



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 31, 2011

## Messages from the Principal:

A couple of weeks ago, I invited any parent that wanted to be involved in reviewing the Dress Code to contact me. At our first meeting, the parents discussed their views and I am happy to report that we will not just look to adjust the dress code but research a standard school uniform. Although these discussions are very preliminary, we feel that our school would benefit from a standard uniform. We will have another meeting in April to share what options individuals found. We would welcome anyone who would like to express their opinion to attend the meeting.

The changes in our dress code or implementation of a standard uniform would not happen until next school year. It is my hope to have a partnership established with a vendor to make the process easier and cheaper for parents. The date of our next meeting will be in an upcoming newsletter.

## News Items:

- The eighth grade students will have their Confirmation Retreat this Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the cafeteria at St. Gabriel's. The day will start at 10:00am and conclude after 4:00pm Mass at St. Gabe's. We will offer doughnuts in the morning and lunch at noon. Sponsors are encouraged to attend but a proxy may fill in for the retreat. Also, there will be practice for Confirmation on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Church.
- The First Communion Retreat will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria at St. Gabriel's. The day will start at 10:00am and conclude at 1:00pm. We will have lunch during the retreat.
- Exciting news! Prairie Catholic will host the WXOW Weather Academy from St. Gabriel's school cafeteria on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The meteorologists will host an open house for the general public from 4:30-6:30pm and they will broadcast their 5:00pm and 6:00pm weather updates live from St. Gabe's. More information to come on times and events for the kids.
- Parents, please remember that registration and fees for the school year 2011-2012 is due tomorrow, **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you for sending your children to Prairie Catholic.
- The Student Council will be offering a Bake Sale for the students of Prairie Catholic on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The sale will begin at St. John's on the 11<sup>th</sup> during end-of-day homeroom and after school. The bake sale will conclude on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabriel's after school. The proceeds will be added to the money collected from the "Penny Conflict" and donated to the Second Freedom Flight scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 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>.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are selling Butter Braids as a Washington DC fundraiser. You can pick yours up from your favorite 7<sup>th</sup> grader before April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Make time to join our Prairie Catholic students for the Stations of the Cross. The students will be participating at St. Gabe's following Mass on Friday mornings. The students will be participating at St.

John's on Fridays afternoons at 2:55. The St. John's students will be dismissing from church on these Fridays.

- Last week we sold \$5400 worth of National Scrip and \$380 worth of local Scrip. We would like to thank everyone who supported our Scrip program this week. Especially those who supported our local partnerships.
- \*\*\*The time for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation has be moved to **1:00pm** from the original time of 3:00pm.\*\*\*
- Our schedule will once again diverge from the public school schedule. Prairie Catholic will have April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> off around Easter. We will have school on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. **There will be no bus service the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Parents are responsible for getting students to and from school.**
- Report cards for Term 3 are in this envelope.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents have an extra handout in your envelope. We are sending a tuition statement balance and note.

Prayer: *Lord God, you come to us in love to show us the way to you. Help us to obey your commandments, to love and serve you and one another. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

## Mark Your Calendars

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Confirmation Retreat – St. Gabriel's Hall – 10:00am Registration and conclude with 4:00pm Mass
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Play in Platteville – Bus 10:15am – Return around 3:00pm
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Practice – St. John's Church – 6:00pm
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation – St. John's Church – 6:00pm
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – No School – Teacher Regionals, La Crosse
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – First Communion Retreat – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am through Lunch (1:00pm)
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Fundraiser – Fish Fry

## Important Dates for this Spring

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – No School
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – No School
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Washington DC Trip
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – Saint Scramble Golf Outing
- May 8<sup>th</sup> – First Communion – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Mass at 11:00am and Graduation Ceremony at 1:00pm
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Day of School
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School for Grades Pre-K – 7

