



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 13, 2011

Messages from the Principal:

Prairie Catholic would like to welcome Alice Heinzen from the Diocese of La Crosse to Prairie du Chien on February 7th to give a presentation regarding family life. I have had many individuals into my office to express their thoughts on when and how students should be educated on this unique subject. Mrs. Heinzen leads a group that travels throughout the diocese to present the program "Teaching the Way of Love." This program was developed by the Diocese of La Crosse to enable parents to be the primary educators of their children. Mrs. Heinzen's group focuses on parenting strategies that help the parent stay connected to the child during a time that often leads to estrangement, especially in areas such as sexuality, relationships and morality. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents of middle school students to empower themselves on a subject that may be hard to approach. The start time is still unknown, but please look for a registration paper in an upcoming brown envelope.

Prairie Catholic Sweepstakes Calendars are on Sale!

First drawing will be held on February 6th.

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

More calendars are available at either school office.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

News Items:

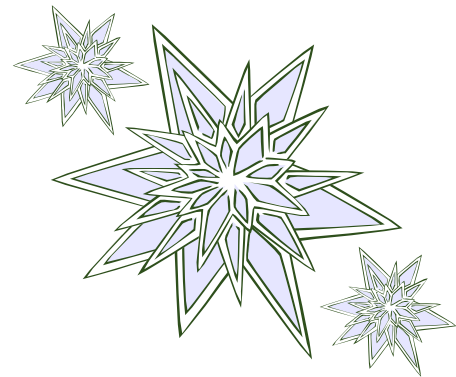
- The reigning "Alice in Dairyland" will be visiting Prairie Catholic on Tuesday, January 18th. Christine Lindner will be giving a presentation at both St. Gabriel's at 1:00pm and St. John's at 2:20pm. Her presentations will educate students about foods produced in Wisconsin and healthy food choices.
- If you're looking for family service hours remember the Prairie Catholic girls and boys basketball tournaments. The girls' tournament will be the weekend of the 15th/16th and the boys' tournament will be the weekend of the 22nd/23rd.
- Busy parents, remember "Snack-n-Go" sponsored by the 8th grade class of 2011 for your students after school snacks. "Snack-n-Go" is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all items are only \$.50. "Snack-n-Go" when you can't be there.
- Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner. We have a full week of events planned. The week starts with a student's Mass on Sunday, January 30th. Monday starting at 4:00 p.m. will be the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest for students in Grades 5-8. Then we will welcome "Opera for the Young" on Tuesday after our all school Mass. Next, family night will be on Wednesday the 2nd. Finally, the middle school students will go on a ski trip on Friday. We will also have "theme" days scattered throughout the week. Look for more information to come!

- Please remember the Calendar feature on the Prairie Catholic website. All of the events happening in and around our school (including basketball) are visible in an easy to read format. Mike and Deb Trautsch, Prairie Catholic Athletic Directors and Patrick Nolan, Prairie Catholic website coordinator, have done a fabulous job of updating events as soon as there is a cancelation or delay. If you have any questions regarding a date, time or location check the website with confidence.
- All Ski Trip (grades 5-8) forms and money was due on **Monday, January 10th**. Please see that all forms and money are turned into the office *as soon as possible*.
- Brown Envelope Reminder - Each week many forms are sent home in the brown envelopes which are needed so that students can take part in many different activities. Unlike in the past years without these signed consent forms it will be impossible for your son or daughter to participate with his class or school. Please remember at the Middle School students have two days to return their envelope, brown envelope go home every Thursday and must be returned by Monday. If not returned detentions will be enforced.
- Prairie Catholic has a need for a two VCRs. If anyone has a VCR they do not need please contact either school. We do not need a new machine but we also want a quality device.
- In today's brown envelope you will find the results of our recent Iowa Basic Skills testing. If you have questions or concerns about the results, please contact your child's teacher.

Prayer: *Faithful God, how patiently you guide and care for us. Give us faith in your word, and hope in your steadfast love, so that we will never lose heart. Keep us mindful of your many blessings, and help us to be a blessing to others. Amen.*

Mark Your Calendars

January 13th – 5B & 6B vs. Boscobel, 5:30 & 6:30
 January 13th – 7B & 8B @ Boscobel, 4:30 & 5:30
 January 15th & 16th – 7G & 8G – Prairie Catholic Girls Tournament
 January 17th – 5B & 6B @ River Ridge, 5:30 & 6:30
January 17th – 7G @ Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:00
 January 18th – 7G & 8G @ Bluff View, 5:30 & 6:30
 January 21st – End of Second Quarter – 1:00pm Dismissal
 January 22nd & 23rd – Prairie Catholic Boys Tournament
 January 24th – 7B & 8B @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00 & 5:00
 January 25th – 8G @ Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:00
 January 27th – 6B @ Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:30
 January 30th – February 4th - Catholic Schools Week
 February 12th & 13th – 7G & 8G @ Wauzeka Tournament



Important Dates for this Spring ** Note change of date for Confirmation Retreat and First Communion Retreat**

April 2nd – Confirmation Retreat – St. John's – Will start mid-morning and conclude with 4:00pm Mass
 April 6th – Confirmation – St. John's Church – 6:00pm
 April 9th – First Communion Retreat – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am through Lunch
 May 8th – First Communion – St. Gabriel's – 1:00pm

Fundraisers

Sweepstakes Calendars – On sale now – First drawing February 6th.

