



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter August 25, 2011

Messages from Principal:

I would like to welcome all of our families back for another great year. Parents, we are honored that you choose Prairie Catholic to educate your children. The staff has worked very hard over the summer to clean and polish our school buildings, our teachers have developed ideas that we will implement throughout the year and our students will get to know a new teacher. It is an exciting time for our Prairie Catholic community.

I stopped many students during registration and asked them about their summer. One young boy said he enjoyed swimming at the pool and fishing in the river. So I had to ask him, "What is the best part about summer coming to an end?"

He looked up at me with no expression on his face, no emotion in his voice and begrudgingly stated "School starting back up," because he thought that was what I wanted to hear.

I said "No school starting again is fun but the best part of summer break ending is the fact that the Iowa Hawkeye football team is undefeated and were going to win the Big Ten Championship." I guess old habits are hard to break!

- **Mass** – We are beginning our year off with an ALL SCHOOL MASS on Friday, September 2nd at the 8:15 service at St. Gabriel's Church. All St. John's students should be dropped off at St. Gabriel's by 8:05 a.m. The middle school students will be transported back to school after mass. **Reminder** – Our students attend Mass twice a week: students in grades 1st through 4th on Wednesdays and Fridays and students in grades 5th through 8th on Tuesdays and Thursday. **The dress code will be enforced.** Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass with their child's class anytime. Just a reminder, students may bring shorts to school in their book bag on Mass days. They may change into appropriate shorts after Mass.
- **Forms** – this is a reminder that all forms should be turned in to the school office by September 1st. Below is a list of all required forms.

Tuition payment plan
Compliance Form
Student Insurance
Verification of Parent Safe Environment Training

- Many of the Prairie Catholic teachers took a summer course on Bullying Prevention. This course provided many fine ideas that we are going to use throughout the year to stop teasing and build community. Bullying can be a problem at any school. We would like to educate our students so they are ready to combat the issue where ever or whenever they face it. A letter in this envelope details some of the material we will cover with your children.
- We are thankful to use the Skyward again this year for staff, students and parents. There are many positives from having all our information available to our students. Please remember that this is our second year using the system and we have worked out most of the "bugs" but there may be times when an issue may creep up. Your patience is appreciated.

- **School Schedule** – Friday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be regular (full) days without bus service. Thursday, September 1st will be the first day with bus service. Thank you for your efforts transporting your students.
- Please read your **Handbooks** carefully – there are changes to the Dress Code.
- We will have the **Magazine Sale Kick-off** Friday, August 26th in St. Gabriel’s cafeteria at 9:00am. The first turn in day will be Wednesday, August 31st. This is a valuable fundraiser for the school. Good Luck to all Elementary Students.
- **Bussing For In Town Students** – REMINDER to all any student using the in town bus service. You must have filled out this information when doing your students on-line registration. If you did not do so, please contact the office immediately. This would also include any 5th grade student riding the bus to and from St. Gabriel’s Daycare.
- Book Sox must be ordered from the office no later than **Friday, September 2nd**.
- Prairie Catholic’s Pre School will begin on Wednesday, August 31, 2011. *****This is a change!***** We are sorry if it causes any conflicts but Mrs. Steiner is lonely without any students.

Mark Your Calendars

August 26th – Magazine Kick Off

August 31st – First day for Pre-K

August 31st – First magazine turn in day

September 1st – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Band Parent Meeting 5:30 pm – St. John’s Cafeteria

September 1st – First day for bus service

September 2nd – All School Mass– St. Gabriel’s – 8:15 am – All St. John’s Students report directly to St. Gabe’s

September 2nd – Tiller Award presented at All School Mass

September 5th – Labor Day NO SCHOOL

September 7th – Second magazine turn in day

September 16th – Cannons and Redcoats at the fort – Grades 4, 5 and 8

September 16th – Third magazine turn in day

September 21st – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL

September 23rd – Patrons Day – more information to come

September 28th – Mid Quarter

Welcome Back!





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 1, 2011

Messages from Principal:

Congratulations to the 27 students that had the opportunity to “flush” me on Wednesday afternoon. The students were allowed the opportunity after they sold six magazines during our St. Gabriel’s fundraiser. The water turned out to be very cold because 25 students hit the target! Mrs. Pattison must be doing fine work teaching the students to throw. The afternoon was fun for all who participated... and the students who got to watch... and the teachers who all made themselves available to watch... and some of the parents that came to school to pick up their kids early, so they could watch.

I would also like to remind parents to be patient with our students as they are getting back into their routines. They may need extra sleep, a snack when they get home or even a quiet, peaceful place to work on homework. Together we can make the school year as productive as possible.

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- **The Tiller Award** will be presented at the All School Mass on Friday, September 2nd. The award is in the form of a scholarship presented to an eighth grader who had the highest GPA in seventh grade.
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- **School Schedule** – Reminder that Prairie Catholic will follow the public school delay/early out/cancellation schedules on days when both are in school. Also, Prairie Catholic will be closed on Monday, September 5th, for Labor Day.
- Please read your **Handbooks** carefully – there are changes to the Dress Code including the following amendment: Where it states “no mesh shorts” it should state “no athletic shorts.” This would include “shiny material” athletic shorts.
- St. Gabriel’s had an exciting kickoff to the **Magazine Sale** on Friday. The students got to see the prizes they could earn and they learned some news regarding a dunk tank and Mr. Marlow. (Judging by the student’s response, next year we will sell tickets to parents for the chance to dunk Mr. Marlow.) The second turn in day will be Wednesday, September 7th. This is a valuable fundraiser for the school. Good Luck to all Elementary Students.
- **Bussing For In Town Students** – REMINDER to all any student using the in town bus service. You must have filled out this information when doing your students on-line registration. If you did not do so, please contact the office immediately. This would also include any 5th grade student riding the bus to and from St. Gabriel’s Daycare.
- There will **not** be a band meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, September 1st.

Prayer: God and Father, give us eager hearts, ready to share the Good News of Jesus and to follow wherever you lead us. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mark Your Calendars

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September 28th – Mid-Term





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 8, 2011

Messages from Principal:

On Friday I would like to do something different from the norm. As we approach the tenth anniversary of 9/11, I would like to invite all of our students to wear red, white and blue. I believe it is important to remember those who died that day but it is also important to celebrate the American Spirit. In a very unique way, this event united our country and the patriotism displayed by will be a source of pride for this generation.

- Congratulations to **Makayla Gerhards**, this year's Tiller Award recipient. Makayla received the award due to her hard work as a seventh grader. We would like to also thank the Tiller family, the namesake for this scholarship.
- Prairie Catholic is looking for a talented individual to work in the lunch program. This person will be working as an assistant cook for a year then will be elevated to head cook next year. Our head cook, Elaine Morris, wants to groom her successor for a year and then stay on one more year as an assistant. This will be a fantastic opportunity for someone who loves working with children, is very organized and can follow state mandated laws. Of course, the person will love to cook, believe in Christian values and enjoy a clean work space. The schedule is flexible for the first year as we have people on staff who can work part time. If you are interested please contact Fr. Weighner or Mr. Marlow.
- The final turn in day for the St. Gabriel's magazine fundraiser will be on Friday, September 16th. Good luck to our students as they make this final push. There is an interesting photo making the rounds of Mr. Marlow getting "flushed" under a water tank. Congratulations to the 27 students who qualified for the event by selling magazine subscriptions. A sincere thank you to the 2 students who didn't "flush" Mr. Marlow during the event!
- Student council nominations, campaign speeches, officer elections and representative elections are underway. Please remind your students that participating in student council is a great way to have your voice heard.
- We are excited to announce that St. Gabriel's school will be involved in the Farm to School program this year. Farm to School is designed to introduce students to the wide variety of natural produce available. The program not only educates students on varieties of produce but nutritional benefits and significance of local harvests.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank Pete's Hamburger Stand for the kind donation to ensure the Farm to School program in our building.
- There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Wednesday, September 21st. The teachers and administration will be in La Crosse for a diocesan conference.
- Patron's Day will be held on Friday, September 23rd. You will receive more information regarding the day in a future envelope.

- The fourth, fifth and eighth grades will be attending Cannons at the Fort on Friday, September 16th. The students will report to St. John's school first and will walk to the Fort at the appropriate time. This is a change for the fourth grade as they are usually dropped off at St. Gabriel's.
- Prairie Catholic will gladly accept used ink cartridges; milk caps from Swiss Valley, Kemps and Milk Moola; Box Tops for Education; Campbell's soup labels and now Sunny D labels (16oz or larger).
- Representatives from the Boy Scouts will be visiting the elementary students on Monday, September 12th. Scouting is a fantastic way for kids to learn valuable lessons.
- Brown Envelope Reminder - Each week many forms are sent home in the brown envelopes which are needed so that students can take part in many different activities. Unlike in the past years without these signed consent forms it will be impossible for your son or daughter to participate with his class or school. Please remember at the Middle School students have two days to return their envelope, if not returned they will receive a detention.

Prayer: Holy God, help us to learn from Mary's example how to love you with all our hearts. Give us faith to see that you are with us every day. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- September 12th – Boy Scouts to visit St. Gabriel's
- September 16th – Cannons at the Fort – Grades 4, 5 and 8
- September 16th – Final magazine turn in day
- September 21st – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL
- September 23rd – Patrons Day – more information to come
- September 28th – Mid Term





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 15, 2011

Messages from Principal:

I would like to invite all of our parents to participate in the US Cellular program Calling All Communities. This program gives a large amount of money to schools in many communities. These communities are not any larger than Prairie du Chien! You will need to visit your local US Cellular to pick up a voter card with code. Then you can vote once a day at the website: <https://www.cacuscellular.com/>. There are many prizes beyond the grand prize so please register early and vote often.

- Patron's Day is just around the corner. Here is an abbreviated schedule of events:
All students will be dropped off at St. Gabriel's school. We will celebrate an All School Mass from 8:20-9:05am. The students will listen to speakers covering different topics from 9:15-11:25am. The students will then eat lunch and we will begin the walk to Villa Louis grounds. Then the students will play games at the Villa from 12:45-2:00pm. After the students walk back to the school they will end the day playing Bingo from 2:15-3:00. All students will be dismissed from St. Gabriel's School at 3:20. If there is rain, we will not walk to the Villa but have a movie at the school. Students should dress for activity, mesh shorts are allowed.
- Prairie Catholic is looking for a talented individual to work in the lunch program. This person will be working as an assistant cook for a year then will be elevated to head cook next year. Our head cook, Elaine Moris, wants to groom her successor for a year and then stay on one more year as an assistant. This will be a fantastic opportunity for someone who loves working with children, is very organized and can follow state mandated laws. Of course, the person will love to cook, believe in Christian values and enjoy a clean work space. The schedule is flexible for the first year as we have people on staff who can work part time. If you are interested please contact Fr. Weighner or Mr. Marlow.
- The final turn in day for the St. Gabriel's magazine fundraiser will be on tomorrow, September 16th. This is an important fundraiser for our schools and we deeply appreciate your work helping our students sell subscriptions.
- This is a reminder to fourth grade parents to drop their children off at St. John's on Friday, September 16th. The students will join the fifth and eighth grade students who will attend Cannons at the Fort. The students will also be picked up at St. John's after school.
- The hot lunch program will accept any extra produce from private gardens. The staff will clean, cut and prepare the vegetables and fruits for the students.
- There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Wednesday, September 21st. The teachers and administration will be in La Crosse for a diocesan conference.
- Picture Retake Day will be on Wednesday, October 5th. The photographers will be at St. Gabriel's at 9:30 and will go to St. John's afterward.

- The 8th grade is again selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your dearest 8th grader when purchasing sweets.
- Keep an eye on the bulletin boards at the entrances of both churches this weekend. You never know when your student will be making an appearance!
- Prairie Catholic will gladly accept used ink cartridges; milk caps from Swiss Valley, Kemps and Milk Moola; Box Tops for Education; Campbell's soup labels and now Sunny D labels (16oz or larger).
- Reminder all book order forms need to be turned into Mrs. Atkins by Tuesday, September 20th.

Prayer: God our Father, our love for each other begins in your love for us. Bless us with good friendships. Help us to feel each other's sorrows, and to love one another as you love us. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

September 21st – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL
 September 23rd – Patrons Day
 September 28th – Mid Term
 October 5th – Picture Retake Day
 October 13th – Health Screening @ St. Gabriel's
 October 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-7pm
 October 27th – NO SCHOOL
 October 28th – NO SCHOOL

Fundraising Events

Friday, September 16th – St. Gabriel's students – Magazine Sales – FINAL TURN IN
 September 13th – 8th Grade – Candy bar Sales





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 22, 2011

Messages from Principal:

This is the time of year when the calendar starts to fill up quickly. I always reference no less than three calendars before we schedule events. Even then there can be conflicts!

I understand your personal calendars fill up also with family commitments, school events and sporting contests. Sometimes it may seem that all you do as parents is taxi your children from commitment to commitment, and sometimes to another commitment. Even that commuting time you spend with your child is important. This may be the only time you have to connect today. Turn down the radio, have the child put down the game or phone and ask "What did you do in school today?" Maybe they will talk about school, maybe they will talk about friends at school but either way you will be talking together.

- The students have voted and we would like to announce the members of the 2011-2012 Student Council:
President – Makayla Gerhards
Vice President – Paige Rickleff
Secretary – Emily Steger

Class Representatives:

8th Grade:

Emily Trautsch
Anna Zeeh

7th Grade

Jonathan Dyer
Chas Sagedahl
Evan Teynor

6th Grade

Evan Boisvert
Sam Peterson

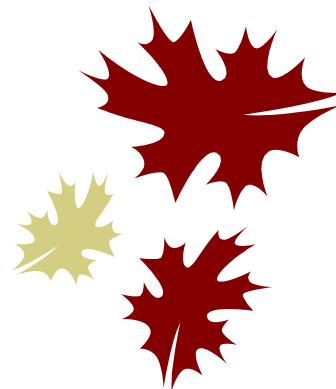
- **Patron's Day is tomorrow!** Here is an abbreviated schedule of events:
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- Prairie Catholic is looking for a talented individual to work in the lunch program. This person will be working as an assistant cook for a year then will be elevated to head cook next year. Our head cook, Elaine Moris, wants to groom her successor for a year and then stay on one more year as an assistant. This will be a fantastic opportunity for someone who loves working with children, is very organized and can follow state mandated laws. Of course, the person will love to cook, believe in Christian values and enjoy a clean work space. The schedule is flexible for the first year as we have people on staff who can work part time. If you are interested please contact Fr. Weighner or Mr. Marlow.
- This is a reminder to parents: if you are altering your child's field trip plans (picking them up early or having them ride home with a third party) you must have this approved by the office prior to leaving for the trip. Due to liability issues, we cannot make snap judgments on the fly regarding student safety. Cell phone confirmation does not satisfy legal requirements. Please plan ahead.

- We would like to thank all of the St. Gabriel's students for their work selling magazine subscriptions. This fundraiser helps our school provide necessities for our classrooms. Your work is greatly appreciated.
- The hot lunch program will accept any extra produce from private gardens. The staff will clean, cut and prepare the vegetables and fruits for the students.
- The Washington DC Trip informational meeting has been scheduled for September 28th. Each 8th Grade family is required to send the student and at least one parent. Please see enclose sheet.
- Prairie Catholic is looking for parents to help with the Halloween Party at St. Gabriel's school. This is a great way to fulfill some of your volunteer hours. Interested parents should contact St. Gabriel's office for more information.
- Picture Retake Day will be on Wednesday, October 5th. The photographers will be at St. Gabriel's at 9:30 and will go to St. John's afterward.
- The 8th grade is selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your favorite 8th grader when purchasing sweets.
- Prairie Catholic will gladly accept used ink cartridges; milk caps from Swiss Valley, Kemps and Milk Moola; Box Tops for Education; Campbell's soup labels and now Sunny D labels (16oz or larger).

Prayer: Almighty and all-powerful God, you have the power of life. Your power gave birth to creation. It heals the sick, gives sight to the blind, and restores to life those who have died. Help us to trust in your power. Give us courage when we are afraid, strength when we are weak, and hope when we are discouraged. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

September 23rd – Patrons Day
 September 28th – Mid Quarter
 September 28th – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip Informational Meeting 7:00pm – St. Gabriel's
 October 5th – Picture Retake Day
 October 12th – Smokehouse for 4th Grade
 October 13th – Health Screening 8:30am – St. Gabriel's
 October 13th – Fire Prevention Program – St. Gabriel's
 October 19th – Farm to School at St. Gabriel's
 October 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-7pm – NO SCHOOL
 October 27th – NO SCHOOL
 October 28th – NO SCHOOL
 October 28th – 7th Grade Road Rally



Fundraising Events

September 13th – 8th Grade – Candy bars Sales
 September 28th – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip Informational Meeting 7:00pm – St. Gabriel's
 October 7th – 5th Grade – Chicken Q
 October 26th – 8th Grade Pasta Supper



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 29, 2011

Messages from Principal:

I would like to thank all of the junior high students that helped at our Patron's Day celebration. Our older students helped our younger students throughout the day. The junior high students sat with elementary students at Mass. They also cheered for the students when playing games at Villa Louis. They even helped the young students while playing Bingo. It meant a lot to the younger students and in return meant a lot to me.

- The Prairie Catholic community would like to thank Mrs. Michele Pattison for all of her work organizing the Patron's Day Celebration. There are many moving parts that need to be addressed weeks in advance and Mrs. Pattison works very hard to ensure the day is memorable for the students. We would also like to thank all of the guest speakers that visited our school to work with our students.
- Prairie Catholic is looking for a talented individual to work in the lunch program. This person will be working as an assistant cook for a year then will be elevated to head cook next year. Our head cook, Elaine Moris, wants to groom her successor for a year and then stay on one more year as an assistant. This will be a fantastic opportunity for someone who loves working with children, is very organized and can follow state mandated laws. Of course, the person will love to cook, believe in Christian values and enjoy a clean work space. The schedule is flexible for the first year as we have people on staff who can work part time. If you are interested please contact Fr. Weighner or Mr. Marlow.
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- Brown Envelope Reminder - Each week many forms are sent home in the brown envelopes which are needed so that students can take part in many different activities. Unlike in past years, without these signed consent forms it will be impossible for your son or daughter to participate with his class or school. ***Please remember at the Middle School students have two days to return their envelope. If not returned they will receive a detention. This means if the envelope goes home on Thursday it must be signed and returned by Monday.***
- We would like to thank all of the St. Gabriel's students for their work selling magazine subscriptions. This fundraiser procured over \$15,000.00 for our schools. THANK YOU!!!
- Fire Prevention Week is October 9th through the 15th. Grade 4 will have the Smoke House at 10:00am on the 12th. Also, all St. Gabriel's students will view a presentation by the Prairie du Chien Fire Department on Thursday, October 13th in the cafeteria at 1:30pm.
- The Halloween Party Committee at St. Gabriel's is still looking for individuals to help organize the celebration on October 25th. Anyone interested in fulfilling some volunteer hours while providing an experience for the kids should contact the school office.

- Picture Retake Day will be on Wednesday, October 5th. The photographers will be at St. Gabriel's at 9:30 and will go to St. John's afterward. If you do want retakes, you will need to bring in your photo packet from the first time. Also, if you did not have your picture taken during registration you will be having them done at this time.
- Prairie Catholic will again allow students to get the flu vaccination at both schools on October 18th. The nurses will be at St. John's at 12:30pm and will travel to St. Gabriel's afterward.
- The 8th grade is selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your favorite 8th grader when purchasing sweets.
- Prairie Catholic Parent Carrie Nolan did an interview with "Dairy Star" Newspaper for Farm Safety Week. Her interview centered on ATV safety. The web link to the article is:
<http://dairystar.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=6552&TM=59991.72>
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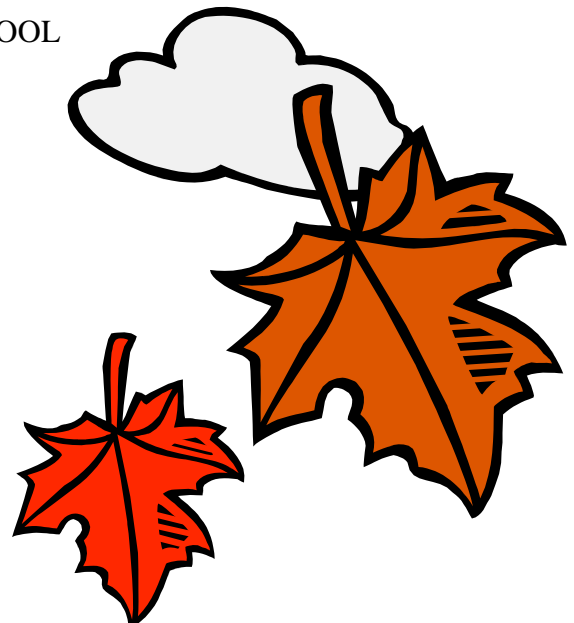
Prayer: Holy God, help us to listen to you as we study the words of scripture, to see you in the beauty of nature, art and music. Send us people to guide us and help us understand what you are trying to say to us in our thoughts and in our dreams. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Mark Your Calendars

October 5th – Picture Retake Day
 October 8th – Burgers & Fries Supper – St. John's Church Hall
 October 9th-15th – Fire Prevention Week
 October 12th – Smokehouse for 4th Grade
 October 13th – Health Screening 8:30am – St. Gabriel's
 October 13th – Fire Prevention Program – St. Gabriel's
 October 18th – Flu Vaccinations – 12:30pm St. John's, St. Gabriel's to follow
 October 19th – Farm to School at St. Gabriel's
 October 25th – Halloween Parties at St. Gabriel's and St. John's
 October 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-7pm – NO SCHOOL
 October 27th – NO SCHOOL
 October 28th – NO SCHOOL
 October 28th – 7th Grade Road Rally

Fundraising Events

Ongoing – 8th Grade – Candy bars Sales
 October 7th – 5th Grade – Chicken Q
 October 26th – 8th Grade Pasta Supper





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 6, 2011

Messages from Principal:

What a fantastic football game. It got a little lopsided at the end but all-in-all it was fun to watch one team impose their will on another. Of course it is a lot simpler to breathe easy when your team scores over 45 points. I will admit the Packers romp of the Carolina Panthers was entertaining and exhilarating.

Oh, Mrs. Mezera told me that Wisconsin also played this weekend. I wish I would have known that, I would have watched them. I thought since Iowa was off, everyone took the week off. I guess Wisconsin won so, congratulations on beating some sorry Big 10 newbie.

- At the end of this month our calendar diverts from the public school calendar. Prairie Catholic will host Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 26th from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. Parents will receive a conference schedule in the future. There will be No School on October 26th, 27th and 28th. Also, we will have school on November 4th. We apologize for any disruptions this may cause.
- There will be a basketball coaches meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 5:00 pm at St. John's school.
- This is a reminder to parents: if you are altering your child's field trip plans (picking them up early or having them ride home with a third party) you must have this approved by the office prior to leaving for the trip. Due to liability issues, we cannot make snap judgments on the fly regarding student safety. Cell phone confirmation does not satisfy legal requirements. Please plan ahead.
- Progress Reports are included in this brown envelope for middle school students. The grades are as of September 28th. The bottom needs to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the office.
- There will not be Mass at St. John's on Tuesday, October 11th or at St. Gabriel's on Wednesday, October 12th.
- All St. Gabriel's students will view a presentation by the Prairie du Chien Fire Department on Thursday, October 13th in the cafeteria at 1:30 pm. This presentation is in coordination with Fire Prevention Week, October 9th through the 15th.
- Prairie Catholic has scheduled health screenings for both St. John's and St. Gabriel's. St. Gabriel students will complete theirs on Thursday, October 13th at 8:30 am. St. John's students will complete theirs on Thursday, October 20th after Mass.
- Student council will be sponsoring a "Break the Rules" day on Friday, October 14th. If a student donates one dollar towards the student council's cause, they will be allowed to wear mesh shorts or sweatpants to school.
- Prairie Catholic will again allow students to get the flu vaccination at both schools on October 18th. The nurses will be at St. John's at 12:30 pm and will travel to St. Gabriel's afterward. Participation is voluntary.

- The 7th grade will be selling Culvers Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$5 with a total benefit of \$40. Find your favorite 7th grade student to purchase.
- Even though the students will be in class on October 31st, Halloween parties will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 25th at both schools. Parents please do not send costumes or candy on the 31st.
- The 8th grade is selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your favorite 8th grader when purchasing sweets.
- Parents, this is a friendly reminder that this is the time when you should check Skyward to monitor your student's progress. They have had enough time to work so their grades are a closer representation of their performance. If your student's grades are high then congratulate them. If they are low, remind them that they still have time to improve and help them plan their strategy.
- The 5th grade is hosting a Chicken Q on Friday, October 7th. Hopefully you already have your tickets but if you missed, there will be a limited number of drive-up dinners available from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the intersection of Hwy 27 and Hwy 35. (Rickleff's parking lot.)

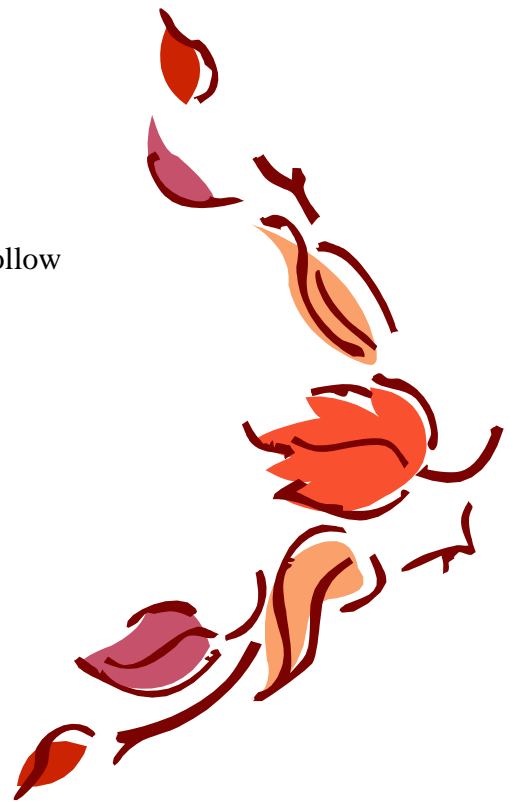
Prayer: Heavenly Father, send the Holy Spirit into our hearts to guide us, comfort us, and strengthen us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. Amen

Mark Your Calendars

October 6th – Basketball Coaches Meeting – 5:00 pm St. John's school
 October 9th – 15th – Fire Prevention Week
 October 11th – No Mass for St. John's students
 October 12th – No Mass for St. Gabriel's students
 October 12th – Smokehouse for 4th Grade
 October 13th – Health Screening 8:30 am – St. Gabriel's
 October 13th – Fire Prevention Program – St. Gabriel's
 October 14th – Student Council Break the Rules Day
 October 18th – Flu Vaccinations – 12:30 pm St. John's, St. Gabriel's to follow
 October 19th – Farm to School at St. Gabriel's
 October 20th – Health Screening St. John's 9:30 am
 October 21st – 7th Grade Road Rally *Date Change*
 October 25th – Halloween Parties at St. Gabriel's and St. John's
 October 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 am-7 pm – NO SCHOOL
 October 27th – NO SCHOOL
 October 28th – NO SCHOOL
 October 31st – Happy Halloween

Fundraising Events

Ongoing – 8th Grade – Candy bars Sales
 October 7th – 5th Grade – Chicken Q
 October 26th – 8th Grade Pasta Supper
 October 10th – 7th Grade – Culvers Calendars





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 13, 2011

Messages from Principal:

The next virtue from the series “Understanding the Virtues” is Respect. “Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end.” (CCC 2258) Having respect toward another person means that we show them honor and esteem because they are a creation of God.

We are familiar with the concept of respecting our elders, parents, teachers, and bosses, even ourselves. One area that we may forget to apply respect is in the occasion where we are searching for truth. The divine truth is to be respected.

In a completely unrelated note, I believe it is time for another Fantastic Friday! The Badgers are 5-0 and ranked #4 in the country. The Brewers are in the National League Championship Series. The Packers are 5-0 and believed to be a favorite to win the Super Bowl. It pains me to say the words but it's a good time to be a Wisconsin sports fan. Students feel free to wear all of your favorite Wisconsin sports shirts and sweatshirts on Friday.

- At the end of this month our calendar diverts from the public school calendar. Prairie Catholic will host Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 26th from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. Enclosed in this week's brown envelope you have received your scheduled parent-teacher conference times. If you have not received one for your family, please contact either school office. There will be No School on October 26th, 27th and 28th. Also, **we will have school on November 4th**. We apologize for any disruptions this may cause.
- As our calendar diverges from the public school calendar, there is an opportunity for our Prairie Catholic Daycare to operate on October 26th, 27th and 28th. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Jung at the daycare. There will be a minimum number of students that we need so please inquire by Friday, October 21st.
- Student council will be hosting a break the rules day on Friday, October 14th. Students that pay the fine can wear mesh shorts and sweatpants. Students will be given a detention if they wear athletic clothing but do not participate in the fundraiser.
- The participating students will receive flu shots on Tuesday, October 18th. The nurses will start at St. John's at 12:30 pm and move to St. Gabriel's afterward. Participation is voluntary and permission slip must have been received.
- We would like to thank the Prairie du Chien Fire Department for spending the afternoon with us today. This presentation is in coordination with Fire Prevention Week, October 9th through the 15th.
- St. John's students will have health screenings on Thursday, October 20th after Mass.

- The 7th grade will be selling Culvers Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$5 with a total benefit of \$40. Find your favorite 7th grade student to purchase.
- Even though the students will be in class on October 31st, Halloween parties will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 25th at both schools. With the shortened schedule the week of October 24th, the parties will be a nice conclusion to a short week. Parents please do not send costumes or candy on the 31st.
- The 8th grade is selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your favorite 8th grader when purchasing sweets.
- Parents, this is a friendly reminder that this is the time when you should check Skyward to monitor your student's progress. They have had enough time to work so their grades are a closer representation of their performance. If your student's grades are high then congratulate them. If they are low, remind them that they still have time to improve and help them plan their strategy.

God our Father, through the sacrifice of your son, you give us the generous gift of your love and forgiveness. Help us to treasure it and to treat each other with the same love and forgiveness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 14th – Student Council Break the Rules Day
- October 18th – Flu Vaccinations – 12:30 pm St. John's, St. Gabriel's to follow
- October 19th – Farm to School at St. Gabriel's
- October 20th – Health Screening St. John's 9:30 am
- October 21st – 7th Grade Road Rally *Date Change*
- October 24th – 3rd Grade Field Trip to Osborne Nature Center
- October 25th – Halloween Parties at St. Gabriel's and St. John's
- October 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 am – 7 pm – NO SCHOOL
- October 27th – NO SCHOOL
- October 28th – NO SCHOOL
- October 31st – Happy Halloween
- November 1st – All School Mass, St. Gabriel's 8:30am
- November 4th – End of First Quarter

Fundraising Events

- Ongoing – 8th Grade – Candy bars Sales
- October 10th – 7th Grade – Culvers Calendars
- October 26th – 8th Grade – Pasta Supper





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 20, 2011

Messages from Principal:

Next week our Prairie Catholic calendar diverts from the public school calendar. We will host Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday October 26th from 8:00am until 7:00pm. There will be NO SCHOOL on October 26th, 27th and 28th. Next month, we WILL have school on November 4th.

Parent/Teacher Conferences and Calendar points of interest:

- You have already received your time for conferences. If there is an issue please contact the appropriate school for possible adjustments.
- Parents please log onto Skyward to check your student's grades prior to conferences. This year conferences are scheduled before the end of the quarter. We are not sending report cards home beforehand.
- We will however, print a one page summary of your student's grades that will be available at your conference. The St. Gabriel's teachers will have the reports in their rooms for their parents. St. John's parents will pick up your child's report at your first scheduled conference. ***I want to remind everyone that these grade reports are the current grades as of October 25th. Your student's actual grades may change between then and November 4th.
- There is an opportunity for our Prairie Catholic Daycare to operate on October 26th, 27th and 28th. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Jung at the daycare. There are a minimum number of students that we need. Please inquire by Friday, October 21st so we can contact participating individuals.
- Parents, I would like to hear from you regarding our calendar. Specifically, I would like to know how difficult it is for you when we divert from the public school calendar. Please take the time to drop me a line at wmarlow@prairiecatholic.org
- The 8th Grade will be sponsoring a Pasta Supper at St. Gabriel's school on the 26th from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. This is their last Washington DC fundraiser.

Prairie Catholic General Points of Interest:

- Even though the students will be in class on October 31st, Halloween parties will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 25th at both schools. With the shortened schedule the week of October 24th, the parties will be a nice conclusion to a short week. That afternoon, the Student Council will host a dance in St. John's church basement for the middle school. The elementary students will enjoy a party in the cafeteria at 12:45 pm. I would like to send out a special "Thank You" to all the parents who will be hosting the party at St. Gabriel's. Parents please do not send costumes or candy on the 31st for it will be a normal day for our students.
- This is just a reminder to families that now the weather is starting to turn colder, so please ensure your students are dressed for the elements. Students at both schools spend time outdoors before classes start, at lunch and afterschool. Students at St. Gabriel's also have recess during the day that they spend outside. Please remember the coldest time of the day when dressing your child. Also, shorts (other than gym) are not allowed again until April 15th.

- Prairie Catholic would like to thank the Bishop's Education Endowment Trust for the grant money to purchase a new laser printer at St. John's school. The trust also has granted money for projects at St. Gabriel's.
- The 7th graders are selling Culvers Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$5 with a total benefit of \$40. Find your favorite 7th grade student to purchase.
- The Title One reading night will be held on November 8th at BA Kennedy from 6:30-7:30pm.
- To all basketball players, in today's brown envelope you will find the Athletic Eligibility Policy Form. This form need to be signed and returned to the office by Monday, October 25th. Reminder to get your physicals. St. John's office must have a copy of the physical or alternate card before your student will be allowed to practice for the upcoming basketball season. **If you played a fall sport, we need a copy of that card here at our school.**
- As in the past, the 5th graders are selling Advent Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$3.50 and when they are gone, they are gone. Get yours early!

Prayer: Lord God, lover of life, sometimes we choose to do things we know are wrong. We tell lies, we make fun of people, we ignore our parents, and we feel ashamed. Forgive us and give us the courage to do what is right so that we can be happy and free. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

October 21st – 7th Grade Road Rally *Date Change*
 October 24th – 3rd Grade Field Trip to Osborne Nature Center
 October 25th – Halloween Parties at St. Gabriel's and St. John's
 October 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 am – 7 pm – NO SCHOOL
 October 27th – NO SCHOOL
 October 28th – NO SCHOOL
 October 31st – Happy Halloween
 October 31st – November 18th ITBS testing window
 November 1st – All School Mass, St. Gabriel's 8:30am
 November 3rd – Education Commission Meeting 7:00pm St. John's Church Basement
 November 4th – End of First Quarter
 November 6th – St. Gabriel's Fall Fest
 November 8th – Title One Reading Night, BA Kennedy 6:30-7:30pm
 November 10th – Report Cards go home

Fundraising Events

October 10th – 7th Grade – Culvers Calendars
 October 26th – 8th Grade – Pasta Supper
 October 26th – 5th Grade – Advent Calendars





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 25, 2011

Messages from Principal:

I would like to take this time to personally thank the individuals who hosted the Halloween parties for our students today. At St. Gabriel's a group of parent volunteers including Mrs. Kirschbaum, Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Koresh provided entertainment for our students. The younger students danced and played games lead by the volunteers. At St. John's, the student council led by Mrs. Pattison, provided entertainment and snacks for our older students. I would like to thank all of our hosts for the time they put into making these experiences fantastic memories our students will remember for a lifetime.

