



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 10, 2011

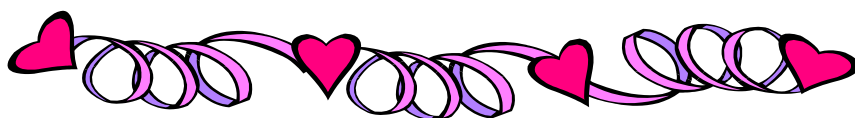
Messages from the Principal:

I really enjoyed Family Night last evening. I thought we had a great turnout for a bitterly cold night that was a reschedule due to weather. I didn't know what to expect but I could see the students were having fun as they moved around the school showing off their hard work. I believe the pride our students have for their school is apparent.

I have a few people to thank for last night's activities. I would like to start by thanking the St. John's Men's Club for the meal. That was a ton of work and I greatly appreciated their time. I would also like to thank Janet Nelson and Molly Kirschbaum for all of their work at the book fair these last two weeks. I would like to thank Phil Stiemke for arranging the students from the high school. Thank you to all of the high school students that took time from their schedules to sing at our event. The last thank you goes out to the teachers of Prairie Catholic. Their hard work was evident when you looked around the hall last night.

News Items:

- Prairie Catholic would like to thank Alice Heinzen for her presentation at St. John's on February 7th. Mrs. Heinzen is an energetic speaker with a fantastic method for parents to use while speaking with youth about human development. Mrs. Heinzen's message is rooted in Catholic beliefs that arm parents with knowledge that can bridge an educational gap.
- The Catholic Schools Week Ski Trip to Mt. La Crosse was a huge success. Students enjoyed themselves on the mountain and we have many fantastic photos. I have already been contacted by parents that want to organize another trip to La Crosse. See the flier in this week's envelope.
- Prairie Catholic recognized their Honor and High Honor Roll students at a Mass on Tuesday at St. John's. The administration is happy to report that more students were recognized for their work the second quarter than the first.
- "Thank you!" to all of the volunteers, parents and staff members that assisted with Catholic Schools Week-Month! Our school community is very lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers that we can count on every day.
- Please look for the flier in this week's white envelope regarding children's envelopes. Families must indicate that they would like envelopes.
- Mr. Marlow is looking for parents that would like to form a Dress Code Committee. The group will meet two to three times this spring as we modify the current Prairie Catholic dress code. This is a great opportunity to have your voice heard!
- The Home and School Association would like to invite all of the Prairie Catholic families to the St. Valentine's Day Dance at St. Gabriel's cafeteria from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. This year, they will have pizza available for purchase.



- Just a reminder to all students at St. John's, part of your reading assignment is to read every night. The school has added Accelerated Reader and the STAR reading test to help students choose appropriate books. Read, read, read!
- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate the Math Counts teams on their impressive showing on Wednesday. A Prairie Catholic team of Dylan Boisvert, Laura DuCharme, Jamie Kozelka and Brooke Moret finished in second place. Also, the competition's individual champion was Prairie Catholic's own Dylan Boisvert.
- Bishop John Paul Scholarship Endowment Trust applications are being accepted by the Diocese of La Crosse. The deadline for 2011-2012 application review is March 1, 2011. It is the intent of the Bishop John Paul Scholarship Endowment Trust to fund those tuition requests which cannot be met through the individual school or assisted by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Application forms will be emailed to families. The application form will also be located on our website. A hard copy may be requested from either school office and will be sent home in the weekly envelope.

Prayer: *God our Father, rid us of all our resentment. Help us to believe that you love us, and to trust that with your grace we can do well in life. Protect us from sin and give us holy and loving thoughts. Amen.*

Mark Your Calendars

February 12th – Valentine's Day Dance, St. Gabriel's, 6:00-9:00pm

February 12th & 13th – 7G & 8G @ Wauzeka Tournament

February 18th – No School

February 23rd – 8th grade Washington DC fundraiser, Spaghetti Supper – St. Gabriel's 5:00pm ****Postponed****
Due to scheduling conflicts, the 8th grade spaghetti supper will be postponed to a future date.

February 24th – Mandatory 8th grade Washington DC Meeting – Packing-Up with Dave, 7:00pm

March 1st – Title One Reading Night – Dr. Seuss Night – St. Gabriel's, 6:30-7:30pm

March 8th – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's School

March 14th – Forensics at Bluffview

March 14th – Kindergarten Screening, No Pre-K More to come

March 16th – K-2 Play in La Crosse, Bus 9:30am

March 18th – No School

Important Dates for this Spring

April 2nd – Confirmation Retreat – St. John's – Will start mid-morning and conclude with 4:00pm Mass

April 6th – Confirmation – St. John's Church – 6:00pm

April 9th – First Communion Retreat – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am through Lunch

May 8th – First Communion – St. Gabriel's – 1:00pm

Fundraisers

March 8th – 7th grade Washington DC fundraiser, Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's

