



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 27, 2011

Messages from the Principal:

Catholic Schools Week is upon us. We have a full week of events planned. The week starts with a Kick-Off Mass on Sunday, January 30th at 11:00am at St. John's church. On Monday we will host the Knights of Columbus Contest. 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 the informative flier in this brown envelope!

Prairie Catholic Sweepstakes Calendars are on Sale!

First drawing will be held on February 6th.

Please make every effort to sell your calendars.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

News Items:

- Prairie Catholic would like to invite all of the students to our Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Mass at St. John's church at 11:00am on Sunday, January 30th. Prairie Catholic students will be involved in the Mass parts. This Kick-Off starts a busy week for our school. Mrs. Weber would like anyone interested in making up the choir to arrive at 10:30am.
- **Knights of Columbus Contest** – Grades 5-8 – Monday, January 31st at 4:00p.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 4:00-4:30p.m. Students may wait in the cafeteria while results are tallied and then announced after tests have been corrected. Snacks will be available for purchase while students wait for their results.
- Everyone is welcome to enjoy "Pirates of Penzance" performed by "Opera for the Young" and Prairie Catholic's own 5th Grade. The production will begin around 9:30am (after the All School Mass at St. Gabriel's.)
- Please make plans to attend Prairie Catholic's Family Night at St. Gabriel's on February 2nd. We have a full schedule so families will not be bored! We will have a book fair in the library from 4:00-6:30pm with a drawing at 7:00pm. Chow down at the supper sponsored by the St. John's Men's Club from 4:30-6:00pm. We will have a performance by local high school singers at 6:00pm. Prairie Catholic is proud to announce that the Loras College Jazz Experience will perform at 6:30pm. The Jazz Experience is touring the Midwest and happy to add another venue to their extensive lineup. Also, student's artwork and A+ creations will be on display in the annex all night.
- Friday of Catholic Schools week is traditionally when the students go skiing. Again February 4th the 5th-8th grades will travel to Mt. La Crosse. If your student wants to attend the trip you need to have all insurance forms signed and into the office before Friday. If your student is not attending the trip they will report to St. Gabriel's at the beginning of the day. If you have any questions please call Mr. Marlow at either school.

- Christine Lindner the reigning “Alice in Dairyland” has updated her blog to include the visit she made to Prairie Catholic. Her blog can be seen at <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/alice/> .
- Alice Heinzen from the Diocese of La Crosse will be in Prairie du Chien on February 7th to give a presentation regarding family life at 6:00pm. Her focus will be teaching parents to be the primary educators of their children in matters of human development. This presentation is for parents and we will welcome any parents that attend, no matter the age of your child.
- Mr. Marlow would like to personally challenge the students at St. Gabriel’s school to a 10,000 minute challenge. If the students at St. Gabriel’s school read 10,000 minutes at school during Catholic Schools Week, I will dress up as the “Ultimate Wisconsin Badgers Fan.” I will of course have help locating Badgers apparel because I have exactly zero tee-shirts that feature Bucky.
- Congratulations to all the young men who participated in the basketball tournament over the weekend. Prairie Catholic students in 4th and 5th grade played in the 5th grade tournament. The Prairie Catholic 6th grade team finished 2nd in their tournament. The Prairie Catholic 7th grade team finished 4th. The Prairie Catholic 8th grade finished 2nd in their bracket. It was another great weekend to be a Saint. We are proud of our teams!
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank Deb and Mike Trautsch for all of their work these last two weeks. These basketball tournaments don’t run themselves and someone needs to coordinate all of the volunteers. From all of the fans who enjoyed the games, “Thank you Mike and Deb.”
- The Home and School Association would like to invite all of the Prairie Catholic families to the St. Valentine’s Day Dance at St. Gabriel’s cafeteria from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. This year, they will have pizza available for purchase.

Prayer: God of Light, we long to give others your joy and peace; but we cannot give what we have not received. Open our hearts and minds to receive your light. Then we will live in that light and our lives will praise you.. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- January 27th – Report Cards in today’s Brown Envelope
- January 27th – 6B @ Bloomington St. Mary’s, 5:30
- January 29th – 5B @ Wauzeka, 1:30
- January 30th – February 4th - Catholic Schools Week
- February 7th – Family Life Presenters, St. John’s Cafeteria, 6:00-7:30
- February 9th – Math Counts at Huckleberrys
- February 12th – Valentine’s Day Dance, St. Gabriel’s, 6:00-9:00pm
- February 12th & 13th – 7G & 8G @ Wauzeka Tournament
- February 18th – No School
- February 24th – Mandatory 8th grade Washington DC Meeting – Packing-Up with Dave, 7:00pm



Important Dates for this Spring

- 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.
- February 23rd – 8th grade Washington DC fundraiser, Spaghetti Supper – St. Gabriel’s 5:00pm
- February 27th – 6th grade Washington DC fundraiser, Breakfast at St. Gabriel’s 8-11am,