- Parents please check Skyward before you attend Parent/Teacher conferences. We will have some information available but you will want to inspect your student's individual grades before meeting.
- Even before the conferences start, I would like to thank all of the staff for the work they put into Parent/Teacher conferences. It is a very long day for everyone involved. (And everyone is involved!)
- I would also like to thank all of the parents for their time during Parent/Teacher conferences. Communication between the school/teachers and our families are very important and there is still a need for face-to-face contact. Even with all of the technology that we use in our modern world sometimes there can be parts of the message lost through the delivery.
- The 8th grade students will be hosting a Pasta Supper on Wednesday, October 26th from 4:30pm-7:30pm. With everything happening on the 26th picking up supper could be easier than making it when you get home.
- The Iowa Test of Basic Skills testing window is about to start. Students in second through eighth grade complete tests before Thanksgiving. St. John's students will test on November 8th in the morning, November 9th in the afternoon and November 10th in the morning. Students at St. Gabriel's will test in the mornings and will take as much time as they need to complete the tests starting November 1st. Please help your student by ensuring they are prepared with enough sleep and a good breakfast. Also, please schedule any student appointments around the testing periods.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank the Prairie du Chien Fire Department and Wal-Mart for awarding two bicycles to our students in conjunction with Fire Safety Week. Kindergartener Max Schneider and Second grader Nicole Rickleff were randomly chosen from a group of students that finished and returned a fire safety quiz. Congratulations Max and Nicole!
- Prairie Catholic School Athletic Committee will be hosting a pancake supper on Wednesday, November 16th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. All money raised helps offset cost of the use of the local facilities used. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may contact a member of any basketball team or either school office.
- There will be an informative meeting for parents of basketball players on November 3rd from 6:00-7:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Parents of all basketball players are required to attend.

- The Prairie Catholic School Christmas concert has been scheduled for December 7th. Also a weather make-up date of December 14th has also been established. Mrs. Weber has already held try outs with a special guest judge. No not Simon, but rather Mr. Marlow.
- Parents please remember that even though we have school on October 31st, we have already celebrated Halloween on October 25th. Do not send candy or a costume to school on the 31st.
- The 7th graders are selling Culvers Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$5 with a total benefit of \$40. Find your favorite 7th grade student to purchase.
- The Title One reading night will be held on November 8th at BA Kennedy from 6:30-7:30pm.
- To all basketball players, you need a copy of your physical form and a signed Athletic Code of Conduct Contract into the office at St. John's before the season starts. **If you played a fall sport, we need a copy of that card here at our school.**
- As in the past, the 5th graders are selling Advent Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$3.50 and when they are gone, they are gone. So get yours early!
- Parish Directory Photos will be moved from the north annex to the first floor, southwest classroom in St. Gabriel's school from November 1st through November 5th. You may want to park in the back of the school and go up the steps.

Prayer: God our Father, sometimes we have only a little faith. Bless our faith and help it grow. Sometimes we are selfish and we don't have much love to share. Bless the little seeds of love in us and help them grow. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00am – 7:00pm – NO SCHOOL
- October 27th – NO SCHOOL
- October 28th – NO SCHOOL
- October 31st – Happy Halloween
- October 31st – November 18th ITBS testing window
- November 1st – All School Mass, St. Gabriel's, 8:30am
- November 3rd – Education Commission Meeting, St. John's Church Basement, 7:00pm
- November 3rd – Basketball Parents Meeting, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 6:00pm
- November 4th – End of First Quarter
- November 6th – St. Gabriel's Fall Fest
- November 7th – Open Forum discussing public school schedule, High school, 7:00pm
- November 8th – Title One Reading Night, BA Kennedy, 6:30-7:30pm
- November 8th – November 10th – ITBS testing at St. John's School
- November 10th – Report Cards go home
- November 16th – Athletic Supper, St. Gabriel's school cafeteria, 4:30-7:00pm



Fundraising Events

- October 10th – 7th Grade – Culvers Calendars
- October 26th – 8th Grade – Pasta Supper
- October 26th – 5th Grade – Advent Calendars





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 3, 2011

Messages from Principal:

It won't help to try to fight it so we have to accept the fact that it is holiday season. As we are bombarded by all the commercialism of the season, please remember to take time to enjoy the true gifts of your friends and family. Celebrate good health and the other gifts that don't fit under the tree. Please go visit a family member who doesn't get out much or stay a little later at a holiday gathering.

- There will be **NO bus service** tomorrow Friday, November 4th. We are sorry for the work it may cause finding alternative transportation.
- All of the staff would like to thank Char Steger and the Home and School Association for the lunch they provided last Wednesday. It was nice for the teachers to not have to worry about food during the day!
- I would also like to thank all of the parents for their time during Parent/Teacher conferences. I understand taking time from your day can be hard. On a related note, thank you for understanding that after a day filled with discussion with parents, our teachers needed a couple of days off. Also, I would like to encourage you to continue dialog with staff and administration throughout the year. We are not done teaching and we need your perspective.
- The Prairie Catholic Student Council will sponsor a food drive with all of the donations benefiting Operation Santa Clause. There will be a prize for two classes (one at each school) for the highest ratio of donated items.
- ITBS Testing has started at Prairie Catholic. Students in second through eighth grade will complete the tests before Thanksgiving. St. John's students will test on November 8th in the morning, November 9th in the afternoon and November 10th in the morning. Students at St. Gabriel's will test in the mornings and will take as much time as they need to complete the tests starting November 1st. Please help your student by ensuring they are prepared with enough sleep and a good breakfast. Also, please schedule any student appointments around the testing periods.
- Prairie Catholic is again collecting Box Tops for Education. Mrs. Rhonda Stubbe is coordinating for a third year. Last year with Mrs. Stubbe's support, Prairie Catholic raised more money than in any previous year. Our goals have adjusted to meet our new standards and we hope to raise \$4000 this year. Last year's money was used for classroom supplies, videos for the library and a new bench swing for the St. Gabriel's playground. Please help us by cutting out Box Tops from groceries you already buy.
- Prairie Catholic School Athletic Committee will be hosting a pancake supper on Wednesday, November 16th from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the St. Gabriel's cafeteria. All money raised helps offset the cost of local facility rental. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may contact a member of any basketball team or either school office.
- ***Note Change*** There will be an informative meeting for parents of **5th grade** basketball players on November 3rd from 6:00-7:00 pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Parents of all **5th grade** basketball players are required to attend.

- The Prairie Catholic School Christmas concert has been scheduled for December 7th with a weather make-up date of December 14th.
- Friday, November 4th is the end of the First Term. You will receive report cards in next week's envelope.
- The 7th graders are selling Culvers Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$5 with a total benefit of \$40. Find your favorite 7th grade student to purchase.
- There will be an open forum meeting at the high school on Monday, November 7th at 7:00 pm. The topic discussed will be the idea of staggered scheduling at the public school.
- The Title One reading night will be held on November 8th at BA Kennedy from 6:30-7:30 pm.
- To all basketball players, you need a copy of your physical form and a signed Athletic Code of Conduct Contract into the office at St. John's before the season starts. **If you played a fall sport, we need a copy of that card here at our school.**
- As in the past, the 5th graders are selling Advent Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$3.50 and when they are gone, they are gone. So get yours early!
- Parish Directory Photos will be moved from the north annex to the first floor, southwest classroom in St. Gabriel's school from November 1st through November 5th. You may want to park in the back of the school and go up the steps.

Prayer: God our Father, we pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones and people in our community. May they move closer to you every day and come to live in your presence forever. We pray also for ourselves. Help us to follow the good example of those who loved and served you so that we may come rejoicing to heaven when you call us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

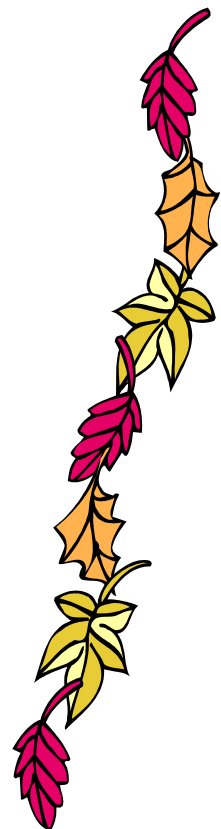
November 3rd – 5th Grade Basketball Parents Meeting, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 6:00 pm
 November 4th – End of First Quarter ***No Bus Service***
 November 6th – St. Gabriel's Fall Fest
 November 7th – Open Forum discussing public school schedule, High school, 7:00 pm
 November 8th – Title One Reading Night, BA Kennedy, 6:30-7:30 pm
 November 8th – November 10th – ITBS testing at St. John's School
 November 10th – Report Cards go home
 November 13th – Mass times change for St. Gabriel's and St. John's
 November 15th – Honor Roll Mass for middle school students, St. John's, 8:15 am
 November 15th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 6:00 pm
 November 16th – Athletic Supper, St. Gabriel's school cafeteria, 4:30-7:00 pm

Fundraising Events

October 10th – 7th Grade – Culvers Calendars
 October 26th – 5th Grade – Advent Calendars

Basketball

November 15th – 7/8 Boys vs. River Ridge @ Hoffman Hall, 5:30 pm
 November 29th – 7/8 Boys @ Prairie du Chien, Bluff View





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 10, 2011

Messages from Principal:

I will be putting together a group of people that would like to be involved in a Prairie Catholic marketing committee. I am looking for individuals that have ideas where and how we can reach more of our community members. I believe that our school can do more to publicize the education we provide and would like help organizing a plan. If you are interested in being a part of this committee please contact me by phone at either school (326.4400 or 326.8624) or by email at wmarlow@prairiecatholic.org. The committee will try to find a convenient time to meet for all that want to be involved. I truly see this committee being an important group for our school's future.

- Your child's report card is in this week's brown envelope. The individual report card envelope needs to be signed by a parent and returned to the office.
- The Prairie Catholic Student Council will sponsor a food drive with all of the donations benefiting Operation Santa. There will be a prize for two classes (one at each school) for the highest ratio of donated items.
- ITBS Testing is starting to wind down at Prairie Catholic. The middle school students at St. John's finished their tests this morning. Students at St. Gabriel's have been completing tests in the mornings and will finish very soon. Thank you for ensuring your child was ready to test at their highest level.
- Prairie Catholic will again recognize our high achieving students during an Honor Roll Mass on Tuesday November 15th at the 8:15 am St. John's Mass. We are happy to report it is a large number of students!
- Prairie Catholic is again collecting Box Tops for Education. Mrs. Rhonda Stubbe is coordinating for a third year. Last year with Mrs. Stubbe's support, Prairie Catholic raised more money than in any previous year. Our goals have adjusted to meet our new standards and we hope to raise \$4000 this year. Last year's money was used for classroom supplies, videos for the library and a new bench swing for the St. Gabriel's playground. Please help us by cutting out Box Tops from groceries you already buy.
- Prairie Catholic School Athletic Committee will be hosting a pancake supper on Wednesday, November 16th from 4:30 pm to 6:45 pm in the St. Gabriel's cafeteria. All money raised helps offset the cost of local facility rental. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may contact a member of any basketball team or either school office.
- The Home and School Association will host a meeting at St. Gabriel's at 6:00 pm on November 15th. This forum is a great place to discuss ideas that can benefit Prairie Catholic students.
- Prairie Catholic's 7th grade band students will be performing at the Veteran's Program at Bluff View on November 11th. Remember parents, those students report directly to Bluff View on Friday morning. See enclosed flier. Also, band parents there will be **no** band on November 16th due to testing at Bluff View.

- Prairie Catholic students will be traveling to the high school to view a matinee performance of the musical “*Cinderella*.” The elementary students will be traveling by bus, the middle school students will be walking over and back on Thursday, November 17th. Permission slips are in this envelope.
- With the outdoor weather turning cold, now is the perfect time to gather the family around a bowl of soup. But you may be asking yourself “Where would I find a great tasting yet inexpensive soup?” The 6th grade students are selling Frontier Soup for a Washington DC fundraiser. The soups come in many different varieties and can be ordered through any student in 6th grade.
- To all basketball players, you need a copy of your physical form and a signed Athletic Code of Conduct Contract into the office at St. John’s before the season starts. **If you played a fall sport, we need a copy of that card here at our school.**
- Have you got your Advent Calendar from your favorite 5th grade student? The calendars are \$3.50 and when they are gone, they are gone. So get yours early!

Prayer: Almighty God, protect the poor from those more interested in making money than in helping. May our churches be places of worship, study and prayer, where all people may feel safe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- November 10th – Report Cards go home
- November 11th – Veterans visiting Mr. Huser’s classroom, 1:30 pm
- November 13th – Mass times change for St. Gabriel’s and St. John’s
- November 15th – Honor Roll Mass for middle school students, St. John’s, 8:15 am
- November 15th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel’s Cafeteria, 6:00 pm
- November 16th – Athletic Supper, St. Gabriel’s school cafeteria, 4:30-6:45 pm
- November 17th – Students will view musical performance at High School, 1:00 pm
- November 22nd – Basketball pictures at St. John’s, 3:30 pm
- November 24-25th – Thanksgiving Break
- December 7th – Christmas Concert, St. Gabriel’s Church, 6:30 pm
- December 7th – Math Counts Competition at Huckleberry’s, 12:30 pm
- December 14th – Kindergarten Cookie Decorating

Fundraising Events

- October 26th – 5th Grade – Advent Calendars
- November 14th – December 9th – 6th Grade – Frontier Soup

Basketball

- November 15th – 7/8 Boys vs. River Ridge @ Hoffman Hall, 5:30 pm
- *** Note Change*** November 28th – 7/8 Boys @ Prairie du Chien, Bluff View





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 17, 2011

Messages from Principal:

I would like to take this time to approach a topic that has been on the minds of many staff members at St. Gabriel's. I will ask that the public stop using the driveway between St. Gabriel's school and Prairie Catholic Daycare during extended school hours. (7:30am through 4:30pm) We have narrowly avoided accidents that involve students traveling between the two buildings and vehicles that pull into the driveway to unload children. Please pull over on the street to unload students on the curb side of your vehicle or use the church parking lot when crossing guards are on duty. I understand that getting off the street to drop off your students may seem safer but please understand that the land between the school and daycare is the same space students use for recess. In these young minds this space is used for playing and running and they may not be anticipating cars traveling in and out. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

- Next week there will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday or Friday for Thanksgiving. Wednesday is a normal day with regular dismissal. Also, the brown folder will be going home on Wednesday.
- The Prairie Catholic Student Council is still sponsoring a food drive with all of the donations benefiting Operation Santa. There will be a prize for two classes (one at each school) for the highest ratio of donated items.
- Prairie Catholic recognized high achieving students at an Honor Roll Mass on Tuesday. Thirty-nine students were praised for having a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Another eleven students were distinguished with high honors for a GPA of 3.67 or higher. That's fifty (50) students receiving honors! Great job to all the students honored from St. John's Middle School.
- Mrs. Iogu and helpers are offering Snack 'N' Go again after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If your student is involved in activities after school but before they can get home, Snack 'N' Go could be an option for you.
- Included in today's brown folder is an order form for Prairie Catholic apparel. The Home and School Association will be ordering the merchandise this year. We will be selling short sleeve tee shirts, long sleeve tee shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, fleece jackets, polo shirts and fleece beanies. Orders need to be in by November 28th. Payment must be received before order will be placed. This apparel makes great holiday gifts. See the full color flier!
- The Home and School Committee is looking for any volunteers that would like to help with Christmas Fun Day. Remember that day parents can drop off students for two hours as they finish Christmas shopping/wrapping. The students will complete craft projects, play games and watch a movie.
- I would like to remind parents that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Students need that meal to gain energy for their morning. Please help your students reach their maximum potential.
- With the outdoor weather turning cold, now is the perfect time to gather the family around a bowl of soup. The 6th grade students are selling Frontier Soup for a Washington DC fundraiser. The soups come in many different varieties and can be ordered through any student in 6th grade.

- Prairie Catholic students traveled to the high school to view a matinee performance of the musical “Cinderella.” The students enjoyed the show and recognized many of the performers as former Catholic school students. We would also like to thank Mr. Stiemke for extending an invitation to our school.
- The school administration is looking for individuals that would be willing to volunteer to be a substitute janitor for Prairie Catholic Schools. If you are interested contact Mr. Marlow or Mr. Rooney.
- Have you got your Advent Calendar from your favorite 5th grade student? The calendars are \$3.50 and when they are gone, they are gone. So get yours early!

Prayer: God, our Father, give your children the gift of your peace. Help all the people on earth who are in conflict to turn toward justice and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- November 22nd – Basketball pictures at St. John’s, 3:30 pm
- November 24-25th – Thanksgiving Break
- December 1st – Education Commission Meeting, St. John’s Church Basement, 7:00pm
- December 7th – Christmas Concert, St. Gabriel’s Church, 6:30 pm
- December 7th – Math Counts Competition at Huckleberries, 12:30 pm
- December 14th – Kindergarten Cookie Decorating

Fundraising Events

- October 26th – 5th Grade – Advent Calendars
- November 14th – December 9th – 6th Grade – Frontier Soup

Basketball

- November 28th – 7/8 Boys @ Prairie du Chien, Bluff View
- December 3rd – 5 Girls League, River Valley, 9:00am, 11:00am
- December 3rd – 5/7/8 Boys @ Wauzeka Tournament
- December 10th – 5 Girls League, St. Gabriel’s, 10:00am, 12:00pm
- December 16th – 7/8 Boys @ MFL, 4:00pm
- December 17th – 5/7/8 Boys @ MFL Tournament
- December 19th – 7/8 Boys @ River Ridge, 5:30pm





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 23, 2011

Messages from Principal:

It is time for us to give thanks for the good people and circumstances in our life. I would like to thank the teachers and staff for all that they do every day. They are very committed to our student's growth and wellbeing. I would also like to thank Mrs. Mezera and Mrs. Ziel for all that they do. They are the glue that holds all of the parts together. The last thank you is for Fr. Weighner. His experience working with schools in the past has been a valuable resource for a young administrator.

