



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 27, 2011

## Messages from the Principal:

I would like to thank all of our parents that choose to send your students to Prairie Catholic. We take pride in educating your children to the best of our abilities. We hope that you can appreciate the work we put into this high quality education.

Our Iowa Test of Basic Skills results were fantastic. All Grades tested (2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) had an average score above grade level expectations on Reading Total, Language Total, Math Total, Science, Social Studies, Sources of Information Total and Composite! We are one of very few schools that can make that statement. In many cases the grade equivalency score was more than a full grade beyond the testing class. With such high scores there are many areas where we take pride. Instead of listing all the individual areas, I will thank all our teachers for the hard work they have put in this year.

Our tested students also did very well on the Diocesan religious assessment. Again our classes had fantastic scores.

I would also like to take this time to thank a few people for making my first year a great experience. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for working with a young administrator. Thank you to Father Weighner for all the guidance throughout the year. And a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Ziel and Mrs. Mezera for putting up with me this year. Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall.

## News Items:

- St. John's church hosted Prairie Catholic's Graduation Mass and Ceremony last Sunday. The events were well attended and the students were very appreciative. We would like to congratulate the eighth grade students on their Graduation. Twenty-one students make up the next distinguished chapter of our long history in Prairie du Chien. Graduates, please remember those skills that will help you in the future.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank all of our volunteers that give so generously. The administration, teachers, staff and students appreciate your time and talents. We could not be Prairie Catholic without our volunteer support.
- Reminder that all outstanding tuition and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and 8<sup>th</sup> records will not be transferred to the High School until all fines and/or tuition is paid in full. Negative lunch balances, library fines, and book damage fines are to be paid in full by May 31<sup>st</sup>. If account is paid look for your student's report card on May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Summertime is a great time to relax with a good book! Mrs. Nelson is always looking for reading suggestions. If you have any suggestions over the summer you can email them to [sjlibrary@prairiecatholic.org](mailto:sjlibrary@prairiecatholic.org). Have a great summer and read, read, read!!!

*Prayer: God of all times and seasons, as this school year ends, we turn to you with hearts filled with grateful amazement at all you've helped us to learn and be. Every time one of us extended a helping hand to another, every time we forgave each other, every time we put our trust in you, your Son, Jesus Christ, was present among us. We have grown in our love for you and in our desire to walk in your ways. May we never forget all you have done for us. Amen.*

## Mark Your Calendars

August 10<sup>th</sup> – Registration 12:00-7:00pm, St. Gabriel's with pictures  
August 15<sup>th</sup> – Registration 8:00am-1:00pm, St. Gabriel's with pictures  
August 24<sup>th</sup> – TENTATIVE First Day of School

