



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 8, 2011

Messages from the Principal:

Prairie Catholic is very excited to announce that St. Gabriel's School will host WXOW Channel 19's Weather Academy on April 14th. The weather team will host an assembly for Prairie Catholic students from 2:00-3:00pm. The team will then host an "Open House" from 4:30-6:30pm that is open to the community. There will be table experiments for the kids provided by WXOW, Xcel Energy and other groups. The weather team will also broadcast their weather for their 5:00pm and 6:00pm newscasts live from our site. We will offer a concession stand with hot dogs, brats, chips, sodas and deserts so come hungry.

Remember to record Channel 19's 5:00pm and 6:00pm newscasts on April 14th because you never know who will be smiling back at you! We hope to see you there!

News Items:

- Prairie Catholic celebrated confirmation on Wednesday night in a ceremony at St. John's Church. Msgr. Gillis officiated as 42 individuals were confirmed, including all 21 of our eighth grade students.
- The First Communion Retreat will be held on April 9th 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.
- Home and School will have its next meeting on April 12th at St. Gabriel's School cafeteria at 5:15pm. One topic will be Dress Code and Student Uniforms. The public is welcome to attend.
- Parents, thank you for sending your children to Prairie Catholic. We appreciate your early registration. If you have not returned yours please do so as soon as possible as decisions regarding staffing are tied to student populations.
- The Student Council will be offering a Bake Sale for the students of Prairie Catholic on April 11th and 12th. The sale will begin at St. John's on the 11th during end-of-day homeroom and afterschool. The bake sale will conclude on Tuesday the 12th at St. Gabriel's before school. The St. Gabe's students will be able to eat their treats for morning snack. The proceeds will be added to the money collected from the "Penny Conflict" and donated to the Second Freedom Flight scheduled for May 14th.
- Representatives from the Freedom Flight will be at St. John's on April 15th to talk to students and receive the proceeds from the Student Council bake sale and penny conflict.
- Parents can still pick up Pre-Kindergarten Registration Packets at St. Gabriel's during school hours.
- 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.
- Prairie Catholic will recognize its Honor Roll and High Honor Roll on April 14th at the 8:15am weekday Mass at St. John's.

- Last week we sold \$8305 worth of National Scrip and \$265 worth of local Scrip. We would like to thank everyone who supported our Scrip program this week. Kwik Trip stores will now reimburse Prairie Catholic **10%** of total sales! Please show your appreciation and purchase Kwik Trip scrip.
- 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.**
- 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. As I told my wife, "I'm the principal, I **have** to attend." Just one more perk of my job!
- Summer School Registration forms are being sent home in this envelope. Please review your child's report cards and discuss the possibility with your teacher.
- 8th Grade Award Applications are now available. The students can pick them up in their homeroom.
- Young Author's Night will be held on April 14th from 6:30-7:30pm at Bluffview.

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, you teach us how to live; but we do not listen. We go our own way and do our own thing and then complain that we aren't happy. Help us to love you more, that we might live in peace and joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Mark Your Calendars

- April 9th – First Communion Retreat – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am through Lunch (1:00pm)
- April 11th – Student Council Bake Sale, St. John's, 3:00pm
- April 12th – Student Council Bake Sale, St. Gabe's, 8:00am
- April 12th – Home and School meeting, St. Gabe's, 5:15pm
- April 14th – WXOW Weather Academy, St. Gabe's, 4:30pm
- April 14th – Honor Roll Mass, St. John's, 8:15am
- April 15th – 7th Grade Washington DC Fundraiser – Fish Fry

Important Dates for this Spring

- April 22nd – No School
- April 25th – No School
- May 1st – 7th – 8th Grade - Washington DC Trip
- May 7th – Saint Scramble Golf Outing
- May 8th – First Communion – St. Gabriel's – 10:00am
- 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