- The Prairie Catholic Student Council food drive will end on November 30th. The students have a couple more days to make their final push to be the winning class and collect their reward! We would like to thank all of the families that participated in this worthwhile event.
- During Advent, Prairie Catholic Scrip will be available at either school office. It will be available during the regular school day. The parish offices will also still have scrip available in their buildings.
- The Prairie Catholic Christmas Program is quickly approaching on December 7th. Due to their participation, the 5th grade students will be traveling to St. Gabriel's the afternoons of December 2nd and 6th. They will be dismissed from St. Gabriel's those days.
- Back by popular demand, Snack 'N' Go! Mrs. Igou and helpers will again offer snacks for sale after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Many students use these snacks to power through the day.
- The Home and School Association will be ordering Prairie Catholic gear this year. They will be selling short sleeve tee shirts, long sleeve tee shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, hooded sweatshirts, sweatpants, fleece jackets, polo shirts and fleece beanies. Orders need to be in by November 28th. Payment must be received before order will be placed. This apparel makes great holiday gifts. If you would like another order form please contact either school office.
- The Home and School Committee is looking for any volunteers that would like to help with Christmas Fun Day. If you have finished your holiday shopping and would like to help please contact either school office.
- With all the demands of the winter sports season, a quick and easy meal could be Frontier Soup sold by the 6th grade students. The soups come in many different varieties and can be ordered through any student in 6th grade.
- The school administration is looking for individuals that would be willing to volunteer to be a substitute janitor for Prairie Catholic Schools. If you are interested contact Mr. Marlow or Mr. Rooney.
- Have you got your Advent Calendar from your favorite 5th grade student? The calendars are \$3.50 and when they are gone, they are gone. So get yours early!

Prayer: Oh, God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry: When I have work, help me to remember the jobless: When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless: When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer: And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency and bestir my compassion. Make me concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

December 1st – Education Commission Meeting, St. John’s Church Basement, 7:00pm
December 6th – Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, St. Gabriel’s Church, 1:30pm
December 7th – Christmas Concert, St. Gabriel’s Church, 6:30 pm
December 7th – Math Counts Competition at Huckleberries, 12:30 pm
December 8th – All School Mass, St. Gabriel’s, 8:30am
December 14th – Christmas Concert, Make-up date
December 14th – Kindergarten Cookie Decorating
December 19th – Farm-to-School, St. Gabriel’s
December 19th – 8th Grade Future Scheduling, St. John’s, 1:00-3:30

Fundraising Events

October 26th – 5th Grade – Advent Calendars
November 14th – December 9th – 6th Grade – Frontier Soup

Basketball

November 28th – 7/8 Boys @ Bluffview, 5:00pm
December 2nd – Office will run Basketball Eligibility
December 3rd – 5 Girls League, River Valley, 9:00am, 11:00am
December 3rd – 5/7/8 Boys @ Wauzeka Tournament
December 10th – 5 Girls League, St. Gabriel’s, 10:00am, 12:00pm
December 16th – 7/8 Boys @ MFL, 4:00pm
December 16th – Office will run Basketball Eligibility
December 17th – 5/7/8 Boys @ MFL Tournament
December 19th – 7/8 Boys @ River Ridge, 5:30pm





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 1, 2011

Messages from Principal:

I would like to invite the community to attend the Christmas Concert next Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30pm in St. Gabriel's Church. Come and see Prairie Catholic students dressed in their best holiday outfits, belting out Christmas favorites. Students in Pre-K through 5th grade will be singing songs and performing the musical "For the Glory of the King." A dress rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, December 6th at 1:30pm for those who cannot attend on the 7th.

Curtain will draw promptly at 6:30pm on Wednesday night so please have your student to St. Gabriel's at 6:15pm. We understand that it can be a late night for young students but the administration would appreciate it if anyone leaving before the finale could wait until the intermission between class songs and the musical to excuse themselves. Thank you.

- The Prairie Catholic Student Council food drive was a huge success. The students donated 823 items to Operation Santa. One class at each school has earned recognition for their generosity. The Kindergarten class donated an average of 8.4 items per student to win the prize at St. Gabriel's. The top donators at St. John's were the 6th graders who donated an average of 10.6 items per student. We would like to thank all of the families that participated in this worthwhile event.
- During Advent, Prairie Catholic Scrip will be available at either school office. Scrip is available during regular school hours. The parish offices will also still have scrip available in their buildings.
- The Prairie Catholic Math Counts team will participate in their first competition on December 7th at Huckleberry's restaurant. The students have worked very hard in preparation. Good Luck to Mrs. Igou and the participants!
- Prairie Catholic will celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary with an All School Mass on Thursday, December 8th at St. Gabriel's Church. St. John's students should report to St. Gabriel's before school and will be transported to St. John's afterward. See enclosed permission slip.
- The Prairie Catholic Middle School Geography Bee will be hosted on December 12th at 2:30pm in the St. John's cafeteria. Good Luck to all the participants.
- Due to their participation in the Christmas Concert, the 5th grade students will be traveling to St. Gabriel's the afternoons of December 2nd and 6th. **They will be dismissed from St. Gabriel's those on days.**
- Snack 'N' Go is back! Mrs. Igou and helpers offer snacks for sale after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is a long time between lunch and supper and many of our students need something to help them through the day.
- With the busy winter sports season, a quick and easy meal could be Frontier Soup sold by the 6th grade students. The soups come in many different varieties and can be ordered through any student in 6th grade.

- The school administration is looking for individuals that would be willing to volunteer to be a substitute janitor for Prairie Catholic Schools. If you are interested contact Mr. Marlow or Mr. Rooney.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we want to build our lives on the solid rock of faith. Help us to understand your will for us in the words of scripture, in the teachings of the Church, and in the guidance you send us every day in prayer, so that we can enter your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- December 1st – Education Commission Meeting, St. John’s Church Basement, 7:00pm
- December 6th – Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal, St. Gabriel’s Church, 1:30pm
- December 7th – Christmas Concert, St. Gabriel’s Church, 6:30 pm
- December 7th – Math Counts Competition at Huckleberries, 12:30 pm
- December 8th – All School Mass, St. Gabriel’s, 8:30am
- December 9th – Geography Bee, St. John’s Cafeteria, 2:30
- December 14th – Christmas Concert, Make-up date
- December 14th – Kindergarten Cookie Decorating, St. Gabriel’s
- December 19th – Farm-to-School, St. Gabriel’s
- December 19th – 8th Grade Future Scheduling, St. John’s, 1:00-3:30
- December 19th-20th – Christmas Parties in classrooms at St. Gabriel’s
- December 20th – Christmas Parties in classrooms at St. John’s

Fundraising Events

- October 26th – 5th Grade – Advent Calendars
- November 14th – December 9th – 6th Grade – Frontier Soup

Basketball

- December 2nd – Office will run Basketball Eligibility
- December 3rd – 5 Girls League, River Valley, 9:00am, 11:00am
- December 3rd – 5/7/8 Boys @ Wauzeka Tournament
- December 5th – 5 Girls/5 Boys vs. St. Mary’s Bloomington, St. Gabriel’s, 5:30pm,6:30pm
- December 10th – 5 Girls League, St. Gabriel’s, 10:00am, 11:00am
- December 16th – 7/8 Boys @ MFL, 4:00pm
- December 16th – Office will run Basketball Eligibility
- December 17th – 5/7/8 Boys @ MFL Tournament
- December 19th – 7/8 Boys @ River Ridge, 5:30pm





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 8, 2011

Messages from Principal:

I would like to invite the community to participate in a supper benefit on December 20th at St. Gabriel's school from 4:30-6:45 pm. The proceeds will go to Mrs. Jozefowicz, our religion teacher at St. John's. Mrs. Jo is battling a serious illness that has caused her many hospital visits and forced her to take time off. She has shown a great deal of strength by returning to work earlier than expected. The menu for the evening will be French toast, pancakes, ham, sausage, applesauce, milk and coffee.

Along with the supper, the Prairie Catholic community would like your help offering a bake sale, basket raffle and silent auction. Your donation to the silent auction, basket raffle and bake sale or willingness to work at the event would be greatly appreciated. Please see the flier in this brown envelope for more information.

Thank you for your consideration.

- The Prairie Catholic Christmas Concert was a fantastic performance last night. All the elementary students with the help of the 5th grade sang their hearts out. If you were unable to attend, B & C Videography taped the show and copies are available for purchase. See St. Gabriel's school office for an order form. We would like to thank Mrs. Weber for all of her work. Programs like last night do organize themselves and her work was greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank Santa's little helpers: Mary Stoeffler, Trisha Hager, Ken Stoeffler, Bill Rice, Molly Kirschbaum, Amy Gohs, Tammy Nolan and Carrie Nolan for their help in different aspects of the presentation.
- There have been many individuals that have taken advantage of Scrip sales in the school buildings. If you were unaware, during Advent, Prairie Catholic Scrip will be available at either school office. Scrip is available during regular school hours. The parish offices will also still have scrip available in their buildings.
- The Prairie Catholic Math Counts team participated in their first competition yesterday. There are two competition forms that our students participated: team and individual. Prairie Catholic sent five teams, with the team of Levi Orr, Adam Groom, Zach Neisius and John Luster placing second overall. Other teams to compete:

Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Evan Teynor	Mariah Slaght	Evan Boisvert	Emily Trautsch
Chas Sagedahl	Jennifer Slaght	Bella Cummuta	Paige Rickleff
Jonathan Dyer	Hailee Lynn	Sam Peterson	Lauren Nicholson
Jacob Mara	Emily Steger	Bailey Ottaway	Makayla Gerhards

The two students that represented Prairie Catholic in the individual competition were Levi Orr and Paige Rickleff. Great job to all of the students that competed!

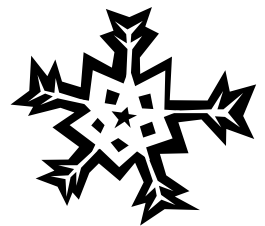
- Prairie Catholic is excited to announce that 4th grader Austin Mezera has been selected as the winner of the State of Wisconsin Bonnie Plants 3rd Cabbage Program. (Look for his picture in the vestibule at St. Gabriel's church.) Austin will be presented an award from Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture Randy Brancel. Austin beat out over 14,000 students to be named the winner in Wisconsin and is one of the 50 state winners after 2.5 million students participated! Congratulations Austin!

- The Prairie Catholic Middle School Geography Bee will be hosted on December 12th at 2:30pm in the St. John's cafeteria. Good Luck to all the participants.
- Parents please review safe behaviors while walking home with your students. We have had a few stories get back to the office about students running into the street and not looking both directions at crosswalks.
- The Prairie Catholic Student Council will be delivering cookies to different service groups around Prairie du Chien on December 9th. This is a fantastic service project to say thank you to the individuals that keep us safe.
- When the wind turns this cold there is nothing better than a bowl of soup. Good thing the 6th grade students are selling Frontier Soup as a Washington DC fundraiser. The soups come in many different varieties and can be ordered through any student in 6th grade.
- The school administration is looking for individuals that would be willing to volunteer to be a substitute janitor for Prairie Catholic Schools. If you are interested contact Mr. Marlow or Mr. Rooney.
- There are very few Advent Calendars left for purchase from the 5th grade students. If you are still looking for one contact a 5th grade student or the office at St. John's School.

Prayer: Lord God, open our hearts to receive you as Mary did, with trust and willingness. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

December 9th – Mid-term 2
 December 9th – Student Council delivering cookies to public service groups in town.
 December 12th – ***Note Date Change*** Geography Bee, St. John's Cafeteria, 2:30
 December 14th – 2nd Grade Christmas Caroling at Walter Schmitt
 December 14th – Kindergarten Cookie Decorating, St. Gabriel's
 December 16th – 2nd Grade Christmas Caroling at Prairie Maison
 December 19th – Farm-to-School, St. Gabriel's
 December 19th – 8th Grade Future Scheduling, St. John's, 1:00-3:30
 December 19th-20th – Christmas Parties in classrooms at St. Gabriel's
 December 20th – Christmas Parties in classrooms at St. John's
December 20th – Benefit Supper for Mrs. Jo, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 4:30-6:45pm



Fundraising Events

October 26th – 5th Grade – Advent Calendars
 November 14th – December 9th – 6th Grade – Frontier Soup
December 20th – Benefit Supper for Mrs. Jo, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 4:30-6:45pm



Basketball

December 10th – 5 Girls League, St. Gabriel's, 10:00am, 11:00am
 December 16th – Office will run Basketball Eligibility
 December 16th – 7/8 Boys @ MFL, 4:00pm
 December 17th – 5/7/8 Boys @ MFL Tournament
 December 19th – 7/8 Boys @ River Ridge, 5:30pm
December 20th – Benefit Supper for Mrs. Jo, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 4:30-6:45pm





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 15, 2011

Messages from Principal:

Since we only have school next Monday and Tuesday, this will be the last newsletter before Christmas break. For that reason, I extended out the calendar a bit to include events in January. I want to wish all of our families a Merry Christmas from all of the teachers and staff at Prairie Catholic. I hope that you have a relaxing holiday, filled with all of your friends and family. By the way, good luck in the Rose Bowl. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- We will have a full day of classes on December 20th with the benefit for Mrs. Jo at St. Gabriel's from 4:30-6:45pm. Christmas break starts on December 21st. We will resume classes on January 2nd with a full day of classes.
- **ON SALE NOW PRAIRIE CATHOLIC SWEEPSTAKES CALENDARS**
This is our second fundraiser for the school year. Please do your best to support our school through this sale. More calendars are available at either school office and make great Christmas gifts.
- Many individuals have taken advantage of Scrip sales in the school buildings. If you were unaware, during Advent, Prairie Catholic Scrip is available at either school office. Scrip is a fantastic choice for the hard to shop for person on your list. Get them a Scrip card and let them choose!
- The Prairie Catholic Geography Bee was held on Monday, December 12th in the school cafeteria. Ten students in grades five through eight made the finals. Participating students included 5th graders Lauren Kennedy and Peggy Koresh, 6th grader Evan Boisvert, 7th graders Spencer Pedretti, Chas Sagedahl, Herold Lochner and Evan Teynor and 8th graders Zach Neisius, Levi Orr and Peyton Hall. Congratulations to our champion Zachary Neisius and his competitor in the final round Levi Orr.
- The always well attended Children's Mass will be held at St. John's at 5:30pm on December 24th. If you are looking for another Mass for Christmas, there will be a 5:00pm on December 24th at St. Gabriel's, a 10:00pm on December 24th at St. Gabriel's and a 9:00am on December 25th at St. John's.
- Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner. The week will begin with a special kick-off Mass on January 29th. We will host a family night on Wednesday, February 1st with Wisconsin author Kathleen Ernst. Of course, the week concludes with the annual ski trip on Friday, February 3rd. We have a week of fun planned for the students! Look for more information to come.
- The 7th Grade Soup and Sandwich Supper will be hosted at St. Gabriel's School on January 11th. This is a Washington DC fundraiser with an impressive list of raffle prizes! Find your favorite 7th grade student to purchase your meal and raffle tickets.
- Parents please review safe behaviors while walking home with your students. We have had a few stories get back to the office about students running into the street and not looking both directions at crosswalks.

Prayer: God of Love, help us to feel your love for us, especially when we are sad or angry, so that we can know your comfort and peace. And help us to be a sign of your love for all people in the way we treat others. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

December 16th – 2nd Grade Christmas Caroling at Prairie Maison

December 19th – Farm-to-School, St. Gabriel's

December 19th – 8th Grade Future Scheduling, St. John's, 1:00-3:30pm

December 19th-20th – Christmas Parties in classrooms at St. Gabriel's

December 20th – Christmas Parties in classrooms at St. John's

December 20th – Benefit Supper for Mrs. Jo, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 4:30-6:45pm

December 21st-January 1st – NO SCHOOL Christmas Break

December 24th – Children's Mass, St. John's, 5:30pm

January 5th – Education Commission Meeting, St. John's Church Basement, 7:00pm

January 11th – Mid winter Administrator Conference, La Crosse, 8:30am

Fundraising Events

December 20th – Benefit Supper for Mrs. Jo, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 4:30-6:45pm

January 11th – 7th Grade Soup Supper and Raffle, St. Gabriel's, 4:30-6:45pm

Basketball

December 16th – 7/8 Boys @ MFL, 4:00pm

December 17th – 5/7/8 Boys @ MFL Tournament

December 19th – 7/8 Boys @ River Ridge, 5:30pm

December 19th – 7/8 Boys @ River Ridge, 5:30pm

January 5th – 7/8 Boys @ Lansing Kee, 4:00pm

January 5th – 5 Girls/Boys @ Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:00pm

January 7th – 5 Girls League @ River Ridge, 10:00am



Merry Christmas and Happy new year!



Prairie Catholic School

St. John's Middle School announces the 2011-2012 2nd Term Honor Roll

5th Grade High Honors

Lauren Kennedy
Morgan Kiesau
Alexis Nolan

5th Grade Honors

Gracie Colson
Hanna Dickman
Faith Dillman
Clayton DuCharme
Makennan Gerhards
Preston Hendrix
Weston Hill
Anthony Irvin
Peggy Koresh
Joshua Linder
Mitchell Luster
Ryan McGrath
Caitlin Nolan
Caitlin Pattison
Brytta Sagedahl
Benjamin Teynor
Kylee Weber

6th Grade High Honors

Evan Boisvert
Isabella Cummuta
Bailey Ottaway

6th Grade Honors

Breann Holler
Renaë Irvin
Angela Sebastian
Kama Tesar

7th Grade High Honors

Jacob Mara
Wesley Schwager
Mariah Slaght
Evan Teynor

7th Grade Honors

Nathan Banasik
Jonathan Dyer
Eric Nolan
Nathaniel Oehler
Madeline Peterson
Chas Sagedahl
Nathan Specht
Jack Stoeffler
Andrew Waller

8th Grade High Honors

Makayla Gerhards
Adam Groom
Levi Orr

8th Grade Honors

Peyton Hall
Severin Gunnar Kravchuk
John Luster
Zachary Neisius
Paige Rickleff
Emily Trautsch
Anna Zeeh



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 5, 2012

Messages from Principal:

It is with excitement that I announce St. John's will be conducting a theatrical performance. Mrs. Weber will be planning and directing a play acted by our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. She is also looking for parent volunteers that would like to be involved in the administration. This is a huge undertaking for Mrs. Weber but a fantastic opportunity for our students. I would like all of our students involved in this performance in various rolls (actors, stage hands, set construction, etc.) so parents please encourage your children to contact Mrs. Weber with their level of interest.

