



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 21, 2011

Messages from the Principal:

Once again our Diocesan (ITBS) Iowa Test of Basic Skill, a national standardized test, scores are great!

	2nd grade	4th grade	6th grade	8th grade
Reading	86%	87%	87%	89%
Math	71%	80%	74%	90%
Science	89%	95%	89%	94%
Composite	83%	91%	86%	95%

This is a tribute to the excellent Catholic educational programs in our schools. I want to thank all of our hardworking and dedicated teachers and staff. Your commitment to Catholic education is appreciated.

News Items:

- Prairie Catholic hosted the WXOW Weather Academy from St. Gabriel's school cafeteria last Thursday night. The meteorologists hosted an open house for the general public and the team shot footage used during the 10pm news. You can also see pictures from the night on WXOW Weather Academy's webpage.
- Bob Obmascher a veteran from Prairie du Chien and participant on the last Freedom Flight and Carri Wood, a Kwik Trip employee spoke to the students at St. John's last Friday. Mr. Obmascher spoke to the students about the experience of traveling to Washington DC and seeing the WWII Memorial as veteran of the conflict. Mrs. Wood detailed all the work Kwik Trip is doing to raise money for these veterans. We would like to thank them for their time and sharing their stories.
- Parents are still encouraged to pick up Pre-Kindergarten Registration Packets at St. Gabriel's during school hours and return them as soon as possible.
- Last week we sold \$10,665 worth of National Scrip and \$476 worth of local Scrip. We would like to thank everyone who supported our Scrip program this week. Did you know that your purchase of Scrip helps us keep our tuition subsidies to a mini-mum? This is a great benefit to all of us, whether or not we have children in our schools. As a new promotion, beginning this week we will have a scrip give away bonus. Everyone interested may sign up at the Scrip tables, or by stopping at one of our parish or school offices. We will draw a name on Friday afternoon, and the winner will receive \$10.00 scrip of your choice. The winner must have purchased some Scrip that week. If the person drawn has not purchased Scrip in the last week, the money will roll over to the following week.
- Kwik Trip stores will now reimburse Prairie Catholic **10%** of total scrip sales! Let me say that again, **10%**! Please show your appreciation and purchase Kwik Trip scrip.
- First Communion is misstated in this week's church bulletin. It is still at **10:00am** on May 8th.
- Our schedule will once again diverge from the public school schedule. Prairie Catholic will have April 22nd and 25th off around Easter. We will have school on April 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th. **There will be no bus service the week of April 26th-29th. Parents are responsible for getting students to and from school.**

- On Thursday, April 28, 2011, the Knights of Columbus will be here for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The money collected for this project is used to help children with disabilities and Prairie Catholic Schools. If you could send a donation on this day for this very worthwhile cause, it would be most appreciated. Please reinforce the idea that this is an offering - your child is not buying the candy. Again, thank you for your support!
- Pre-Kindergarten will have its last day of school on May 26th. It will be a regular scheduled day with groups split into AM and PM.
- The Saint Scramble Golf Outing will be held on May 7th at the Prairie du Chien Country Club. Money raised will go towards technology improvements. Registration at 8:00am and Shotgun start at 9:00am. There will be door prizes, hole-in-one prizes and flag events.
- It looks like there will be no noon bus next year for our Pre-Kindergarten students. I would like to remind all families that we do offer a daycare onsite at St. Gabriel's.
- Summer School Registration forms were sent home a couple of weeks ago. Please review your child's academic progress and discuss the possibility with your teacher.
- We are looking for someone who would like to head the magazine sales fundraiser for St. Gabriel's next year. This is a great way to get your volunteer hours for next year done early. Kathy Schneider headed the group last year and she will still be available for questions when needed. If you are interested, let Mr. Marlow know.

Prayer: *Lord God, you allowed Peter, James and John to see a glimpse of Christ in glory. We too want to understand who Jesus is. Draw us into your holy light so that we may share in the divine life of Jesus. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Mark Your Calendars

April 21st – Prairie Catholic will celebrate Earth Day

April 22nd – No School

April 25th – No School

April 26th-29th – Prairie Catholic will have classes.

April 27th – 8th Grade Spring pictures, St. John's, 9:00am see forms in today's envelope

May 1st – 7th The 8th Grade leaves on Washington DC Trip

Important Dates for this Spring

May 1st – 7th – 8th Grade - Washington DC Trip

May 7th – Saint Scramble Golf Outing

May 8th – First Communion – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am

May 10th – Opera for the Young – St. Gabriel's – 2:00pm

May 12th – Water Safety Program for grades 2, 3 & 4 – St. Gabriel's – 1:30, 2:10pm

May 19th – Moving Planetarium – More info to come!

May 22nd – 8th Grade Graduation – Mass at 11:00am and Graduation Ceremony at 1:00pm

May 25th – 8th Grade Last Day of School

May 26th – Pre-K Last Day of School

May 27th – Last Day of School for Grades K – 7

