



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 12, 2011

## **Messages from the Principal:**

As I talk to the community members, two questions get asked with more regularity. What is happening with athletics and are we adopting a uniform? The uniform issue will be discussed in next week's newsletter. Athletics is my main focus today. I have been looking for a volunteer to take over as the Athletic Director. I have had some interest from individuals that would like to see an athletic committee. We could work on a committee but we need to have one final decision maker, of which I can correspond. We are still searching for that brave soul.

Even without an AD, I have some exciting news regarding athletics for next year. With the unfortunate loss of Hoffman Hall, Fund 80 will need to use different spaces for practice and games. Prairie du Chien Fund 80 is considering forming its own leagues for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. They would invite schools from the area to participate. The teams would practice during the week and have two games on six or seven consecutive Saturdays. These leagues could end with the Prairie Catholic Tournament.

With this possible change, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades would operate the same as they did this last year. This change would allow our students to practice and play games locally. We could still operate the Prairie Catholic Tournament and our students would continue to play basketball in an environment leading to more playing time. There would still be an extended season for those students interested.

I will join Fr. Weighner for his Town Hall Meetings on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss this matter with anyone interested.

## **News Items:**

- The Saint Scramble Golf Outing was last weekend at the Prairie du Chien Country Club. It was a beautiful day for golf and everyone involved reported enjoying themselves. We would like to thank the many volunteers that made the day possible including Duane and Misty Rogers, Sarah Knapp, Angie Tramburg and Scott Kennedy. Another special thank you to Hardee's for donating all the food for the event.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank Stacy Hendrix for volunteering to head the St. Gabriel's magazine fundraiser. Stacy is still looking for some help, so if you're interested contact Mr. Marlow at either of the schools.
- Fr. Weighner will host a series of Town Hall meetings to discuss issues facing the parish. The first will be held on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm in St. Gabriel's School cafeteria. The second will be held on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in St. Gabriel's School cafeteria. The third will be held on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in St. John's School cafeteria.
- Prairie Catholic would like to honor our many volunteers at a special Mass on May 18<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank all of those individuals that give their time so generously. Prairie Catholic is very fortunate to have such a dedicated group that we have grown to rely on.
- There will be a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Band meeting in the Bluff View Cafeteria on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. There will also be an instrument tryout at Bluff View on May 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-7:00pm.

- Two weeks ago we sold \$1,265 worth of local Scrip and \$6,975 of National Scrip. Last week we sold \$840 worth of local and \$8,640 of National Scrip. The Scrip program donated \$5000 to Prairie Catholic Schools!
- Last week's Scrip name drawn was Janet Lueck. If Janet purchased script, she will win \$10 worth of her favorite Scrip.
- Parents, have you returned your permission slips to allow your students to use the inflatable obstacle course? Students at St. John's will use the equipment on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. (Rain date of 5/16) Thank you student council!
- Pre-Kindergarten will have its last day of school on May 26<sup>th</sup>. It will be a regular scheduled day with groups split into AM and PM.
- Our students have a fantastic opportunity to view a moving planetarium at Bluff View on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a shared venture with other neighboring schools. Our classes have been broken into groups and will be bussed to public to view age appropriate presentations. We would like to thank the administration at Bluff View for including our school in this presentation.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass has changed and is now at St. John's on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am. The Graduation Ceremony will follow the Mass (11:30am).
- Prairie Catholic 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are encouraged to participate in a technology assessment at Bluff View on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-9:30am.
- Both schools also have an information sheet and registration form for a football camp hosted by Head Coach Jon Boyle. The camp is open to students entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. See enclosed flyer.

*Prayer: God our Father, you sent your Son Jesus into the world so that through him we might come to you. Give us a holy hunger for this lining bread. We ask this through the same Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever.*

## **Mark Your Calendars**

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Inflatable Course at St. John's  
 May 16<sup>th</sup> – Vaccinations for Grades 4, 6 and 8  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> – May Crowning at St. John's 8:15am Mass  
 May 19<sup>th</sup> – Moving Planetarium  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> – Pre-K Program  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> – Hard Work Counts at St. John's – 1:00pm Dismissal  
 May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Mass at 10:00am and Graduation Ceremony to follow.  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Day of School  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> – Pre-K Last Day of School  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School for Grades K – 7

## **Upcoming Field Trips**

May 13<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Villa in Prairie du Chien  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Genoa National Fish Hatchery and Lock and Dam #8  
 May 16<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten – Bank – 1:30pm  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Kindergarten – Osbourne Nature Center 8:20am-3:00pm  
 May 24<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Mining Museum Platteville  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade to Children's Museum in La Crosse  
 May 25<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to National River Museum Dubuque  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades to National River Museum Dubuque  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> – Last day of classes for Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade