara Gerhards

2nd – Brooke Moret

Grade 8 Math

1st – Cole Pattison

2nd – Justin Panka

Spelling Bee Winners – Congratulations to the following winners from St. Gabriel's – Kelly Check received 1st Place and MaKayla Gerhards placed 2nd and from St. John's Middle School – Tyler Nack received 1st place and a tie for 2nd were Sydney Sanders and Dylan Boisvert. Good luck to Tyler and Kelly who will be representing our schools at the sectional Spelling Bee.

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First Communion – This year our First Communion Mass will be on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at St. Gabriel's Church. The time will be at **11:30 a.m.** The time needed to be changed to the priests Sunday Mass schedule. Both priests wish to be present for the special ceremony! Please note the change.

Change of Plans – the 7th grade class will not be fundraising Cookie Dough. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Bishop John J Paul Scholarship – Information for this scholarship is included in the Brown Envelope. The forms need to be in my office by February 20th. I will be forwarding them to the Diocese on Monday, February 23rd.

Tyson Project A+ - Our schools are signed up for this project. The project is easy – if you eat Tyson products, you can help Prairie Catholic Schools earn money! Each label is worth 24¢ - our goal is \$12,000.00 so we can continue to buy computers. I'm encouraging everyone to participate in this program. An update on our progress will be in future newsletter.

Math Counts – There will be a Math Counts Competition on Wednesday, February 4th at Huckleberry's from 1:00 to approximately 3:00. Permission slips are in today's brown envelope. Parents must pick up students from Huckleberry's.

Mardi Gras – Can you believe next month is Mardi Gras? Mark your calendars Now! The date is Tuesday, February 24th. This is a family event sponsored by the 7th graders. The money raised will help with the Washington D.C. trip. To get ready for this event the 7th grade students will be selling raffle tickets ahead of time. The drawing for the raffle prizes will take place at 2:15 p.m. at St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Each ticket is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00 or 30 for \$20.00. Hope to see you there at St. Gabriel's Cafeteria for Mardi Gras.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, January 29th – Basketball evaluation

Friday, January 30th – Grades 5th – 8th – Ski Trip to LaCrosse

Saturday, January 31st – Brains & Braun Tournament in LaCrosse

Sunday, February 1st – Swiss Steak Dinner at St. Gabriel's

Wednesday, February 4th – Math Counts – Huckleberry's – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Friday, February 6th – 7th & 8th Grade Band students – Band field trip to Madison

February 9th – 20th – Iowa Basic Testing

Friday, February 13th – NO SCHOOL – LaCrosse Convention

Monday, February 16th – Kick –off – Mr. Z's pizza sales – Middle School

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8th Grade English – Keep working on research paper

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for the gift of Catholic education. Day after day, week after week, You give us many opportunities to know Your great love, peace, and forgiveness. Help us respond to Your need to do service in our schools, community, and at home. Amen!

PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SWEEPSTAKES CALENDARS – Our 2nd Major School Fundraiser - Just a reminder to turn in any money and calendar registration cards you have received from the sale of your set of Sweepstakes Calendars.  If you need additional calendars to sell, contact the school office, rectory or John Fischer (326-2827). **Please do your best to participate in this very important fundraiser for our school**

Report Cards – Your child has received his/her report card today. Please call your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's progress. Thank you for your continued support of our school and our efforts to guide your child academically, socially and most importantly, spiritually.

Boys Basketball Tournament – In today's Brown Envelope you will find the work schedule for the upcoming tournament on January 24th & 25th. Please be aware that every parent will be down to work at the tournament. If you are not able to work the time assigned, it is your responsibility to send a replacement of switch with a friend. Also, all parents who have a boy playing are asked to bring a pan of bars, plate of cookies or a snack to sell at the gyms. These items are always in demand so it is important that each family does their share.

Knights of Columbus Contest – Grades 5-8 – Tuesday, January 27th at 3:30 p.m. – St. John's Middle School - Students sign in when they arrive and may choose to compete in Spelling or Math. Testing will run from 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Students may wait in the cafeteria while results are tallied and then announced at 4:30 p.m. Snacks will be available for purchase while students wait for their results. The first place winners are eligible to compete at the Diocesan level.

A BIG THANK YOU - Thank you to the families that will be representing Prairie Catholic School at the Masses this weekend.

St. Gabriel's

4:00 - The Eric Teynor Family

8:00 - The Jeff DuCharme Family

St. John's

7:00 - The Andy Banasik Family

10:00 - The John Nolan Family

Ski Trip to Mt. LaCrosse – The ski trip will take place on Friday, January 30th. Just a reminder for those Middle School students not attending – This is a regular day of school, and students are expected to be at school. They should bring a sack lunch to school that day. Also, students will be returning to St. John's School at 4:00 p.m. and will need a ride home at that time. Any student not riding the bus home must have a note signed by their parent and must be to the office no later than Monday, January 26th. Reminder, all money for the ski trip is due tomorrow, Friday, January 23rd.

Washington D.C. Trip - The final meeting for ALL students and parents will be held on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 in the cafeteria of St. John's School. Please decide by the time of the meeting if you can chaperone this event. **Visit the Scholastic Book Fair** – during science night. If you are interested in purchasing a book for your child's classroom, Classroom Wish Lists will be on display at the Book Fair. The Book Fair will be opened all week during school hours and on Wednesday, January 28th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. We hope to see you at the Book Fair! All proceeds benefit our library!

The Spirit Stick – During Catholic Schools week, the Spirit Stick will travel to the homeroom that has the highest percentage of participation for dressing up according to the schedule at the Middle School. That homeroom will also receive a candy prize sponsored by the Student Council.

Cancellation - Information about the cancellation of the Valentine's Day dance is included in the Brown Envelope.

7th Grade Fundraiser - Friday, January 23 through February 6, the present 7th graders will be holding a cookie dough fundraiser for their Washington D.C. trip.

School Closing, Delays and Early Dismissals – **Did you fill out the flyer that went home? We will notify you via email if we have your current email address.** Also, please listen to the radio station WQPC and television stations for up to the minute school closings and/or delays.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday & Sunday, January 24th & 25th – Prairie Catholic Schools Boy's Basketball Tournament

Sunday – Saturday, January 25th – 31st – Catholic Schools Week – see enclosed flyer

Tuesday, January 27th – Mass for Honor Roll Students – 8:30 a.m. – St. John's

Tuesday, January 27th – Knights of Columbus Contest – 3:30 p.m. – St. John's

Wednesday, January 28th – Clowns for Christ – Science Night

Thursday, January 29th – All School Mass @ St. Gabriel's - Opera for the Young – Basketball Grade Evaluation

Friday, January 30th – Grades 5th – 8th – Ski Trip to LaCrosse

Saturday, January 31st – Brains & Braun Tournament in LaCrosse

UPCOMING

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7 Rules of Church – 8th Grade also Beatitudes.

8th Grade Science – Chapter 11 Test – after January 21st

8th Grade English – Keep working on research paper

7th Grade Reading – Unit 3 Test – After January 20th

6th Grade English – Vocabulary Test 17 and DOL Test – Tuesday, January 27th

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday

NEW SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday – Physical Education

Tuesday – Spanish

Wednesday – Art

Thursday – Computers

Friday – Physical Education

Prayer for the New Year – *O God of new beginnings and wonderful surprises thank you for the gift of a new year. May it be a time of grace for me, a time to grow in faith and love, a time to renew my commitment to following Your Son, Jesus. May it be a year of blessing for me, a time to cherish my family and friends, a time to renew my efforts at work, a time to embrace my faith more fully. Walk with me, please, in every day and every hour of the New Year, at the light of Christ might shine through me, in spite of my weaknesses and failings. Above all, may I remember this year that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You. Amen.*

**ON SALE NOW
PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SWEEPSTAKES CALENDARS**

First Drawing to be held Sunday, February 1st, 2009

This is our second fundraiser for the school year. Please do your best to support our school through this sale.

Last year the sale raised 8,000.00 for the benefit of our school.

More calendars are available at either school office.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

Welcome Back – to school for the New Year! Our school year for 2009 is full of excitement. Catholic Schools Week; testing; Mardi Gras; Easter; spring concerts; First Communion; Confirmation and Graduation; etc. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and safe New Year!

Calling all Communities – Cast your vote for our school – Each family is receiving two postcards today in the brown envelope. Please take the time to fill out these cards and drop them in the mail. The top ten schools could win \$100,000.00 from U.S. Cellular! Just fill in your name, city and state. Check Vote for My School, and write Prairie Catholic Schools for School Name. Check Elementary and Junior High (Middle) under School Type. Drop in the mail. All cards must be postmarked before Thursday, January 15, 2009, and you must be 18 years old or older to apply, and may only apply once. We are hoping to have more cards available at all Masses this week-end.

Congratulations – to our three winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest sponsored by Prairie du Chien Fire Department. The three winners were 1st Grade – Jack Peterson; 2nd Grade – Caitlin Nolan and 4th Grade – Wesley Schwager. Their reward was pizzas delivered on December 29th by the firemen. Congratulations again!

Tardy Policy – This is just a reminder that the school is mandated to enforce our tardy policy. Below is just a reminder of Prairie Catholic School policy: “Tardiness interferes with a student’s progress and is a disturbance to the other students and the teacher. Every effort should be made by students to be punctual. A student who comes in late to school in the morning or afternoon is to stop in the school office to inform the secretary of their arrival. After three tardies, a student will be issued a behavior detention. Chronic tardiness will be referred to the City of Prairie du Chien Truant Officer.” If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Reminder – If your son/daughter is absent from school due to illness the school must be notified by 9:00 a.m. Students who are absent must present a written note signed by a parent or guardian to their homeroom teacher upon their return. If a student has a doctor or dental appointment **written notification** must be submitted one day prior to the appointment. This also must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Catholic School's Week – we will be releasing a day-by-day detail schedule **Next Week**. Please watch for the schedule in the brown envelopes.

Cold Weather Reminders – Now that winter weather has arrived, we must insist that heavy jackets, mittens, hats and boots be worn. If students do not wear appropriate attire, they will not be allowed to participate in outdoor activities. Children wearing boots must carry with them a pair of shoes to be worn inside the building. Reminder – throwing snowballs will result in a detention and a fine. Please listen to the local radio station for school delays and closing as the season of inclement weather unfolds.

School Closing, Delays and Early Dismissals – Please listen to the radio station WQPC and television stations for up to the minute school closings and/or delays. As we begin a new year – we will start a new feature on our internet to alert you to delays/closings. Please see the enclosed flyer.

Ski Trip – In today's Brown Envelope you should be receiving information for the annual Ski Trip (Grades 5-8) as part of Catholic Schools Week. Please read each form carefully, complete all the information, and return the forms with your check to school by **Wednesday, January 14, 2009**. If you did not receive forms it is because we are showing that your child is not planning on skiing, if this is not correct, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Server Schedule and Scrip Sellers – in today's brown envelope are sign up sheets for both servers and scrip sellers. Currently we are updating both of the lists. Please read over the forms and return to the school office by Tuesday, January 13th. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, January 15th – Basketball Grade Evaluation

Friday, January 16th – End of 2nd Quarter – 1:00 o'clock Dismissal

Saturday & Sunday, January 17th & 18th – Prairie Catholic Schools Girl's Basketball Tournament

Thursday, January 22nd – Prairie Catholic Middle School Spelling Bee – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, January 23rd – Hard Work Counts at the Middle School

Saturday & Sunday, January 24th & 25th – Prairie Catholic Schools Boy's Basketball Tournament

Sunday – Saturday, January 25th – 31st – Catholic Schools Week

Tuesday, January 27th – Mass for Honor Roll Students – 8:30 a.m. – St. John's

Wednesday, January 28th – All School Mass – Clowns for Christ – Science Night

Thursday, January 29th – Opera for the Young – Basketball Grade Evaluation

Friday, January 30th – Grades 5th – 8th – Ski Trip to LaCrosse

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6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Religion – Second Quarter – test each week on 7 Sacraments – 10 Commandments – 6 Holy Days – 8th Grade also Beatitudes.

8th Grade Science – Chapter 10 Test – Friday, January 9th

6th Grade Reading – Book Reports due – Monday, January 12th

6th Grade Reading – Book Report Oral Presentations – January 12th – 15th

8th Grade English – Research paper note cards due – Monday, January 12th

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Physical Education – Assignments due Monday, January 12th

6th Grade Science – Unit B Chapter 3 Test – After January 14th

7th Grade Reading – Unit 3 Test – After January 15th

8th Grade Reading – Unit 4 Test – Friday, January 16th

8th Grade English – Vocabulary Test – Every Friday