



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 16, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

Since we will not send an envelope next week, I want to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. So much has happened this year and I have so much to be thankful for. My family has seen a lot of change this year and we have been very blessed that so many were for the positive. We are still looking forward to moving to the community because we miss small town living. May 2011 grant you and your family health and prosperity!

News Items:

- Today I spent time locked up for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I would like to thank everyone who donated to this great cause in my name. However, I found a problem with this event: I was only locked up for one hour. That's a short vacation!
- Mrs. Weber has asked that all the choir members singing at the Christmas Eve Children's Mass should arrive at St. Gabriel's Church at 4:30pm. Please meet in the choir loft.
- Mid Quarter Reports are in the Brown Envelope for students in Grades 5-8. Please contact your child's teacher if you have concerns about grades or other factors that may be influencing your child's performance at school.
- Please remember "GoodSearch" on our Prairie Catholic website for all of your online holiday gift searches. GoodSearch.com is a search-engine that donates money back to Prairie Catholic every time someone searches or purchases goods online. That's right, you don't even have to buy products for our school to benefit. Your searches get us paid.
- The 8th grade class of 2011 has decided to give back to the school by offering "Snack-n-Go." This food stand offers students a chance to purchase snacks after school. "Snack-n-Go" will be located outside Mrs. Igou's room after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all items cost 50¢.
- Scrip may be the best option when you buy for that hard-to-shop-for person on your list. Your gift will never be returned. It easily fits into cards. Our offices could be one stop holiday shopping and it helps our school community. Please see the enclosed order form.
- I would like to preemptively congratulate Mrs. Wachuta's second grade classroom. They will participate in their First Reconciliation on Friday, December 17th. Sacraments are very important to our church and school community and these students have been working very hard!
- Prairie Catholic students will be offered Reconciliation before Christmas break. St. John's students participated today, December 16th and St. Gabriel's students will participate on December 21st.
- The Prairie Catholic Geography Bee was held yesterday. I would like to congratulate Nick Rogge as our 2010 Geography Bee Champion. Nick was joined by Spencer Pedretti in the finals. Other participating students include: Will Yager, Evan Teynor, Zach Neisius, Levi Orr, Dylan Boisvert, Mara Gerhards, Mike Steiner and Ryan Schickert.

- Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner. We have a full week of events planned. The week starts with a children's Mass on Sunday, January 30th. 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 more information to come!
- BoxTops for Education – winners for the month of October were: 1st place – Gabriel Munson-Fishler (PreK) who brought in \$7.80 worth of box tops and 2nd place – Lindsey Nicholson (4th grade) who brought in \$4.00 worth of box tops. November winners were: 1st place – Kailee Quick (Kindergarten) who brought in \$5.00 worth of box tops and 2nd place – Ellie Mara (3rd grade) who brought in \$3.00 worth of box tops.

Prayer: God, our Creator, how wonderfully you use your infinite power to make this world beautiful, renewing its beauty each day. How wonderfully you use your power to forgive sinners, to heal the sick, and to restore justice. Help us to trust in your saving power. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

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 – 6B @ Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:30
 December 20th – 7B & 8B @ River Ridge, 4:30 & 5:30
 December 22nd – Christmas Break Begins – No School
 January 3rd – Classes Resume
 January 4th – 8B vs. Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:30
 January 6th – 8G & 7G @ River Ridge, 4:30 & 5:30
 January 6th – 8B & 7B @ Bluff View, 5:30 & 6:30
 January 11th – 5B & 6B vs. Boscobel, 5:30 & 6:30
 January 13th – 7B & 8B @ Boscobel, 5:30 & 6:30
 January 15th & 16th – 7G & 8G – Prairie Catholic Tournament

Fundraisers

6th Grade Soup Supper with Raffle – January 12
 Sweepstake Calendars – November 18 – February 3 – *Last year the sale raised \$11,000.00 for the benefit of our school. More calendars are available at either school office.*



May the true spirit of Christmas bring your peace and happiness!