



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 14, 2010

## Messages from the Principal:

The Diocese of La Crosse has produced a program entitled Understanding and Living the Virtues. This program was produced in order to enhance our knowledge of how to respond to Christ to live as His disciples. I would like to explore these Virtues periodically in our newsletters. The first Virtue I would like to explore is the virtue of Faith.

“Faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because He is truth itself.” (CCC, 1814)

I believe that it is easy to find ways to put our faith in action, and increase it by practicing it. However, faith is more than hoping there is a higher power that controls the world around us. Faith is more than standing in line at church for a piece of unleavened bread. The true act of faith believes that the Eucharist is “the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.” It is this Faith that separates us from the undisciplined and the disruptive.

## News Items:

- 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.
- Since there are some students who still do not have their books covered, please check the website [www.booksox.com](http://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. John's office must have a copy of the physical or alternate card before your student will be allowed to practice for the upcoming basketball season. ***If you played a fall sport, we need a copy of that card here at our school.***
- Meeting for all basketball coaches will be on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in St. John's cafeteria. Please try to be there or call Mike or Deb Trautsch.
- Meeting for all basketball parents will be on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Please try to be there or call Mike or Deb Trautsch. Please see enclosed flyer.
- Parent Teacher conferences are right around the corner – Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 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. *Reminder that parents can check their students' progress by signing into skyward. If you have misplaced your login and password, please call either school office.*

- Burgers & Fries Supper next Saturday evening, Oct. 16th at St. John's Church Hall. Serving from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. \$3.99 - 12 and older (all you can eat) ages 6-12 - \$2.00. All Proceeds will go to Prairie Catholic School. Come out and support our school and bring your friends. See enclosed sheet regarding bars for the evening.
- We will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at both schools. Please watch for more information.
- Prairie Catholic School Athletic Committee will be hosting a pancake supper on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. 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.
- NO SCHOOL – October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- October 16<sup>th</sup> – Burgers and fries supper-St. John's Church Hall-4:30-6:30
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade immunizations
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – Basketball Coaches Meeting – 6:00pm St. John's cafeteria
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – Justin Gehrts from KCRG will visit 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Week of October 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Diocesan Religious Assessment for 4th and 8th Grades
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – Basketball coaches meeting – 6:00 St. john's cafeteria
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – Basketball Parent Meeting – 7:00pm St. Gabe's cafeteria
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Road Rally – See enclosed sheet
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Elkader Nature Center
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Parties at both schools
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – End of Quarter
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Pancake Supper – St. Gabriel's cafeteria
- October 28<sup>th</sup> & October 29<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK

