



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 28, 2011

Messages from the Principal:

I would like to apologize to the parents and community that may have had a hard time communicating with me in the near past. I have had two large electronic problems slow me down the last week. My computer at St. Gabriel's got a virus from a corrupt Word attachment. It took a week to get the machine working the way it was pre-virus. Also, I reached my storage capacity in my email program. Some of you may have received a message that read "mail box full." I take great pride in answering emails as soon as possible and keeping a clean in-box. I however file all emails in case I need them in the future. I will clean out all of these files over the summer but they have become very large in the meantime. Both problems have been resolved and I apologize for the inconvenience they may have caused. (Like having to listen to my voice over the phone!)

News Items:

- Wow, the year is going so fast! I would like to wish the 8th Grade students and chaperones a fun and safe trip to Washington DC. You have earned this trip so enjoy!
- Prairie Catholic is still looking for someone to volunteer as athletic director. If no one steps forward to fill the position, there may be changes to our athletic programs. Please inquire about the position with Mr. Marlow.
- 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 8:00 am and Shotgun start at 9:00 am. There will be door prizes, hole-in-one prizes and flag events.
- Last week we sold \$3,675 worth of National Scrip and \$510 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 minimum? This is a great benefit to all of us, whether or not we have children in our schools.
- As a new promotion, 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.
- The student council has brainstormed a fantastic reward for all of the hard work the middle school students have demonstrated this year: an inflatable obstacle course. Students at St. John's will use the equipment on Friday, May 13th. (Rain date of 5/16) Please sign and return parental permission form in this envelope. Also we would like to send a big "Thank you" to Mrs. Pattison for her work with the student council.
- The administration is still scheduling May Crowning. We typically wait until the 8th Graders return from Washington DC at St. John's and after First Communion at St. Gabriel's. Dates will be finalized and reported in an upcoming newsletter.

- Just a reminder, the end of the fourth quarter and second semester is May 27th.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Our students have a fantastic opportunity to view a moving planetarium at Bluffview on May 19th. This is a shared venture with other neighboring schools. Our classes have been broken into groups and will be bussed over to view age appropriate presentations.
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass has changed and is now at St. John's on May 22nd at 10:00am. The Graduation Ceremony will follow the Mass (approximately 11:30am).

Prayer: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Holy and Loving God, help us to ask for what we really need: your healing love in our lives. Strengthen us so we may walk in the ways of truth and goodness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- 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 13th – Inflatable Course at St. John's

Important Dates for this Spring

- May 19th – Moving Planetarium**
- May 22nd – 8th Grade Graduation – Mass at 10:00am and Graduation Ceremony to follow.**
- 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**