Prairie Catholic Sweepstakes Calendars are on Sale!

First drawing will be held on February 6th.

This is our second fundraiser for the school year. Please do your best to support our school through this sale.

More calendars are available at either school office.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

- I would like to thank everyone for their support making Mrs. Jozefowicz's benefit a huge success. Mrs. Jo's gratitude is reflected in her note in this envelope. I would also like to send a special thank you to Ken and Mary Stoeffler for all the legwork organizing the event.
- There is a Home and School meeting scheduled for January 17th at 5:00pm in St. Gabriel's School cafeteria. This is a fantastic forum to have your voice heard.
- The Prairie Catholic Basketball Tournaments are January 14th and 21st. These weekends are a lot of fun for the students but they are also a very large endeavor for the organizers. If you are able to volunteer, your time will be appreciated. Please contact the school for more information.
- The end of the quarter is January 20th. Parents, please check Skyward to review your student's grades. While you're at your computer, ask your child to show you their Accelerated Reader points. Their AR points are a large portion of their reading grade.
- Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner. The week will begin with a special kick-off Mass on January 29th. We will host a family night on Wednesday, February 1st with Wisconsin author Kathleen Ernst. Of course, the week concludes with the annual ski trip on Friday, February 3rd. We have a week of fun planned for the students! Look for more information to come.
- A reminder to parents: "Snack-n-Go" is being offered. This food stand offers students a chance to purchase snacks after school. "Snack-n-Go" will be located outside Mrs. Igou's room after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all items cost 50¢.
- The 7th Grade Soup and Sandwich Supper will be hosted at St. Gabriel's School on January 11th. This is a Washington DC fundraiser with an impressive list of raffle prizes! Find your favorite 7th grade student to purchase your meal and raffle tickets. The class is also looking for quart jars or larger with lids. If you have any to donate, you can drop them off at either school.

- Students have asked me over the last week if they can bring their personal technology to school. Examples would be e-readers or an iPod touch. I'm fine with students bringing their Kindles or Nooks to school but there will be some guidelines for this equipment. First, Prairie Catholic will **not** be responsible for misplaced, stolen, broken or faulty equipment. Second, students **cannot** download material from the schools internet. In fact, I will not allow these e-readers to be connected to the internet. The device's applications will have to be downloaded from home and brought to school. Third, you as parents are **responsible** for the content on the e-readers. If a student has inappropriate material on their equipment, the device will be confiscated.

iPod touches are different however. Prairie Catholic will treat them like a cell phone so they will be confiscated if being used.

You may ask what is the difference between an e-reader and an iPod? E-readers can support the reading curriculum without becoming a distraction. (As long as they are used in the correct fashion and not connected to the internet.) iPods, at their core, are a communication device that can become a disruption to the classroom.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

- Parents please review safe behaviors while walking home with your students. We have had a few stories get back to the office about students running into the street and not looking both directions at crosswalks.

Prayer: God, our Father, give us insight into scripture, steadiness in prayer, and joy in worship and service, so that we, too, may come to know Jesus. Grant this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- January 5th – Education Commission Meeting, St. John's Church Basement, 7:00pm
- January 11th – Mid winter Administrator Conference, La Crosse, 8:30am
- January 14th – Prairie Catholic Girls Basketball Tournament
- January 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria, 5:00pm
- January 20th – End of Term 2
- January 20th – 8th Grade Future Scheduling
- January 21st – Prairie Catholic Boys Basketball Tournament
- January 25th – First Reconciliation for Second grade, St. Gabriel's Church, 1:00pm
- January 29th – February 3rd – Catholic Schools Week

Fundraising Events

Sweepstakes Calendars

- January 11th – 7th Grade Soup Supper and Raffle, St. Gabriel's, 4:30-6:45pm

Basketball

- January 5th – 7/8 Boys @ Lansing Kee, 4:00pm
- January 5th – 5 Girls/Boys @ Bloomington St. Mary's, 5:00pm
- January 7th – 5 Girls League @ River Ridge, 10:00am
- January 9th – 7/8 Boys @ Bluffview, 5:00pm
- January 9th – 5 Boys vs. Bluffview, @ St. Gabriel's, 5:30pm
- January 12th – 5 Girls/Boys & 8Boys @ Cassville, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm
- January 14th – Prairie Catholic Girls Tournament





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 12, 2012

Messages from Principal:

As we start this important time in our school year; I would like to invite St. John's students to participate in a new afterschool program. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays the St. John's teaching staff will be in their classrooms after school until 4:00pm. During this time students can work with teachers in subjects when they need help. Not all of the students will feel the need to participate, so the students that do participate will get one-on-one time with teachers to work on lessons, time to complete homework or time to prepare for Accelerated Reader tests.

My hope is that any student feeling they are not earning a grade that truly represents their ability will stay after school. Parents can also "encourage" students to participate. A general rule of thumb would be if your student has a "D" in a class, they would want to spend a couple of days after school. If a student has an "F" they would want to work every day to until they have learned the content.

I have asked the St. John's staff to adjust their time mid-year and added to their schedules so I hope students/families take advantage of this benefit. I may, at times call the parents to get students involved, please be receptive to the inquiry.

Prairie Catholic Sweepstakes Calendars are on Sale!

First drawing will be held on February 6th.

This is our second fundraiser for the school year. Please do your best to support our school through this sale.

More calendars are available at either school office.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

- ***Any student interested in trying out for the first annual Prairie Catholic Play*** Mrs. Weber and Mr. Marlow will have an informational meeting on Friday, January 13th at 3:00 in the Cafeteria at St. John's. Parts and timeline will be discussed.
- Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner! January 29th through February 3rd Prairie Catholic will celebrate our faith, academics and service through different activities. The week will start with a special CSW Kick-Off Mass at St. John's at 10:00am. Any student that would like to be involved in a part of the Mass should contact Mr. Marlow at either school.
- There is a Home and School meeting scheduled for January 17th at 5:00pm in St. Gabriel's School cafeteria. This is a fantastic forum to have your voice heard.
- The Prairie Catholic Girls Basketball Tournaments is January 14th and the boys January 21st. These weekends are a lot of fun for the students. Please come to cheer on the Prairie Catholic girls as they play throughout the day on Saturday. If you have any extra time between games and would like to help out, talk to the concession stand workers.
- The end of the term is January 20th. Parents, please check Skyward to review your student's grades. Remember the afterschool program available to your students.
- Make it a point to attend the CSW family night on Wednesday, February 1st with Wisconsin author Kathleen Ernst. Mrs. Ernst has had many novels published for all age groups. She wrote some of the American Girl Mysteries Series. (Available in St. Gabriel's library.) She has also written books for older students based around the civil war.

- St. John's parents, paperwork for the annual ski trip was due January 9th. All paperwork and payment needs to be completed before your student will be allowed to attend. **Reminder, if your son or daughter is not riding the bus back to St. John's at the end of the day you needs to have a note in writing and approved to the office by Monday, January 30, 2012.** If your student is not attending the ski trip they are to report to St. Gabriel's at the beginning of the day on February 3rd. If you have any questions please call Mr. Marlow at either school.
- A reminder to parents: "Snack-n-Go" is being offered. This food stand offers students a chance to purchase snacks after school. "Snack-n-Go" will be located outside Mrs. Igou's room after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and all items cost 50¢.
- Students have asked me over the last week if they can bring their personal technology to school. Examples would be e-readers or an iPod touch. I'm fine with students bringing their Kindles or Nooks to school but there will be some guidelines for this equipment. First, Prairie Catholic will **not** be responsible for misplaced, stolen, broken or faulty equipment. Second, students **cannot** download material from the schools internet. In fact, I will not allow these e-readers to be connected to the internet. The device's applications will have to be downloaded from home and brought to school. Third, you as parents are **responsible** for the content on the e-readers. If a student has inappropriate material on their equipment, the device will be confiscated. iPod touches are different however. Prairie Catholic will treat them like a cell phone so they will be confiscated if being used. You may ask what is the difference between an e-reader and an iPod? E-readers can support the reading curriculum without becoming a distraction. (As long as they are used in the correct fashion and not connected to the internet.) iPods, at their core, are a communication device that can become a disruption to the classroom. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Prayer: Merciful God, you reach out to all who are sick, lonely, and unloved. Bless our parish and our families. Help us to welcome all in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

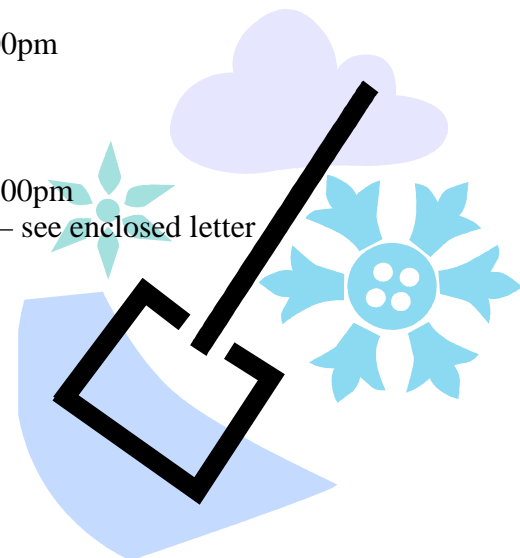
- January 13th – Play Information Meeting at St. John's Cafeteria, 3:00pm
- January 14th – Prairie Catholic Girls Basketball Tournament
- January 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria, 5:00pm
- January 20th – End of Term 2
- January 20th – 8th Grade Future Scheduling
- January 21st – Prairie Catholic Boys Basketball Tournament
- January 25th – First Reconciliation for Second grade, St. Gabriel's Church, 1:00pm
- January 25th – 8th Grade Meeting at Prairie du Chien High School – 6:30 pm – see enclosed letter
- January 27th – Sweepstake Calendars/Money are due in the school offices
- January 29th – February 3rd – Catholic Schools Week

Fundraising Events

Sweepstakes Calendars

Basketball

- January 12th – 5 Girls/Boys & 8Boys @ Cassville, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm
- January 14th – Prairie Catholic Girls Tournament
- January 16th – 5 Boys/Girls @ Wauzeka, 5:30/6:30pm
- January 17th – 5 Girls vs. Cassville, @ St. Gabriel's, 5:30pm
- January 17th – 7 Boy vs. Cassville, @ St. Gabriel's, 6:30pm
- January 18th – 5 Boys/Girls vs. St. Mary's, @ St. Gabriel's, 5:30/6:30pm
- January 21st – Prairie Catholic Boys Basketball Tournament
- January 21st – 5 Girls @ League, River Valley, 11:00am





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 26, 2012

Messages from Principal:

January 29 through February 4th is Catholic Schools Week. Prairie Catholic has many activities planned for the students but we would also like to welcome our families to attend any event they may find interesting.

The week starts with a Kick-Off Mass on Sunday at St. John's 10:00am Mass. All students are welcome to join the student choir starting at 9:45am.

Monday is "Break the Code Day" where students and staff are allowed to break the dress code (within Catholic guidelines for modesty). Examples include: sweatpants, flip-flops and jeans with holes. The Knights of Columbus are also sponsoring a Knowledge Contest at St. John's at 4:00pm.

Tuesday is School Spirit Day and all students and staff are encouraged to wear their Prairie Catholic gear. The middle school students will attend 8:15 Mass.

Wednesday will start with an all school Mass at St. Gabriel's starting at 8:30am. All middle school students will need to report to the elementary building and will be transported to St. John's at conclusion. We will also be hosting family night at St. Gabriel's with the book fair starting at 4:00pm. The Men's Club will be sponsoring a Burgers and Fries supper from 4:30-6:15pm for a free will donation. The Prairie Catholic teachers will be offering different writing stations from 5:00-6:00pm. The keynote speaker will be Mrs. Kathleen Ernst speaking from 6:30-7:30pm on the writing process. Specifically, how does an author go from an idea in their head to the finished product of a book in a student's hand?

Thursday the middle school students will have Mass at 8:15am and they will also enjoy a movie in the afternoon. The elementary students will be celebrating the 100th day of school by donating 100 items to the local food pantry. Please see flier included in this envelope.

Friday the middle school students will be taking their annual trip to Mt. La Crosse. The students will depart at 8:00am and will return to St. John's at 4:00pm. The elementary students will start the day by attending Mass at 8:15am. They will also get enjoy a ballroom dance presentation by competitive dancers at 10:00am. They will also watch a movie in the afternoon.

The week will conclude with a Winter Dance on Saturday night from 6:00-9:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria sponsored by the Home and School Association. This year there will not be an admittance fee so please feel welcome to enjoy an entertaining night with your family.

Prairie Catholic Sweepstakes Calendars are on Sale!

First drawing will be held on February 6th.

This is our second fundraiser for the school year. Please do your best to support our school through this sale.

More calendars are available at either school office.

Many thanks to John Fischer for coordinating the project!

- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate the second grade students for completing their First Reconciliation. The students worked very hard to prepare.
- Hard Work Counts will be on Friday, January 27th for qualifying students from 1:00-3:00pm.
- The end of the quarter was January 23rd. Parents will receive the quarterly grades in this brown envelope. Also included in this envelope are Iowa Test of Basic Skills results.
- St. John's Middle School will not have After Hours the week of January 30th – February 3rd due to Catholic Schools Week.

- St. John's parents, paperwork for the annual ski trip was due **January 9th**. All payment needs to be to the office before your student will be allowed to attend. **Reminder, if your son or daughter is not riding the bus back to St. John's at the end of the day you needs to have a note in writing and approved to the office by Monday, January 30, 2012.** If your student is not attending the ski trip they are to report to St. Gabriel's at the beginning of the day on February 3rd. If you have any questions please call Mr. Marlow at either school.
- Mrs. Kirschbaum is still looking for a few volunteers to help out with the Scholastic Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week. If you are looking for volunteer hours and would like to help with this, please contact one of the school offices or Molly Kirschbaum @ mkirschbaum@mchsi.com as soon as possible. Help is needed setting up prior to the start of the book fair as well as working a shift during the week. The dates of the Book Fair are Monday, January 30th – Friday, February 3rd.
- Lenten Mite Boxes are going home soon. The penny box proceeds are going to the Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. You may remember that Fr. Bob Flock is the Pastor at Holy Cross and Fr. Flock is Mrs. Wachuta's brother.
- Mr. Marlow would like to challenge the elementary students to read 10,000 minutes during Catholic Schools Week. If the students do not hit the number, the principal will get to wear all of his Iowa Hawkeye gear to school and the students will have to sing the Iowa fight song. If the students meet the requirement, you will see a "new" student in your class for a day.

Prayer: God of light, as we study your teachings, help us to pay attention to what we hear. Help us to see the meaning your works have for our lives. May the light of your word shine in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Mark Your Calendars

January 27th – Hard Work Counts for eligible St. John's students, 1:00pm

January 29th – February 3rd – Catholic Schools Week

January 29th – CSW Kickoff Mass, St. John's Church, 10:00am

January 30th – Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest, St. John's 4:00pm

February 1st – All School Mass, St. Gabriel's, 8:30am

February 1st – Reading Night

February 2nd – 100th Day Celebration and Donation

February 3rd – Ski Trip for St. John's students, Depart at 8:00am and return to St. John's at 4:00pm

February 3rd – Ballroom Dancing for St. Gabriel's students, 10:00am

February 4th – Home and School Winter Dance, St. Gabriel's School, 6:00-9:00pm

February 5th – Swiss Steak Dinner at St. Gabriel's School

February 8th – Math Counts Competition at Huckleberry's, 12:30pm

February 15th – Ski Trip Make-Up *** If needed

February 17th – NO SCHOOL

Fundraising Events

Sweepstakes Calendars

Lenten Mite Boxes

Basketball

January 26th – 8B @ Cassville, 6:30pm

January 28th – 5 Girls @ League, Bluffview, 9:00

January 28th – 8B @ Bloomington Tournament

February 2nd – 5B @ Bluffview, 4:30pm

February 4th – 5 Girls League, River Ridge, 11:00am

February 7th – 7/8B @ Boscobel, 4:30/5:30pm

February 10th – 7/8B @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00/5:00pm

February 11th – 5G @ Wauzeka Tournament





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 2, 2012

Messages from Principal:

Catholic Schools Week has been a fantastic week for our students and our community as a whole. The kick-off Mass was well attended and the administration would like to thank all of the student volunteers that took on different parts of the Mass celebration. It was obvious Break the (dress) Code day was enjoyed by all the students on Monday and school pride was on display Tuesday. Family reading night will be hard to duplicate in the future.

After all that has happened this week and all that will still happen, I would like to thank all of the individuals who support Prairie Catholic. The school could not offer the programming that we do without the volunteers, donations or energy our community offers. I am very proud of the education the students entrusted to us receive. We have worked very hard to support your family and we appreciate the support your family returns. This week is a celebration, a sincere "Thank You" and a commitment to strive for more every day.

- Tomorrow is the annual Ski Trip to Mt. La Crosse. We hope all students enjoy themselves while staying safe. Parents remember that any alternate travel arrangements needed to be made before Friday. Sweatpants are allowed to be worn for the ski trip.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank Mrs. Ernst for her time at family reading night. We can only hope that her time with us inspires the writers in our students.
- The elementary students will have a busy day on Friday as well. They will attend Mass, enjoy a ballroom dancing demonstration and view the movie "Up" on the big screen.
- Prairie Catholic will celebrate its middle school Honor Roll with a Mass on Tuesday, February 7th at the regularly scheduled St. John's 8:15am Mass.
- The 7th and 8th grade students will be traveling to Bluff View to watch a touring Physics group from the University of Wisconsin Madison. Prairie Catholic would like to thank Bluff View and its administration for extending a welcome to our students.
- Math Counts will have a competition at Huckleberry's restaurant on Wednesday, February 8th at 12:30pm. Good luck to the students participating!
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank Mrs. Molly Kirschbaum for all of her work organizing the annual book fair. Week long events are not easy to plan. Mrs. Kirschbaum, in turn, would like to thank all the volunteers that gave of their time to make the book fair a success.
- Waukon Dental, Family Dentistry Associates of Monona, Dental Associates of Decorah and Dental Associates of Prairie du Chien are hosting "Have a Heart" day on Saturday, February 11th. These area dentists are offering free services to students in need. Parents will need to contact the offices to take advantage of the program.
- Lenten Mite Boxes are going home soon. The penny box proceeds are going to the Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. You may remember that Fr. Bob Flock is the Pastor at Holy Cross and Fr. Flock is Mrs. Wachuta's brother.
- There is an opportunity right now for you to earn 50 Bonus Points from Campbell's Soup "Labels For Education" on Facebook. All you have to do is find "Labels For Education" on Facebook and click

"Like". On the right side of their wall you will find a red apple with "50 Bonus Point Opportunity", put in our zip code of 53821 and enter Prairie Catholic for the school.

Here is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/labelsforeducation>

- Is your student doing their part to help the elementary read 10,000 minutes during Catholic Schools Week? There has been a lot of talk about the wager and possible outcomes for next year. Mr. Marlow practiced wearing some of his Hawkeye gear on Monday to the dismay of many students. Do your part to stop it from happening again!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to be a light for the world. By the power of this light, may the discouraged find hope, the lost find guidance, and the anxious find peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

February 5th – Swiss Steak Dinner at St. Gabriel's School

February 7th – Honor Roll Mass, St. John's, 8:15am

February 7th – 7/8 Grades to Bluff View for Physics demonstration, 2-3:00pm

February 8th – Math Counts Competition at Huckleberry's, 12:30pm

February 15th – Ski Trip Make-Up *** If needed

February 17th – NO SCHOOL

February 21st – Mid 3rd Term

February 21st – Mardi Gras/Grandparents Day, St. Gabriel's Church/School – More info to come!

February 23rd – Education Commission, St. John's, 7:00pm

February 28th – Title One Dr. Seuss Night, St. Gabriel's School

February 29th – 8th Grade Washington DC Mandatory "Packing Up Night" St. John's, 7:00pm

January 29th – February 3rd – Catholic Schools Week

February 2nd – 100th Day Celebration and Donation

February 3rd – Ski Trip for St. John's students, Depart at 8:00am and return to St. John's at 4:00pm

February 3rd – Ballroom Dancing for St. Gabriel's students, 10:00am

February 4th – Home and School Winter Dance, St. Gabriel's School, 6:00-9:00pm

Fundraising Events

Sweepstakes Calendars

Lenten Mite Boxes

Basketball

February 2nd – 5B @ Bluffview, 4:30pm

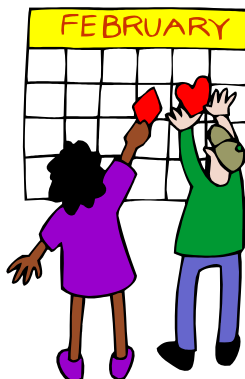
February 4th – 5 Girls League, River Ridge, 11:00am

February 7th – 7/8B @ Boscobel, 4:30/5:30pm

February 10th – 7/8B @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00/5:00pm

February 11th – 5G @ Wauzeka Tournament

February 12th – 5G @ La Crosse Tournament





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 9, 2012

Messages from Principal:

Prairie Catholic is proud to welcome Wisconsin Secretary for Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Mr. Ben Brancel to St. Gabriel's school on Thursday, February 16th at 10:00am. Secretary Brancel will be in Prairie du Chien to award Prairie Catholic's own Austin Mezera the Bonnie Plants Award for growing the largest cabbage plant in the state! Austin beat over 14,000 Wisconsin student growers to be named the winner. Austin's brother Doug was a 2007 winner. Congratulations Austin!

- The 2012 Scholastic Book Fair was another success. The total sales were \$3149.51. St. Gabriel School Library keeps 25% of the sales; therefore the book fair earned \$787.38 to purchase books for our students and teachers. Thank you to everyone who took time to stop and shop the fair! A very special thank you to the efforts, energy and talents of Chairperson Molly Kirschbaum and "Wish List" coordinator Linda Ginkel as well as the many parent volunteers who helped out during the week.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank the joint Men's Groups that provided the supper for our Catholic Schools Week Family Night. The night is not a requirement for families, so judging the amount of food needed is incredibly tough. The administration understands that without this group and their meal, we would not have had the same turnout.
- The elementary students really enjoyed the Dancing Performance from Brandi White and Justin Athey last Friday. The students were captivated by the movements and also learned a few dance moves themselves.
- Prairie Catholic **will not** have school on Friday, February 17th.
- Fat Tuesday is just around the corner! The annual Mardi Gras party hosted by the 7th grade will be on February 21st at 1:00pm. The students can win prizes playing a variety of games at St. Gabriel's.
- Prairie Catholic would like to celebrate our Grandparents on February 21st. All grandparents are welcome to join their grandchildren that day for lunch and a prayer service. They can also stay for the Mardi Gras party.
- In association with the 100th Day of School Celebration, St. Gabriel's students donated 135 non-perishable items (125 lbs.) to the local CAP office. Each student, teacher and staff member donated items to reach above our goal. Good work St. Gabe's!
- Waukon Dental, Family Dentistry Associates of Monona, Dental Associates of Decorah and Dental Associates of Prairie du Chien are hosting "Have a Heart" day on Saturday, February 11th. These area dentists are offering free services to students in need. Parents will need to contact the offices to take advantage of the program.
- Congratulations to the winning Prairie Catholic Math Counts team of Adam Groom, Levi Orr, Paige Rickleff and John Luster. They beat teams from Bluff View, Wauzeka and other teams from PC. Adam Groom and Levi Orr also represented Prairie Catholic in the individual competition. Good Work!

- Lenten Mite Boxes are going home soon. The penny box proceeds are going to the Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. You may remember that Fr. Bob Flock is the Pastor at Holy Cross and Fr. Flock is Mrs. Wachuta's brother.
- There is an opportunity right now for you to earn 50 Bonus Points from Campbell's Soup "Labels For Education" on Facebook. All you have to do is find "Labels For Education" on Facebook and click "Like". On the right side of their wall you will find a red apple with "50 Bonus Point Opportunity", put in our zip code of 53821 and enter Prairie Catholic for the school. Here is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/labelsforeducation>

Prayer: Lord God, forgive us our sins, and give us healthy thoughts and desires. Help us to grow in faith, hope and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark Your Calendars

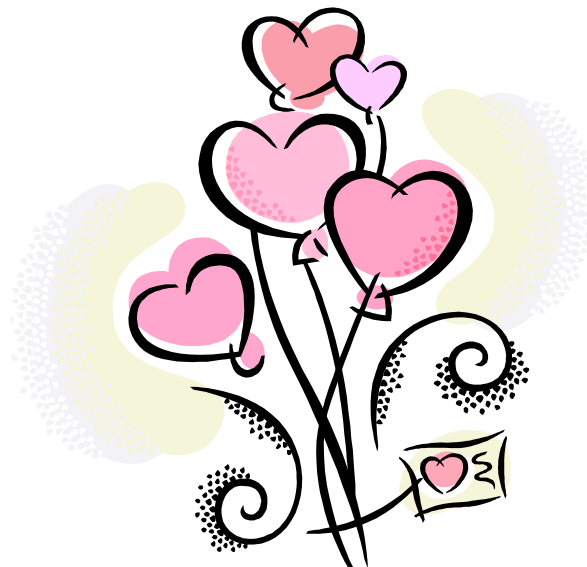
- February 16th – Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Ben Brancel to visit St. Gabriel's School, 10:00am
- February 17th – NO SCHOOL
- February 21st – Mid 3rd Term
- February 21st – Mardi Gras/Grandparents Day, St. Gabriel's Church/School – More info to come!
- February 22nd – Ash Wednesday All School Mass, St. Gabriel's, 8:30am
- February 23rd – Education Commission, St. John's, 7:00pm
- February 23rd – St. John's Mid-Term Grades
- February 28th – Title One Dr. Suess Night, St. Gabriel's School
- February 29th – 8th Grade Washington DC Mandatory "Packing Up Night" St. John's, 7:00pm
- February 29th – ACT Explore Tests for 7th and 8th Grade students

Fundraising Events

- Lenten Mite Boxes
- February 21st Mardi Gras, St. Gabriel's, 1:00pm

Basketball

- February 10th – 7/8B @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00/5:00pm
- February 11th – 5G @ Wauzeka Tournament
- February 18th – 5G @ La Crosse Tournament





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 16, 2012

Messages from Principal:

The number of students utilizing the afterschool program has started to dwindle. We are only having a few students attend daily. At this time we don't have enough students to substantiate the forced overtime. What I would like to do is start setting up struggling students on a regular schedule. I will be contacting families next week to schedule times the teachers are available for your students. Our teachers contracted times are from 7:45am-3:45pm. They will still be available for help from 7:45-8:05am, during recess time after lunch and afterschool from 3:25-3:45pm. If you feel that your student needs a regularly scheduled time with a teacher please contact the teacher or Mr. Marlow.

- Prairie Catholic would like to thank Wisconsin Secretary of Agriculture Ben Brancel for the time he spent with the students at St. Gabriel's. Secretary Brancel was in town to recognize Austin Mezera for his success growing the largest cabbage in the state of Wisconsin.
- Prairie Catholic **will not** have school **tomorrow** Friday, February 17th.
- Fat Tuesday is just around the corner! The annual Mardi Gras party hosted by the 7th grade will be on February 21st at 1:00pm. The students can win prizes playing a variety of carnival games at St. Gabriel's.
- Prairie Catholic would like to celebrate our Grandparents on February 21st. All grandparents are welcome to join their children that day for lunch and a prayer service. They can also stay for the Mardi Gras party following the prayer service.
- Prairie Catholic will celebrate Ash Wednesday with an All School Mass on the 22nd at 8:30pm at St. Gabriel's church. The middle school students will report directly to St. Gabe's school and will be transported back to St. John's after Mass. There is a field trip permission form in this envelope.
- The mid-term grades will be coming home in next week's envelope. (Yes, the mid-term is next week!)
- St. Gabriel's school will host Dr. Seuss Night in conjunction with Title One on February 28th.
- The 8th grade students and parents need to attend the Washington DC Pack-it-up night on February 29th at 7:00pm in St. John's cafeteria.
- The 7th and 8th grade students will be taking the ACT Explore test on Wednesday, February 29th. They will take the tests during the school day so please have them prepared with a good breakfast and plenty of sleep. Please look over the enclosed flyer enclosed.
- Prairie Catholic will participate in Read the Most from Coast to Coast. This event encourages student across the nation to shatter the one-day record for Accelerated Reader Quiz-taking. Please urge your student(s) to prepare by reading a book in time to take a test on Friday, March 2nd.
- Lenten Mite Boxes are going home today. The penny box proceeds are going to the Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. You may remember that Fr. Bob Flock is the Pastor at Holy Cross and Fr. Flock is Mrs. Wachuta's brother.

- There is an opportunity right now for you to earn 50 Bonus Points from Campbell's Soup "Labels For Education" on Facebook. All you have to do is find "Labels For Education" on Facebook and click "Like". On the right side of their wall you will find a red apple with "50 Bonus Point Opportunity", put in our zip code of 53821 and enter Prairie Catholic for the school. Here is the link: <http://www.facebook.com/labelsforeducation>

Prayer: God, our Creator, you made us and you know us. Through Jesus, help us to know you. May his teachings give us understanding, and may his example show us how to live. We ask this through the same Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

February 17th – NO SCHOOL

February 18th – Chili Supper – St. John's Church Hall – 4:30 – 6:30

February 21st – Mid 3rd Term

February 21st – Mardi Gras/Grandparents Day, St. Gabriel's Church/School – More info to come!

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday All School Mass, St. Gabriel's, 8:30am

February 23rd – Education Commission, St. John's, 7:00pm

February 23rd – St. John's Mid-Term Grades

February 28th – Title One Dr. Seuss Night, St. Gabriel's School

February 29th – 8th Grade Washington DC Mandatory "Pack-It-Up Night" St. John's, 7:00pm

February 29th – ACT Explore Tests for 7th and 8th Grade students

March 1st – St. John's forensics competition, St. John's, 1-3:00pm

March 2nd – Read the Most from Coast to Coast

March 5th – Opera for the Young, St. Gabriel's, afternoon

March 7th – Athletic Banquet, St Gabriel's cafeteria, 5:30pm

March 8th – No School

March 9th – No School

Fundraising Events

Lenten Mite Boxes

February 21st Mardi Gras, St. Gabriel's, 1:00pm

Basketball

February 18th – 5G @ La Crosse Tournament





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 23, 2012

Messages from Principal:

As we start this Lenten season, I don't want to ask you what you are giving up but rather what are you adding to your daily life. It is not that I want you to skip fasting, but instead enhance the two other pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving and prayer. I think we get too concerned with abstaining (and more importantly, telling people what you are abstaining from) that we forget to add prayer for the needy or volunteer for a worthy cause. Help someone through prayer or deeds. This is the time of year where your actions mean the most.

- Mark your calendars! St. Gabriel's will host a Dr. Seuss Night on February 28th at 6:30pm. This is a collaborative event with Title One. There will be students reading Dr. Seuss books in classrooms throughout the building and the evening will conclude with cake and milk in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome!
- The administration would like to thank the 7th grade families for hosting Mardi Gras on Tuesday. All of our students enjoyed the games and the school understands how much work goes into creating the event.
- The school would like to thank all the grandparents that made an effort to join us on Tuesday. We were honored that you were able to spend time with us. We truly appreciate all that you do for our community.
- Prairie Catholic will present the Stations of the Cross at both churches on Fridays during Lent. The St. Gabriel's students will be working through the stations right after Friday Mass, approximately 9:00am. The St. John's students will be working through the stations at 3:00pm. The public is welcome to join the students at these times.
- The Mid-term grades will be coming home in this week's envelope. The bottom of the report needs to be signed and returned by Monday, February 27th. A friendly reminder that you can view your child's grades every day on Skyward.
- The 8th grade students and parents need to attend the Washington DC Pack-it-up night on February 29th at 7:00pm in St. John's cafeteria. This is a mandatory meeting for those individuals that plan on taking the trip. Please see the additional information in today's envelope.
- The 7th and 8th grade students will be taking the ACT Explore test on Wednesday, February 29th. They will take the tests during the school day so please have your students prepared with a good breakfast and plenty of sleep. An informational flyer is included in the 7th and 8th graders envelopes today.
- Prairie Catholic will participate in Read the Most from Coast to Coast. This event encourages students across the nation to shatter the one-day record for Accelerated Reader Quiz-taking. Please urge your student(s) to prepare by reading a book in time to take a test on Friday, March 2nd.
- St. John's students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades will participate in the school wide forensics competition on March 1st. The school will run an early dismissal and the students will be competing from 1:00-3:00pm. School wide winners will move on to the inter-school competition on March 12th hosted by Prairie Catholic.

- Pre – registration for the 2012-2013 school year is going on from now through March 30th. Last week a letter was sent home regarding this. Forms to pre-register are included in this week’s envelope.

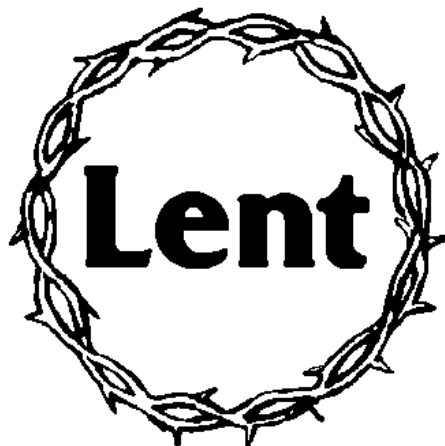
Prayer: God our Father, all life and happiness come from you. Give us the courage and willingness to give ourselves to you without hesitation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- February 23rd – Education Commission, St. John’s, 7:00pm
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- March 7th – Athletic Banquet, St Gabriel’s cafeteria, 5:30pm
- March 8th – No School
- March 9th – No School
- March 9th – Fish Fry, St. John’s

Important Spring Event Dates

- March 10th – Confirmation Retreat, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, 9:00am
- March 19th – Kindergarten Screening
- March 31st – First Communion Retreat, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria
- April 15th – First Communion Mass, St. Gabriel’s, 12:00pm
- April 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, 5:00pm
- April 25th – Confirmation Mass, St. John’s, 6:00pm
- April 29th-May 5th – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- May 22nd – Graduation Ceremony, St. John’s





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 1, 2012

Messages from Principal:

I would like to pass on a fantastic story that was brought to my attention. Local author and St. John's library donator, Mary Ann Stemper wrote a letter that ran in the February 12th Boscobel Dial Newspaper. The article was about enjoying a 5th grade girls' basketball game between Prairie Catholic and Wauzeka. I have included a copy of the letter in this week's envelope. As I read the article, I started to think about our basketball program and the lessons we are teaching our young student-athletes. As a former athlete, I will never forget the lessons I learned while playing sports. I hope that all of our students participate in activities, sporting or otherwise.

- Artwork from Prairie Catholic students in grades Kindergarten through 8th will be on display at the Effigy Mounds Nature Center from March 16th through the 19th. If you are across the river (in God's country) over that weekend, stop in and find your students piece.
- Dr. Seuss night hosted by Title 1 at St. Gabriel's school was well attended. The students got to hear stories and have a treat. Prairie Catholic would like to thank Mrs. Baumgartner for her efforts bringing this event to our school.
- Prairie Catholic will present the Stations of the Cross at both churches on Fridays during Lent. The St. Gabriel's students will be working through the stations right after Friday Mass, approximately 9:00am. The St. John's students will have stations at 3:00pm. The public is welcome to join our students at these times.
- St. John's school held their forensics competition today with all of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students participating. A list of place finishers will be in next week's newsletter. The individuals/groups that finish in the top three will compete at the interschool competition on March 12th at St. John's school.
- Prairie Catholic will participate in Read the Most from Coast to Coast. This event encourages students across the nation to shatter the one-day record for Accelerated Reader Quiz-taking. Please urge your student(s) to prepare by reading a book in time to take a test on Friday, March 2nd.
- Opera for the Young will again perform for the Prairie Catholic students on Monday, March 5th at 1:30pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Our 4th grade students will be performing with the professionals. St. John's will run a 1:00pm dismissal and the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students will be transported to St. Gabriel's. **The middle school students will be dismissed from St. Gabriel's.**
- The Athletic Banquet will be held on Wednesday, March 7th in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. It will be a pot luck supper starting at 5:30pm. The athletes will be recognized for their hard work and achievement. Prairie Catholic would like to thank Randy Schneider for the milk donation.
- NO SCHOOL on March 8th or 9th.
- The Student Council will host a bake sale on March 15th. The students will sell baked goods at St. Gabriel's in the morning and St. John's in the afternoon. All of the treats are 50 cents. This year the proceeds will go to the "Kids Helping Kids Program."

- The 7th and 8th grade students will be taking a field trip to Madison on March 16th. The students will be viewing historical and governmental sites. Prairie Catholic would like to thank the joint Men's Club and the Home and School Association for their kind donations to help offset the cost of this trip. Each group donated \$200 and that made the trip \$10 cheaper per student. Thank You!
- Mrs. Weber would like to hold play practice for the students involved on Friday, March 9th from 1:00-4:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Also, she would like to host another practice on Tuesday, March 13th from 3:30-5:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. These dates are needed to work for extended periods with the entire ensemble.

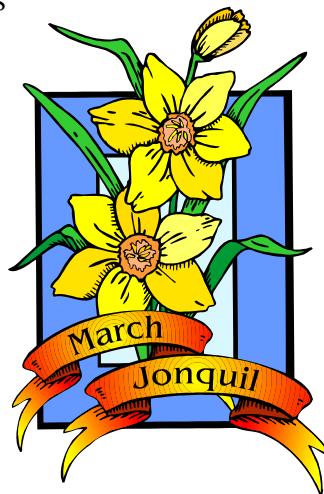
Prayer: Heavenly Father, the lives of the saints show us what great things you do for those who ask. Give us the courage and desire of your saints, and teach us to pray with confidence. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Mark Your Calendars

- March 2nd – Read the Most from Coast to Coast
- March 5th – Opera for the Young, St. Gabriel's, 1:30pm
- March 7th – Athletic Banquet, St Gabriel's cafeteria, 5:30pm
- March 8th – No School
- March 9th – No School
- March 9th – Fish Fry, St. John's – See enclosed flyer
- March 10th – Confirmation Retreat, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 9:00am
- March 12th – Multi-school Forensics Competition, St. John's school, 6:30am
- March 15th – Bake Sale, St. Gabriel's AM, St. John's PM
- March 16th – 7th and 8th Grades to Madison, 7:45am – permission slips in today's envelope
- March 16th-19th – Prairie Catholic Artwork on display at Effigy Mounds
- March 19th – Kindergarten Round-Up
- March 23rd – End Term 3

Important Spring Event Dates

- March 10th – Confirmation Retreat, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 9:00am
- March 19th – Kindergarten Round Up
- March 31st – First Communion Retreat, St. Gabriel's cafeteria
- April 15th – First Communion Mass, St. Gabriel's, 12:00pm
- April 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 5:00pm
- April 25th – Confirmation Mass, St. John's, 6:00pm
- April 29th-May 5th – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- May 22nd – Graduation Ceremony, St. John's





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 22, 2012

Messages from Principal:

With the weather as warm as it has been, we have decided to allow our students to wear shorts to school. The warm days were starting to add up and our buildings temps were climbing. However, I can't believe that this mild weather will continue until May. I believe there may be a cool down for us in the future. So the students can wear shorts on Thursday, Friday and Monday. We will make a decision whether to continue through next week based on forecasts Monday afternoon. Thank you for your support as we continue to implement our dress code.

- There is still time to pre-register for next school year. All pre-registrants will be included in a tuition drawing on Friday, March 30th. The lucky family will win half of their first child's tuition. Also, pre-registrants will lock in this year's tuition price. Thank you to all who have registered early!
- The dates of the Prairie Catholic play times have been set for Friday, April 20th at 7:00pm and Saturday April 21st at 1:00pm. Mrs. Weber and the students have been working very hard to make the play a success. Please make time to come and see our performances. Middle school students will be asked to help with some of the production efforts both days. The participating students will need to attend a play practice on March 26th from 3:30pm-4:30pm in St. John's cafeteria.
- The Prairie Catholic Student Council had a profitable fundraiser last Thursday. Mrs. Pattison and the students raised \$209 for the Kids Helping Kids, UW Madison's Child Cancer Research Fund. The council would like to thank all the students that purchased all the baked goods. Mrs. Pattison would also like to thank all the parents that baked treats to sell.
- Prairie Catholic hosted kindergarten screening last Monday but there is still time to screen students for the upcoming year. If you have a child of age or you know of a family with a school aged child, please keep us in mind.
- On-line registration for Prairie du Chien Summer School has opened up. Prairie Catholic parents can also enroll their students for any of the summer classes offered. Be looking for the letter from the public school regarding how to register online on your parents' Skyward message center.
- Prairie du Chien public school is off on Monday March 26th. **Prairie Catholic is having school on Monday.** Parents will be responsible for the student's transportation to and from school. We are sorry for any inconveniences this may cause.
- In a related note, this is the time of year that the administration starts to plan the 2012-2013 calendar. There are many factors that go into establishing start dates, finish dates and no school days. I understand that transportation is a concern for certain families and will try to work closely to but not follow explicitly the busing schedule. One thing that we have always kept it a finish date before Memorial Day. Expect that to continue.
- The end of term 3 is on March 23rd.
- Prairie Catholic would also like to congratulate Chase Fisher qualifying for the state wrestling competition. Chase is joining two other Prairie Catholic students, Peyton Hall and Jerrod Osterkamp. Good Luck Boys!

- The 6th grade will be selling butter braids for a Washington DC fundraiser. You can order yours from March 5th through March 23rd. All orders must be in by the end of the day Friday. The braids are delicious and will be delivered before Easter. So make traveling easier and order your portion of the Easter pot-luck from your favorite 6th grade student.
- The band students will not be attending on Friday, March 23rd. The band times are changing for one day and our students will stay at St. John's.
- Parent volunteer hour forms can be turned in any time to either school office. If you have your family hours done we can credit your tuition account. This could clear up some confusion about amounts owed.
- Prairie Catholic will present the Stations of the Cross at both churches on Fridays during Lent. The St. Gabriel's students will be working through the stations right after Friday Mass, approximately 9:00am. The St. John's students will be working through the stations at 3:00pm. The public is welcome to join our students at these times.

Prayer: Holy God, fill our hearts with your love and we listen to scripture. May our study lead to prayer and our prayer lead to service and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- March 23rd – End Term 3
- March 26th – Play Practice, St. John's cafeteria, 3:30-4:30pm
- March 26th – 30th – Pre-K Registration
- March 29th – Grades go home in envelope
- March 29th – Education Commission, St. John's Church basement, 7:00pm
- March 31st – First Communion Retreat, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 10:00am
- April 6th – NO SCHOOL
- April 9th – NO SCHOOL
- April 10th – NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-service
- April 13th – Prairie Catholic Play Dress Rehearsal, St. Gabriel's school, 2:15pm

Important Spring Event Dates

- April 15th – First Communion Mass, St. Gabriel's, 12:00pm
- April 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 5:00pm
- April 20th & 21st – Prairie Catholic Play
- April 25th – Confirmation Mass, St. John's, 6:00pm
- April 29th-May 5th – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- May 22nd – Graduation Ceremony, St. John's

Fundraising Events

- Butter Braids
- April 19th and 20th – Middle School Play, St. Gabriel's cafeteria





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 29, 2012

Messages from Principal:

It is with regret that Prairie Catholic will say good bye to Mrs. Lori Jung the director of the Prairie Catholic Daycare. Even though Mrs. Jung still looks very young, she has been with our school system for many years. We will miss her and want to extend a sincere "Thank you" for all that she has done and "Good Luck!" in her future endeavors. In her absences, Mrs. Julie Schwager has agreed to step in as interim director to get us through the year. Don't let Mrs. Schwager's youthful look fool you either, she has been helping in the daycare for many years also. Along with the extra duties of a director, she is also increasing her hours to benefit our youngest students. Helping Mrs. Schwager will be a group of helpers with experience in our daycare. I believe our students are in very capable hands. If you are wondering, there will be no changes to the care provided or the hours of operation.

- There is still time to pre-register for next school year. All pre-registrants will be included in a tuition drawing on Friday, March 30th. The lucky family will win half of their first child's tuition. Also, pre-registrants will lock in this year's tuition price. Thank you to all who have registered early!
- The dates of the Prairie Catholic play times have been set for Friday, April 20th at 7:00pm and Saturday April 21st at 1:00pm. Mrs. Weber and the students have been working very hard to make the play a success. As this is a fundraiser for Prairie Catholic (just as the magazine sale is in the fall) each middle school family will receive play tickets next week. Please purchase your own at that time, presell tickets to other community members or return any unsold tickets. Walk up tickets will be available at the door and we will have theater treats for sale at intermission. Thank you for your help.
- There will be **NO SCHOOL** on April 6th, 9th or 10th. Enjoy your holiday break.
- Prairie Catholic along with the CCD instructors will host a First Communion Retreat on Saturday, March 31st from 10:00am through lunch. Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this large step in their education.
- On-line registration for Prairie du Chien Summer School has opened up. Prairie Catholic parents can also enroll their students for any of the summer offerings. We will attach an informative letter from public school to a message and send it to the parents' Skyward message center.
- The extended forecast call for more average temperatures for the next two weeks. The pant dress code will be enforced until the scheduled date of April 16th.
- Mrs. Pattison will be collecting any Culvers paper tokens off kids' meals that are redeemable for outdoor rubber playground balls. It would take a certain amount of time for a family to save enough, but if our families pooled together our school could get them sooner. Keep us in mind.
- Your student's report card is in this envelope.
- Mrs. Kathleen Ernst, the author at our CSW reading night will receive the Anne Powers Fiction Prize from the Council for Wisconsin Writers for *The Heirloom Murders*. Mrs. Ernst's presentation to Prairie Catholic students included setting themes and character development. Congratulations Mrs. Ernst!

- Parent volunteer forms can be turned in any time to either school office. If you have your family hours done we can credit your tuition account. This could clear up some confusion about amounts owed.

Prayer: Holy God, calm our fears of the unknown, and open our hearts to the wonders of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

March 29th – Grades go home in envelope
March 29th – Education Commission, St. John’s Church basement, 7:00pm
March 31st – First Communion Retreat, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, 10:00am
April 6th – NO SCHOOL
April 9th – NO SCHOOL
April 10th – NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-service
April 11th – First Communion Practice, St. Gabriel’s church, 6:00pm
April 13th – Prairie Catholic Play Dress Rehearsal, St. Gabriel’s school, 2:15pm
April 15th – First Communion, St. Gabriel’s Church, 12:00pm
April 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, 5:00pm
April 18th – Confirmation Practice, St. John’s Church, 6:45pm
April 19th – Giant Map at St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, classes during the school day, families at night
April 19th – Burgers and Fries, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria 4:30-6:30pm
April 20th – NO SCHOOL, Teacher Diocesan Training
April 20th – Prairie Catholic Play, St. Gabriel’s Stage, 7:00pm
April 21st – Prairie Catholic Play, St. Gabriel’s Stage, 1:00pm

Important Spring Event Dates

April 15th – First Communion Mass, St. Gabriel’s, 12:00pm
April 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, 5:00pm
April 20th & 21st – Prairie Catholic Play
April 25th – Confirmation Mass, St. John’s, 6:00pm
April 29th-May 5th – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
May 22nd – Graduation Ceremony, St. John’s

Fundraising Events

April 19th and 20th – Middle School Play, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 12, 2012

Messages from Principal:

I have taken part in a number of conversations regarding aggressive behavior in our classes at both schools. These conversations have been with parents asking about school policy. I have asked the teachers to increase surveillance. As these conversations continue, I feel very fortunate that half of our teaching staff took a course in Bullying education last summer. Through this course, the staff produced a Bully Intervention Plan that centers on recognition, intervention and education. Though I truly feel that we don't have a rampant bullying issue, every school deals with aggressive behavior that if left unattended will lead to bullying. Although we have added pieces of our plan to the curriculum, this may be the perfect time to review our plan and increase implementation efforts. In this envelope you will receive information regarding the definitions of bullying and the differences between bullying and teasing.

In the future, more information will be circulated through the envelope for your reading. The classrooms will continue to educate students about bullies and dealing with aggressive behavior but we understand that the primary educators in a child's life are their parents. Together, we can make a difference. Please understand that this plan will not stop bullying and aggressive behavior. I suspect that there will always be aggressive behavior when students interact, but it is the action after the aggression that will define the child and the school.

- There will be 25 students receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 15th at a 12:00pm (noon) Mass. The administration would like to congratulate all the students on their accomplishment. We would like to send out a very special thank you to Mrs. Wachuta for all of her work preparing the Prairie Catholic students and her help organizing the retreat.
- Mr. Huser has secured another giant map from the National Geographic Society. The students will spend parts of the day on Thursday, April 19th working with the map of Asia. The public is invited to the St. Gabriel's banquet hall for a Burgers and Fries meal that night hosted by the men's club as Mr. Huser shows the map to the public and organizes activities for students. Please see enclosed permission slip.
- Next week is the Prairie Catholic performances of "The People vs. B.B. Wolf." Play times have been set for Friday, April 20th at 7:00pm and Saturday April 21st at 1:00pm. Mrs. Weber and the students have been working very hard to make the play a success. Please return all ticket money or unsold tickets to the school office as soon as possible. Walk up tickets will be available at the door and we will have theater treats for sale at intermission.
- The middle school students will be attending a dress rehearsal for the play on Friday, April 13th at 2:15pm in the St. Gabriel's Center for the Performing Arts. (The Center looks a lot like the cafeteria.) **All students will be released from St. Gabriel's school after the performance.**
- There will be **NO SCHOOL** on April 20th as all the teachers will be in La Crosse for diocesan religious training. The 20th is the last scheduled day off for the year.
- There is a Home and School Meeting scheduled for April 17th at 5:00pm in the St. Gabriel's Conference Room. Please plan to attend.
- Prairie Catholic will recognize its third honor roll students on Tuesday, April 17 at the 8:15 St. John's daily Mass. Congratulations to the students being honored.
- The students in grades Kindergarten through fourth will all attend the play "Nate the Great" on the UW Platteville campus. The students will view the 10:45am performance and then eat lunch before traveling back to Prairie du Chien.
- On-line registration for Prairie du Chien Summer School has opened up. Prairie Catholic parents can also enroll their students for any of the summer offerings. Please contact either office if you have any questions.

- As the weather starts to creep warmer Prairie Catholic would like to remind everyone that shorts can be worn starting on April 16th. However, shorts are not appropriate for Mass so the students need to think about what day it is and bring shorts to change into after Mass. Please remember that any athletic shorts including mesh or “shimmery” shorts do not meet the dress code requirements.
- Any student interested in joining the Children’s Choir for the First Communion Mass are encouraged to be in the choir loft at 11:45am on Sunday, April 15th. The children’s choir adds so much to the celebration so please allow your students to attend if they have interest.
- Please return your Lenten Mite Boxes to your school office by Thursday, April 19th. The money is raised for the parish in Bolivia that Fr. Robert Flock leads. If you remember, Fr. Flock is Mrs. Wachuta’s brother.
- On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 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.
- 8th grade parents, applications for 8th grade awards are available in their homeroom. Your student can pick one up anytime and are due back to Mrs. Jozefowicz on April 25th.
- Parent volunteer forms can be turned in any time to either school office. If you have your family hours done we can credit your tuition account. This could clear up some confusion about amounts owed.
- If you have noticed in this newsletter, I have referred to the cafeteria at St. Gabriel’s as a “conference room,” a “center for the performing arts,” and “banquet hall.” Indeed, it serves all of these functions and more throughout the school year. I would like to give the stage a minor facelift by using some of the money raised by the golf scramble and concert to purchase new draperies and track. Donations to this cause are very much welcome and can be made at either school or parish office.

