



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 9, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

This is a special time of year. I think it brings out the little kids in all of us. I just want to remind you to consider the “reason for the season.” It may be easy to forget with all of the holiday commercialism inundating our lives. Take time to reflect on the miracle we should be celebrating. I know it can be hard to take a relaxing break during this time as we speed from one family gathering to the next. Do yourself a favor and slow down to enjoy those people you get to celebrate with.

News Items:

- Please help me raise money for the MDA (Jerry’s Kids) by donating at either school or online through my webpage: <https://www.joinmda.org/prairieduchienlockup2010/wmarlow> . I will be “incarcerated” for an hour on December 16th at a local restaurant. Sounds like a vacation to me!
- The Christmas Program was held last night. I would like to thank Mrs. Weber for all the work she put into the performance. It takes a tremendous amount of coordinating to involve students from grades Pre-K through fifth in one performance.
- B&C Photography recorded the performance and you can order your DVD through the Home and School Association. Please return the order form from this envelope by December 15th. The DVDs will be delivered in January. Payment must be included with the order form.
- I would like to thank all of those individuals who donated to the Prairie Catholic food-drive that was sponsored by the Student Council. As a community we donated 1,000 items! I would like to congratulate the second grade and fifth grade for being our high classes.
- 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.
- I would like to remind students and parents that students should attend school the day after an athletic contest. “I’m tired” is not an excused absence. If your child is tired during the week, they can forgo basketball games and wrestling meets. Please remember they are referred to as student-athletes not the other way around.
- 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.
- I would like to thank Mrs. Igou for her work with the Prairie Catholic Math Counts Team. We have twenty-four students involved this year. Last week I mentioned a team of young ladies got second place in the team competition. I would also like to congratulate the two gentlemen who represented Prairie Catholic in the finals: Dylan Boisvert and Jacob Mara.

- Many parents have asked me for a Prairie Catholic Christmas Wish-List. I have also been asked, “What do the teachers need this year?” I have discussed the needs of the school with the teachers and have put together a list of “like to haves.” Look for the list in this week’s brown envelope.
- A reminder to all parents and students regarding cell phones - Cell phones are allowed at the **Middle School only** under the following conditions:
 - They are to be turned off during the school day.
 - They are to be kept in the student's locker during the school day.
 - Texting during the school day is prohibited.

A violation of any condition will result in a detention being issued and the cell phone being confiscated. Parents will then need to pick up the cell phone from the school office. A subsequent violation will result in another detention being issued and the cell phone confiscated until the end of the school year

Prayer: Gracious God, too often we think that getting our own way will make us happy and we are disappointed when it doesn't. You long to bless us in so many ways. Open our hearts and minds to receive your many blessings. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Mark Your Calendars

December 9th – 6B @ Wauzeka Tournament, 5:00 vs. Boscobel & with a win, 7:00
 December 9th – 5B vs. Bloomington St. Mary’s, 5:30
 December 10th – 7B @ Wauzeka Tournament, 5:00 vs. Boscobel & 7:00 vs. Bluff View
 December 11th – 6B @ Altoona/Chippewa Falls Tournament
 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, 6:30, St. Gabriel’s
 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



Fundraisers

5th Grade Advent Calendars – Extended!
 Sweepstake Calendars – November 18 – February 3
 Bail Mr. Marlow out of MDA Jail – November 24 – December 16

Prairie Catholic’s Math Counts Team

Evan Boisvert, Samuel Peterson, Jonathan Dyer, John Manganiello, Jacob Mara, Chas Sagedahl, Ethan Swiggum, Adam Groom, John Luster, Levi Orr, Nicholas Weber, Dylan Boisvert, Logan Dickman, Laura DuCharme, Ryan Garrity, Mara Gerhards, Matthew Halverson, Jamie Kozelka, Brooke Moret, Courtney Pattison, Morgan Pedretti, Jacob Schneider, Hunter Slaght and Michael Steiner.