



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 24, 2011

Messages from the Principal:

Spring is such an exciting time of the year. Of course the weather turns and we see patches of grass next to the sidewalks that we have shoveled. One thing to remember is how much stuff we need to accomplish and all the preparation needed before we can start. The church and school calendars are no different. We have Reading Night, Mardi Gras and Grandparents Day, field trips, First Communion, Confirmation, trip to Washington DC and Graduation...and Lent starts in two weeks!

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 read the attachments 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.
- Mark your calendars! St. Gabriel's will host a Dr. Seuss Night on March 1st 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!
- Parents please encourage your students to check the lost and found at their school because it can be very embarrassing if your last name is on a sweatshirt in the lost and found box. Some of the items are very nice and deserve to go home.
- Prairie Catholic has scheduled Kindergarten Screening for Monday, March 14th. Please remember that on that day we will not have Pre-K classes. More information to come.
- Last week we sold \$4790 worth of Scrip. We would like to ask that you please support our local Scrip businesses that have made a pledge to Prairie Catholic.
- Our yearly submission of box tops for education has to be in by March 1st. We will retrieve boxes at both schools on Monday, February 28th to collect all the final labels. Although we turn in only once a year, please continue saving throughout the rest of this year as the class that collects the most will win the year-end ice cream party in May.
- Thank you to everyone who helped to make the St. Gabriel's Book Fair a BIG success! A very special thank you to Molly Kirschbaum for taking the leadership role. Also, a special thank you to the library volunteers including Linda Ginkel, who put a lot of extra effort into making this a success.

Prayer: *God of Peace, we come to you with many worries. We worry when people we love are ill or fighting. We worry that people won't like us, or when we have a test in school. Help us not to worry, but to trust that you are with us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Mark Your Calendars

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

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

March 2nd – Forensics at St. John's, 1:00pm

March 8th – Grand Parents Day – St. Gabriel's School

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

March 14th – Forensics at Bluffview Cafetorium, 6:30pm

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

March 20th – St. Patrick's Dinner at St. Gabriel's

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 – 10:00am

Fundraisers

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

