



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 4, 2010

## Messages from the Principal:

I would like to take this time to explore the second Virtue from the program Understanding and Living the Virtues. If you remember, the program was produced by the Diocese of La Crosse to help us understand our response to Christ. The second Virtue is Hope.

“Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.” (CCC, 1817)

The first virtue that I discussed was faith and I believe that faith and hope are closely related. Faith deals more with intrinsic belief, whereas, hope defines our aspirations for happiness. We *hope* for things that are out of our control. I *believe* in Jesus Christ but *hope* to join him in heaven. I *believe* that eating well will help me live longer but *hope* for continued good health. I trust and *believe* in the wisdom I’ve gained through school and experience but *hope* for the good sense to use it appropriately.

## News Items:

- Prairie Catholic is collecting “Box Tops” again this year. Students at both schools can return the tops to either office. These tops are an easy way for Prairie Catholic to receive “free” money from the products you are already consuming. Please think of use before you recycle that box of cereal or granola bars. St. Gabriel’s students are leading the St. John’s students in the return race. Come on middle school students, are you going to let a group of small elementary students have bragging rights? Reminder to use only Box Tops on the turn in sheets.
- **Your child’s report card is in this envelope!** You can also access your child’s grades online through Skyward. If you forgot your username or password please contact your school.
- The Student Council will be sponsoring a food/personal supplies drive in both buildings. Each class will participate by bringing in non-perishable food items or personal supplies including toothbrushes, shampoo and toiletries. The drive will run from November 8<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. The class that collects the most items will win a very nICE, CREAMy surprise. All items will be donated to the Operation Santa Claus effort.
- Parent Teacher conferences are **next week** – Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. \*\*Your time notification is in this brown envelope.\*\* Contact the school if yours is missing.
- Keep your eye open for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students selling Advent Calendars. Students sell calendars during the month of November after weekend masses. Get yours from your favorite 5<sup>th</sup> grade student before Thanksgiving because quantities are limited. You may want to buy two!
- The Scholastic Book fair will be at St. John’s starting Monday! The book fair will run from November 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be open all day on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for parent/teacher conferences and the other days during school hours. Books make great gifts. Stop in and support your school library.
- Student Council will sponsor a “Penny-war” at the middle school. I would encourage anyone who may be in St. John’s building to “help” any class by donating a quarter, dime or nickel.

- The weather is starting to dip colder and the leaves are turning. It is a perfect time for our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students to sell Frontier Soup. 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are selling for the first two weeks of November so get them while they're available. Sundays are perfect for church, football and soup.
- NO SCHOOL – October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

*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 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> – Penny-war at St. John's for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Gabe's Fall Festival
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – NET Retreat – Registration begins at 9:45 am
- November 8<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> – Food drive at St. Gabe's and St. John's
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8am-8pm
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys & girls BB vs. Cassville St. Charles 5:30/6:30PM
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys bb vs. Cassville st. Charles 5:30pm
- November 18<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys BB vs. River Ridge 5:00/6:00pm
- November 17<sup>th</sup> – Student Vaccinations – St. John's 2:00pm, St. Gabe's 3:00pm
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls BB vs. river ridge 5/6pm
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade boys bb @ Cassville 5/6PM
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm Dismissal
- November 25<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL
- November 26<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL
- November 29<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB @ Bloomington St. Mary's 5/6pm
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade boys BB @ bluff view 5:30/6:30pm

### **Fundraisers**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Frontier Soup – November 1-12
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Advent Calendars – November 1-30

