



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 17, 2011

## Messages from the Principal:

The fifth virtue from the program “Understanding and Living the Virtues” is Justice. “Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the ‘virtue of religion.’ Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and the common good.” (CCC 1808)

This definition reminds me of civility. Treat one another with respect. My largest “pet peeve” is when someone tries to take an unfair advantage of a situation. If your student is in my office because they didn’t return homework, they will tell you that I pleasantly encouraged them to strive for better grades. If your student is in my office because they cheated another student out of an experience or goods and they will tell you a completely different story. Civility in our society has diminished and it is up to those who care to restore it.

## News Items:

- Beginning March 1, 2011 the school can no longer provide over the counter medication at school. If a student may need any OTC medications throughout the school year, such as: Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, antacid, triple antibiotic ointment, cough medicine, etc.; it needs to be provided by a parent. These medications must be in the properly labeled container with the students’ name on it. A medication permission form must be on file. Please reference the recent email or our website for details. As always; any prescription medication that is to be administered by school personnel, we must have proper forms filled out by parent and physician and medication in properly labeled container. If this is not provided; medication will not be administered at school.
- A special “Thank You” goes out to the members of the Home and School Committee who organized and sponsored the Valentine’s Day Dance. The event was well attended. A “Thank You” should also go out to all of the volunteers who assisted the Home and School Committee.
- No School – Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. This day is the La Crosse Teachers Convention.
- St. Gabriel’s students easily beat the 10,000 minute reading challenge over Catholic Schools Week. The students totaled 11,075 minutes of reading in class. Great job St. Gabe’s! This means I will dress as the “Ultimate Badgers Fan” one day next week. I will make sure to visit every class. There may even be a picture on the website.
- Mr. Marlow is looking for parents who 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!
- Just a reminder to families: the weather has turned warmer the last couple of days and looks to stay warm next week. Please keep in mind that “warmer” in this instance means 40 degrees. Make sure your children are dressed appropriately for outdoor recess and before school passing time. This is not tee shirt weather yet!

- In a related note, we are starting to see students wearing new spring clothes that may not be appropriate. Sorry young ladies but I'm talking to you. Please refer to your family and student handbook for questions.
- Parents please encourage your students to check the lost and found at their school because we are gathering quite the collection. Some of the items are very nice and deserve to go home.
- St. Gabriel's will host a Dr. Seuss Night on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. This is a collaborative event hosted by Title One. There will be students reading Dr. Seuss books in classrooms throughout the building and the evening will conclude with cake and milk in the hall. Everyone is welcome!
- Prairie Catholic has scheduled Kindergarten Screening for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that on that day we will not have Pre-K classes. More information to come.

Prayer: *Loving God, you give us family and friends to console us in sad times, help us through difficult times, and rejoice with us in good times. Help us to know who our true friends are, and to be a faithful friend to others. Amen.*

## Mark Your Calendars

February 18<sup>th</sup> – No School

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mid Quarter – progress reports going home on March 3rd

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Mandatory 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC Meeting – Packing-Up with Dave - St. John's, 7:00pm

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

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – In school Forensics – Grades 6-8

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Grand Parents Day – St. Gabriel's School

March 8<sup>th</sup> – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's School

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Forensics at Bluffview Cafetorium, 6:30pm

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Screening, No Pre-K, More to come

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

March 18<sup>th</sup> – No School

March 25<sup>th</sup> – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

## Important Dates for this Spring

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

**April 6<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation – St. John's Church – 6:00pm**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – First Communion Retreat – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am through Lunch**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> – First Communion – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am**

## Fundraisers

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

