



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 18, 2010

## Messages from the Principal:

It is that time of year again when we need to be mindful of inclement weather and its effect on our school schedule. Please tune into WQPC at 94.3 FM if you think there might be a chance of a late start, early dismissal or closure. Also, we use the same buses as public, if public changes their schedule, we will follow. The schools will try to inform the public as soon as we have made a decision. I understand that we are dealing with the welfare of children but we also don't want to unnecessarily disrupt classroom time for flurries. Please understand that sometimes the decision is made at the last possible moment.

Athletic events can be harder to cancel due to weather because another school is involved. What if another school closes and we have school? What if another school has an early out and we stay? I've decided that we will continue the policy of no school, no basketball games. Also, we will cancel games if there is an early out. Late starts are harder to judge...we will evaluate those on an individual basis.

Safe travels to your family during this busy Holiday Season.

## News Items:

- The Student Council will be sponsoring a food/personal supplies drive. Each class will participate by bringing in non-perishable food items including canned goods and pastas or personal supplies including toothbrushes, shampoo and toiletries. The drive started on November 8<sup>th</sup> and will conclude on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The class that collects the most items will win a surprise. All items will be donated to the Operation Santa Claus effort.
- The November testing window is closing. I would like to thank all of our students for their best effort. The students also have done a great job of moving through the school in a quiet manner to accommodate the other children who may still be testing. You could hear a pin drop in St John's on Monday. That is if my shoes weren't so loud!
- Parent/Teacher conferences were last Thursday. If you missed your time or had additional questions please contact the offices. We had a great turn out and I enjoyed meeting some of our parents for the first time.
- Please help our 5<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.
- HOME & SCHOOL – Next meeting will be at 6:30 **tonight** at St. Gabriel's. Please consider getting involved in Home and School. See insert.

- The flu clinic which was previously scheduled for yesterday has been moved to Friday (tomorrow) due to a scheduling conflict. The times have not changed. If you have any questions, please call either school office. Only those students whose forms were returned will receive the flu vaccine.
- Enclosed in this week's brown envelope – Sweepstake Calendars. Each family will receive 6 calendars to buy or sell. Please do your best to support our school through this sale. If you buy/sell 5 calendars, you get the 6<sup>th</sup> one free! Additional calendars are available at either school office.

*Prayer: Generous God, we thank you for the many gifts you have given us. Free us from all fear, selfishness, and pride that would keep us from using these gifts for the well-being of others. Amen.*

## **Mark Your Calendars**

NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> – HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING @ 6:30 St. Gabriel's  
 November 18<sup>th</sup> – 7B & 8B vs. River Ridge, 5:00 & 6:00  
 November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5B & 7B vs. Waukon Home @ 5:30 & 6:30  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7G & 8G vs. River Ridge, 5:00 & 6:00  
 November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5B & 7B @ Cassville, 5:00 & 6:00  
 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> – 7G @ Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:00  
 November 30<sup>th</sup> – 7B & 8B @ Bluffview, 5:30 & 6:30  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7G & 8G @ Boscobel, 4:30 & 5:30  
 December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5B & 6B vs. MFL/Mar-Mac @ 5:30 & 6:30  
 December 4<sup>th</sup> – ABC Craft Fair - St. John's School – 9:00  
 December 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Tournament at Wauzeka  
 December 6<sup>th</sup> – 5B & 6B vs. River Ridge, 5:30 & 6:30  
 December 6<sup>th</sup> – 7G & 8G @ Lansing, 4:00 & 5:00  
 December 7<sup>th</sup> – 7G & 8B @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00 & 5:00  
 December 7<sup>th</sup> – 6B & 8B vs. Cassville, 5:00 & 6:00  
 December 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades  
 December 9<sup>th</sup> – 6B vs. Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:30  
 December 15<sup>th</sup> – Possible Make-Up date for Christmas Program

## **Fundraisers**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Advent Calendars – November 1-30

