



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 3, 2011

Messages from the Principal:

People told me that Catholic Schools Week was a big deal and that things get crazy. I had no idea! The weather has played with our schedule but our faith in the valuable education Prairie Catholic provides can withstand a little snow.

Family Night has been moved to Wednesday, February 9th. We will keep the same times for all the events. The book fair is in the library starting at 4:00pm. The Men's Club will sponsor a supper from 4:30pm-6:00pm. The teachers will offer crafts for students from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Students will have work on display in the annex all night. The entertainment is harder to reschedule. We may have acoustic performances depending on schedules. Opera for the Young packs themselves a tight schedule. They can perform in Prairie du Chien at the beginning of May. More information regarding the musical troupe to come!

I would also like to remind parents that Alice Heinzen from the Diocese of La Crosse will be in Prairie du Chien on February 7th. Mrs. Heinzen travels throughout Wisconsin to present workshops regarding family life. Prairie Catholic will host a seminar in St. John's school cafeteria starting at 6:00pm. Her focus will center on teaching parents to be the primary educators of their children in matters of human development. Prairie Catholic has no true sexuality curriculum for students. This presentation developed by the Office of Marriage and Family Life addresses human development with a foundation of authentic Catholic teaching. This presentation is directed toward parents of adolescent students but we will welcome any parents who can attend.

After shoveling for four hours yesterday, my hands are too tired to type anymore. **GO PACK!**

Prairie Catholic Sweepstakes Calendars are on Sale!

First drawing will be held on February 6th.

Please make every effort to sell your calendars.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

News Items:

- **Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest Results:** Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Knowledge Contest hosted at St. John's. First place finishers have the opportunity to compete at the Diocesan level.

5th Grade Spelling

1. Caleb Jones
2. Nick Rogge

5th Grade Math

1. Evan Boisvert
2. Will Yager

6th Grade Spelling

1. Mariah Slaght

7th Grade Spelling

1. Adam Groom
2. Sean McGrath

7th Grade Math

1. Levi Orr

8th Grade Spelling

1. Dylan Boisvert
2. Laura DuCharme

8th Grade Math

1. Brooke Moret
2. Jamie Kozelka

- The Prairie Catholic Ski Trip to Mt. La Crosse is tomorrow February 4th. We have asked that no cell phones or cameras are taken on the trip. Our students can be un-connected for a day! If your student is not attending the trip they will report to St. Gabriel's at the beginning of the day. If you have any questions please call Mr. Marlow at either school.
- Honor Roll Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 8th at St. John's 8:15am daily Mass. We will recognize students who attained Honor Roll and High Honors. All are welcome to attend.
- The book fair will be open during the Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, February 6th.
- "Thank you!" to all of the volunteers, parents and staff members that assisted with Catholic Schools Week. Our students showed how proud they were to be parts of our community. Even the Great Blizzard of 2011 was no match for our school pride!
- 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.

Prayer: Lord God, we pray for those called to ministry. May they hear your voice and have the courage to answer your call. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

February 7th – Family Life Presenters, St. John's Cafeteria, 6:00-7:30
 February 8th – Honor Roll Mass, St. John's 8:15
 February 9th – Math Counts at Huckleberry's, 12:30
 February 9th – Family Night at St. Gabriel's, events start at 4:00
 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 24th – Mandatory 8th grade Washington DC Meeting – Packing-Up with Dave, 7:00pm

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

Sweepstakes Calendars – On sale now – First drawing February 6th.
 February 23rd – 8th grade Washington DC fundraiser, Spaghetti Supper – St. Gabriel's 5:00pm

