



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 24, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

I feel that I must be upfront and honest. I have a confession to make: I must spend time in jail. No, I didn't break any laws but I have been deemed "wanted" and will be locked up behind bars to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. (Jerry's Kids) On December 16th I will report for my sentence at the Barn Restaurant. I can only be released with your help of bail money. You can make donations to the MDA through my webpage: <https://www.joinmda.org/prairieduchienlockup2010/wmarlow> or by visiting either school and making donations to Mrs. Mezera, Mrs. Ziel or myself. Donations go to a great cause and your generosity will help secure my release. Please donate because I would hate to be the only inmate who raised no money.

News Items:

- The Student Council will be accepting food/personal supplies through November 30th. The class that collects the most items will win a *surprise*. All items will be donated to the Operation Santa Claus effort. As I visit classrooms, I see many boxes that are overflowing. Great job Prairie Catholic!
- Please help our 5th grade students raise money for their Washington DC trip by purchasing Advent Calendars. You get the satisfaction of supporting a Prairie Catholic student and the satisfaction of chocolate! It's a win-win.
- Parents and guardians please remember that we cannot make payments to hot lunch through Skyward. Our school doesn't have that capability.
- NO SCHOOL – November 25th or 26th.
- Do you plan on shopping online this holiday season? If so please remember "GoodSearch" on our Prairie Catholic website. GoodSearch.com is a search-engine that donates money back to Prairie Catholic every time someone searches or purchases goods online.
- Don't miss the St. John's Holiday Craft Show on December 4th at 9:00am in St. John's school. Gift ideas Galore!
- If you have that hard to shop for person on your list consider Script. Think about it, your gift will never be returned, it easily fits into stockings and travels well when you are taking a Jell-O mold, crock of bean soup and deviled eggs to grandma's.
- As I write this, it is 55 degrees but there will be a time when the weather is going to turn colder and students need to dress appropriately. Young students need to have heavy jackets, hats, gloves, boots and snow pants if they are going to play in the snow. These students also need to have a "clean" pair of shoes to wear while in the building. Older students need to dress for the conditions while standing outside before school and at recess. Please don't think we are being harsh if we have students wait outside in light jackets. It has been my experience that even fashion conscious junior high students will dress appropriately after they freeze once.
- Math Counts will have its first competition on December 1st at Huckleberry's. The event starts at 12:30 and runs until 3:30. Good luck to our team! Go Saints!

- I have included a sheet that further explains student service hours and family volunteer hours. I hope this clears up some of the confusion. I have also added some volunteer ideas that you may not have considered.
- Included in today's brown folder is an order form for Prairie Catholic apparel. The Home and School Association will be ordering the merchandise this year. We will be selling short sleeve tee shirts, long sleeve tee shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, fleece jackets, polo shirts and fleece beanies. Orders need to be in by December 8th. Payment must be received before order will be placed. This apparel makes great holiday gifts. See the full color flier!

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.

Mark Your Calendars

November 25th – NO SCHOOL
 November 26th – NO SCHOOL
 November 29th – 7G @ Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:00
 November 30th – 7B & 8B @ Bluffview, 5:30 & 6:30
 December 2nd – 7G & 8G @ Boscobel, 4:30 & 5:30
 December 2nd – 5B & 6B vs. MFL/Mar-Mac @ 5:30 & 6:30
 December 4th – ABC Craft Fair - St. John's School – 9:00
 December 4th & 5th – 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Boys Basketball Tournament at Wauzeka
 December 6th – 5B & 6B vs. River Ridge, 5:30 & 6:30
 December 6th – 7G & 8G @ Lansing, 4:00 & 5:00
 December 7th – 7G & 8B @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00 & 5:00
 December 7th – 6B & 8B vs. Cassville, 5:00 & 6:00
 December 8th – Christmas Program for Pre-K through 5th grades
 December 9th – 6B vs. Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:30
 December 14th – 5B & 6B @ Boscobel, 5:00 & 6:00
 December 14th – 7G & 8G @ MFL/Mar-Mac, 4:00 & 5:00
 December 15th – Possible Make-Up date for Christmas Program
 December 16th – 7G & 8G @ Bluffview, 5:30 & 6:30
 December 17th – 7B & 8B @ MFL/Mar-Mac, 4:00 & 5:00
 December 18th – 5B @ MFL/Mar-Mac Tournament
 December 20th – 5B Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:30
 December 20th – 7B & 8B @ River Ridge, 4:30 & 5:30

Fundraisers

5th Grade Advent Calendars – November 1-30
 Student Council Food Drive – November 1-30
 Sweepstake Calendars – November 18 – February 3
 Bail Mr. Marlow out of MDA Jail – November 24 – December 16

Happy Thanksgiving!