



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 3, 2011

## Messages from the Principal:

I looked at the calendar today and was truly surprised. Maybe I was even a little scared. We only have three months left in the school year! Three months is not a very long time considering we have Confirmation, Graduation, a Washington DC trip and First Communion. Before we know it our Memorial Day plans will be set and our students will be looking for ways to spend their free time over the summer. This is a busy time for our school and community. I would like to take the time and thank all the teachers and staff at St. Gabriel's and St. John's for their continued flexibility through the spring.

## 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.
- Mardi Gras is next Tuesday. We will also be celebrating Grandparents Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Family members are welcome to eat with their students at 11:00am. We will have a prayer service at 12:15pm for all the students at St. Gabriel's. The Mardi Gras games will begin at 1:00pm. **All students will be dismissed from St. Gabriel's School at 3:15pm.** Hope to see you there!
- The St. John's Student Council will be sponsoring a "penny conflict" to benefit the Second Freedom Flight scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. The conflict will run from Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. All money raised will be donated to this great cause. Remember pennies as well as nickels, dimes and quarters count toward your classes' total.
- The Seventh and Eighth graders will be taking a trip to Madison on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The students will visit historical Wisconsin sites. The other students at St. John's will have a normal day of classes.
- The Seventh and Eighth grades will be taking their ACT Explore tests on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The students will be taking the test during school. Please help your children by making sure they get a good night of sleep and have something for breakfast. Included in your envelope is a flyer with information.
- Third Quarter Progress Reports are going home in today's envelope. Please remember to sign the bottom of the form and return it with the envelope by Monday.
- 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.
- Pre-Kindergarten Registration Packets can be picked up at St. Gabriel's during school hours from March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Last week we sold \$6130 worth of National Scrip and \$976 worth of local Scrip. We would like to thank everyone who supported our Scrip program this week. Especially those who supported our local partnerships.
- Mission Boxes are going home today. The money collected from these boxes will be sent to the Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. You may remember that Fr. Bob Flock is their pastor. Fr. Bob is Mrs. Wachuta's brother and he visited St. Gabriel's school earlier this year.
- Prairie Catholic will again be participating in the Stations of the Cross at both St. Gabriel's and St. John's churches. The students will be participating at St. Gabe's following Mass on Friday mornings during Lent. The students will be participating at St. John's on Fridays during Lent at 3:05. The St. John's students will be dismissing from church on these Fridays.
- Note for Eighth graders and their parents: There is a letter in this weekly envelope that needs to be given to your Confirmation Sponsor by Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. An individual who wants to be considered for Confirmation will take on this responsibility but parents please help the students remember.

*Prayer: Holy God, when we have done something wrong we want to hide; but we cannot hide from you. Give us a desire for what is good and holy, the grace to do your will, and willingness to return to you whenever we have chosen the wrong path. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever.*

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Grand Parents Day–St. Gabriel's School, Lunch 11:00am, Prayer Service 12:15pm, Games 1:00pm
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Mardi Gras – St. Gabriel's School, hosted by Seventh Grade @ 1:00pm
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Masses: St. Gabriel's 8:15 am, St. John's 12:10 pm
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> – Seventh and Eighth Grades to Madison. Student check in 7:50am, bus leaves 8:00am
- March 18<sup>th</sup> – No School (The diocese should be commended for observing an unofficial holiday.)
- March 25<sup>th</sup> – End of Third Quarter (See, I told you it is going fast!)

## **Important Dates for this Spring**

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Confirmation Retreat – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am Registration 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
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC fundraiser, Breakfast at St. Gabriel's 7:00-11:00am