Prayer: Holy God, in this joyous time, we pray that your healing power will bring relief to those who suffer and peace to those in conflict. We ask this through your Son, the same Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Mark Your Calendars

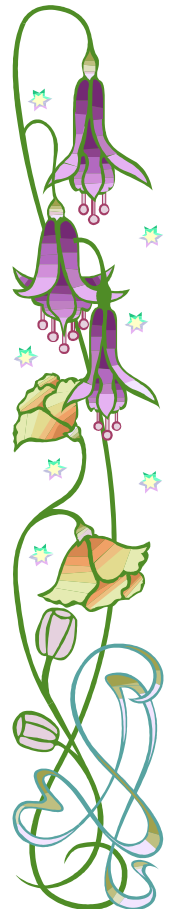
- April 13th – Prairie Catholic Play Dress Rehearsal, St. Gabriel’s school, 2:15pm
- April 15th – First Communion, St. Gabriel’s Church, 12:00pm
- April 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, 5:00pm
- April 17th – Honor Roll Mass, St. John’s, 8:15
- April 18th – Confirmation Practice, St. John’s Church,
- April 19th – Giant Map at St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, classes during the school day, families at night
- April 19th – Burgers and Fries, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria
- April 20th – NO SCHOOL, Teacher Diocesan Training
- April 20th – Prairie Catholic Play, St. Gabriel’s Stage, 7:00pm
- April 21st – Prairie Catholic Play, St. Gabriel’s Stage, 1:00pm
- April 23rd – St. Gabriel’s Students to Play, UW Platteville, bus 9:15am, play 10:45am
- April 25th – Confirmation, St. John’s Church, 6:00pm
- April 26th – Mid Term 4th Quarter
- April 29th- May 5th – 8th Grade students to Washington DC
- May 5th – Golf Scramble and Dance

Important Spring Event Dates

- April 15th – First Communion Mass, St. Gabriel’s, 12:00pm
- April 17th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, 5:00pm
- April 20th & 21st – Prairie Catholic Play
- April 25th – Confirmation Mass, St. John’s, 6:00pm
- April 29th-May 5th – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- May 22nd – Graduation Ceremony, St. John’s

Fundraising Events

- April 19th and 20th – Middle School Play, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 19, 2012

Messages from Principal:

The excitement is starting to build as we are two and half weeks away from the Saints Scramble golf outing and Back Home Boys concert. These events are a lot of fun for the community but are also a ton of work to prepare. The organizers feel that we are in a good place but are looking for help on the 5th at both locations. Volunteers for both events are needed. As this is the third year for the golf outing, we feel that we know how many helpers are needed. However, this is the first year for the concert. Honestly, we don't know how many people to expect. I would hate to feel like we didn't have enough staff to cover the event.

In this envelope you will find a volunteer registration form. Please seriously consider giving of your time on the 5th to help us staff the occasion. There are many different types of jobs so please mark the categories that you would be willing to fill.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers in advance. I understand that your time is valuable and I appreciate you spending it helping us.

- **No School** on Friday, April 20th as the teachers will be La Crosse for diocesan religious in-servicing. The 20th is the last scheduled day off for the year.
- The administration would like to congratulate Mrs. Wachuta's second grade class as they received First Holy Communion on Sunday. The twelve students shared the experience with the CCD class in St. Gabriel's church. (They were also very proud walking up for Communion at Wednesday's daily Mass.)
- Mr. Huser worked with students today on the giant map of Asia. The public is invited to St. Gabriel's for a Burgers and Fries meal tonight hosted by the men's club. Make your way in early because you don't know when the food is gone!
- Tomorrow and Saturday Prairie Catholic performs "The People vs. B.B. Wolf." Play times have been set for 7:00pm on Friday and 1:00pm on Saturday. The students will have their last rehearsal at 4:00pm, then eat and prepare for the performance. Please return all ticket money or unsold tickets to the school office as soon as possible. Walk up tickets will be available at the door and we will have theater treats for sale before, at intermission and after the show.
- The students in grades Kindergarten through fourth will attend the play "Nate the Great" on the UW Platteville campus on Monday, April 23rd. The students will view the 10:45am performance and then eat lunch before traveling back to Prairie du Chien.
- The Home and School Association is looking for a volunteer to serve as Vice-President next year. There are four meetings and it is an easy way to complete your family volunteer commitment. If interested please contact Mr. Marlow.
- There will be a Holy Family breakfast on May 13th from 6:30-10:00am at St. Gabriel's school hall. The meal is sponsored by the Men's groups of both churches. All are welcome. Free will offering.
- Be on the lookout for information regarding the Prairie Catholic Alumni Association. A group of individuals is interested in starting a network to keep graduates informed. There will be an electronic sign-up for easier registration. The administration already has ideas for socials next year!

- The administration would like to thank the employees of 3M and Land O'Lakes who recorded volunteer hours with the companies to secure substantial donations to the school. Thank You!
- Students please remember that even though shorts are allowed at school, no shorts should be worn to Mass. You need to be prepared and have a change of clothes if you wish.
- 8th grade parents, applications for 8th grade awards are available in their homeroom. Your student can pick one up anytime and are due back to Mrs. Jozefowicz on April 25th.
- Parent volunteer forms can be turned in any time to either school office. If you have your family hours done we can credit your tuition account. This could clear up some confusion about amounts owed.

Prayer: Merciful God, help us to know and obey your will. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may live with faith and hope, sharing our Easter joy with others. We ask this through you r Son, Jesus Christ our risen Lord, Amen. .

Mark Your Calendars

- April 19th – Giant Map at St. Gabriel’s cafeteria, classes during the school day, families at night
- April 19th – Burgers and Fries, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria
- April 20th – NO SCHOOL, Teacher Diocesan Training
- April 20th – Prairie Catholic Play, St. Gabriel’s Stage, 7:00pm
- April 21st – Prairie Catholic Play, St. Gabriel’s Stage, 1:00pm
- April 23rd – St. Gabriel’s Students to Play, UW Platteville, bus 9:15am, play 10:45am
- April 25th – Confirmation, St. John’s Church, 6:00pm
- April 26th – Mid Term 4th Quarter
- April 27th – First Grade to Lucky Park to plant tree, 10:00am
- April 27th – Relay 4 Life, high school track, 3:00pm-8:00am
- April 29th- May 5th – 8th Grade students to Washington DC
- May 4th – 4th Grade Rummage Sale benefiting
- May 5th – Golf Scramble and Dance
- May 8th – May Crowning, St. John’s, 8:15 Mass
- May 9th – May Crowning, St. Gabe’s, 8:15 Mass
- May 9th – 4th Grade to Platteville Mining Museum, 9:15am-2:30pm

Important Spring Event Dates

- April 20th & 21st – Prairie Catholic Play
- April 25th – Confirmation Mass, St. John’s, 6:00pm
- April 29th-May 5th – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- May 22nd – Graduation Ceremony, St. John’s

Fundraising Events

- April 20th and 21st – Middle School Play, St. Gabriel’s cafeteria
- May 5th – Golf Scramble and Back Home Boys Concert





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 26, 2012

Messages from Principal:

It is time for our young boys and girls to make their way to Washington DC. This is the trip they have been working for throughout middle school. Students enjoy your trip because this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. While you're there, please remember to thank your parents. They helped you sell candy bars, work suppers and even paid off balances. Without them, you would still be PdC!

- The administration would like to thank Mr. Huser for bringing the giant map back to Prairie Catholic. The students enjoyed themselves all day. We would also like to thank the men's club for offering the meal that night.
- Please congratulate the 8th grade students for receiving the Holy Spirit during their Confirmation last night. The 17 Prairie Catholic students were also joined by 17 CCD students for the evening.
- The administration would like to congratulate Mrs. Weber and all the students that were involved in the performances of "The People vs. B.B. Wolf." The shows were well attended and the acting was superb. Our students are very talented and it was nice to see them channel their personalities into the characters.
- Relay for Life is tomorrow afternoon through Saturday morning at the high school track.
- Get your teams signed up for the Prairie Catholic Golf Outing on May 5th at the Prairie du Chien country Club. It is a three person scramble costing \$60 per person. Also, don't forget to make time to enjoy the "Back Home Boys" concert that night at St. Gabriel's. Tickets are \$7 for an adult, \$3 for a child. There will be food and cold drinks available on site.
- We could still use some more volunteers to work the "Back Home Boys" concert on May 5th. Please contact Mr. Marlow for details.
- The Home and School Association is looking for a volunteer to serve as Vice-President next year. Inquiries can be made to Mr. Marlow.
- There will be a Holy Family breakfast on May 13th from 6:30-10:00am at St. Gabriel's school hall. The meal is sponsored by the Men's groups of both churches. All are welcome. Free will offering.
- Parents please see the informational flier regarding Prairie Catholic offering a Club Invention program this summer on May 30th and 31st. This is a great opportunity for students to get hands on activities dealing with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
- Application materials for the 2012 Little Miss Squirt Contest are available at St. Gabriel's school office.
- Students please remember that even though shorts are allowed at school, no shorts should be worn to Mass. You need to be prepared and have a change of clothes if you wish.
- 8th grade parents, applications for 8th grade awards are available in their homeroom. Your student can pick one up anytime and are due back to Mrs. Jozefowicz on April 25th.
- Parent volunteer forms can be turned in any time to either school office. If you have your family hours done we can credit your tuition account. This could clear up some confusion about amounts owed.

Prayer: God our Father, stir our hearts to feed your children who go to bed at night hungry for food and love. Fill us with your love, that we may feed the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mark Your Calendars

April 26th – Mid Term 4th Quarter
April 27th – First Grade to Lucky Park to plant tree, 10:00am
April 27th – Relay 4 Life, high school track, 3:00pm-8:00am
April 29th- May 5th – 8th Grade students to Washington DC
May 4th – 4th Grade Rummage Sale benefiting Hospital
May 5th – Golf Scramble and Dance
May 7th – Kindergarten to Hospital
May 8th – May Crowning, St. John's, 8:15 Mass
May 9th – May Crowning, St. Gabe's, 8:15 Mass
May 9th – 4th Grade to Platteville Mining Museum, 9:15am-2:30pm
May 9th – 2nd Grade to Kembles's, 1:00pm
May 14th – 4th Grade to Villa
May 17th – 3rd Grade Field Trip, 9:30am
May 18th – Pre-Kindergarten Program, 2:00pm
May 21st – Kindergarten Field Trip to Osborn Park
May 22nd – Graduation Ceremony, St. John's
May 22nd – 8th Grade Last Day
May 22nd – 1st Grade Field Trip to Hickson Forest
May 22nd – 2nd Grade Field Trip to Mississippi River Museum
May 23rd – 5th Grade Field Trip, Planetarium
May 23rd – 7th Grade Field Trip,
May 24th – 6th Grade Field Trip, Mississippi River Explorer Cruise

Fundraising Events

May 5th – Golf Scramble, Prairie du Chien Country Club, 11:00am Registration, Noon shotgun
May 5th – Grill Out, St. Gabriel's grounds, 5:00-11:00pm, 7th Grade Washington DC Fundraiser
May 5th – Back Home Boys Concert, St. Gabriel's blacktop, 7:00-11:00pm



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 3, 2012

Messages from Principal:

There is still time to get your team signed up for the Prairie Catholic Saints Scramble on May 5th at the Prairie du Chien Country Club. It is a three person event so teams are easier to find. Your \$60 entry fee will get you golf, cart rental, admission to “Back Home Boys” concert at St. Gabriel’s and meal at St. Gabriel’s prepared by the 7th grade class.

If you can’t make the golf tournament, plan to make time for the “Back Home Boys” concert that night from 7:00-11:00pm. The concert is planned for the blacktop behind St. Gabriel’s school with a rain location in St. Gabriel’s school cafeteria. The admission is \$7 for adults (over 18) and \$3 for youth. Water, pop, beer and food will be sold on site so you don’t need to bring anything.

If you can’t make the golf tournament and 11:00pm is too late for you, plan on stopping at St. Gabriel’s on Saturday for a meal prepared by the 7th grade as a Washington DC fundraiser. The class will be preparing hot sandwiches with a baked potato bar and desert with milk and coffee. They will be serving from 5:00pm through the concert.

Or you could plan on attending all the events like the principal. This weekend has been a lot of work and I can’t wait for Saturday.

Throughout the entire day we will be selling raffle tickets that could win you one of four great prizes. One ticket gets you entered to win any prize. Someone will win an **Odyssey Two-Ball Putter** at the golf outing. Also at the concert, raffle tickets can win you:

Two tickets for the September 13th game at historic Lambeau Field between our beloved Green Bay Packers and the hated Chicago Bears

Photograph taken by Dr. Donna Higgins of local wildlife

A signed football by Packer legend Antonio Freeman

- The community is invited to the rummage/bake sale on Friday, May 4 in our St. Gabriel’s gym. The proceeds will be donated to the hospital foundation. Our Prairie Catholic 4th grade students have been working with the hospital architects developing family friendly waiting areas.
- Student mid-term grades are in this envelope. Please remember the grades are a snapshot of your student’s achievement to April 26th. Current grades are available on Skyward.
- The students will celebrate May Crowning on May 8th at St. John’s and May 9th at St. Gabriel’s. This is always a nice Mass to attend with all of the vibrant colors of the flowers.
- Parents and students are reminded to check the school’s lost and found for missing clothing. As I have said before, it can be embarrassing if you see your name on the back of shirts in the lost and found.
- There will be a Holy Family breakfast on May 13th from 6:30-10:00am at St. Gabriel’s school hall. The meal is sponsored by the Men’s groups of both churches. All are welcome. Free will offering.
- There is still time for parents to sign students up for the Club Invention program offered by Prairie Catholic this summer on May 30th and 31st. This is a great opportunity for students to get hands on activities dealing with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

- In this envelope you will see a permission slip for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to walk to the high school to view their dress rehearsal for their upcoming play. We would like to thank the public school for inviting us to this opportunity.
- Students please remember that even though shorts are allowed at school, no shorts should be worn to Mass. You need to be prepared and have a change of clothes if you wish.
- Parent volunteer forms can be turned in any time to either school office. If you have your family hours done we can credit your tuition account. This could clear up some confusion about amounts owed.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach us how to pray. Fill our hearts with longing for your great Love. Awaken our minds to seek your truth, and give us the faith to find you revealed to us in your Son. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

May 4th – 4th Grade Rummage Sale benefitting Hospital, St. Gabe's Gym, 7:30am-1:00pm

May 5th – Golf Scramble, Prairie du Chien Country Club, Noon

May 5th – Back Home Boys Concert and Dance, St. Gabe's, 7:00-11:00pm

May 5th – 7th Grade DC Fundraiser, Supper, 5:00-11:00pm

May 8th – May Crowning, St. John's, 8:15 Mass

May 9th – May Crowning, St. Gabe's, 8:15 Mass

May 18th – Pre-Kindergarten Program, 2:00pm

May 21st – Hard Work Counts

May 22nd – Graduation Ceremony, St. John's

May 22nd – 8th Grade Last Day

May 25th – Last Day of School, Early out 12:00pm NOON

May 30th and 31st – Club Invention, St. Gabe's School

Field Trips

May 7th – Kindergarten to Hospital

May 9th – 3rd Grade to Opportunity Center

May 9th – 2nd Grade to Kembles

May 9th – 4th Grade to Platteville Mining Museum, 9:15am-2:30pm

May 10th – 1st Grade to True Value

May 11th – 2nd to Peoples State Bank

May 16th – 4th Grade to Villa

May 16th – 6th, 7th and 8th Grades to High School for Play

May 17th – 3rd Grade Field Trip, 9:30am

May 21st – Kindergarten Field Trip to Osbourne Park

May 22nd – 1st Grade Field Trip to Hixon Forest and Children's Museum

May 22nd – 2nd Grade Field Trip to Mississippi River Museum

May 22nd – Pre-Kindergarten to Americ-Inn and Downtown Bakery

May 23rd – 5th Grade Field Trip to Planetarium

May 23rd – 7th Grade Field Trip to Waste Water Plant and Jellystone

May 24th – 6th Grade Field Trip, Mississippi River Explorer Cruise



Fundraising Events

May 5th – Golf Scramble, Prairie du Chien Country Club, 11:00am Registration, Noon shotgun

May 5th – 7th Grade Washington DC Fundraiser, Supper and grill out, St. Gabriel's, 5:00-11:00pm

May 5th – Back Home Boys Concert, St. Gabriel's blacktop or school, 7:00-11:00pm



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 10, 2012

Messages from Principal:

This last weekend was a great success. The golf outing had more golfers than ever before. The concert by the Back Home Boys was enjoyed by everyone who attended. It was a great weekend to be a Saint. I have a lot of people to thank starting with the event committee. I would like to thank Duane and Misty Rogers, Sarah Knapp, Michael Higgins, Fr. Weighner, Chris Mara, Scott Kennedy and Tom Farrell. I would also like to thank the seventh grade parents for providing a meal after the golf and during the band. The last thank you is for Mr. Rooney for all of the work he put in during the weeks leading up and after the event. It is easy to make decisions but it takes sweat and manpower to make all of those decisions come to fruition. Thanks again to all who helped.

- I would like to announce that Mrs. Julie Schwager has agreed to take over as the head of the Prairie Catholic Daycare! Mrs. Schwager has worked with the school for many years and we feel very fortunate that she would like to step into this new role.
- Our Prairie Catholic 4th grade students along with the help of a couple of parents have raised over \$250 for the hospital foundation. If you remember the 4th graders have been working with the hospital architects developing family friendly waiting areas.
- Prairie Catholic would like to honor our volunteers with a Mass on Friday, May 18th at St. Gabriel's Church at 8:15am. The invitation also extends to the school cafeteria after Mass for rolls and juice.
- The 5th grade will be receiving any missing immunizations on May 16th in the afternoon. Those students that need to be involved are receiving the paperwork in today's weekly envelope.
- The 5th grade will also get all the information for band instruments and protocol on May 14th and 16th. The students will listen to instruments and learn about the 6th grade band program.
- The end of the year Pre-K program is scheduled for May 18th at 2:00pm. All students in AM and PM Pre-K will attend the afternoon session.
- Parents and students are reminded to check the school's lost and found for missing clothing. As I have said before, it can be embarrassing if you see your name on the back of shirts in the lost and found.
- There will be a Holy Family breakfast on May 13th from 6:30-10:00am at St. Gabriel's school hall. The meal is sponsored by the Men's groups of both churches. All are welcome. Free will offering.
- There is still time for parents to sign students up for the Club Invention program offered by Prairie Catholic this summer on May 30th and 31st. This is a great opportunity for students to get hands on activities dealing with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
- Students please remember that even though shorts are allowed at school, no shorts should be worn to Mass. You need to be prepared and have a change of clothes if you wish.
- Parent volunteer forms can be turned in any time to either school office. If you have your family hours done we can credit your tuition account. This could clear up some confusion about amounts owed.

- The Blackhawk Mile is set for Friday, June 8th in memory of Earl Mayer, a St. John's parishioner. The fun-run is a great family event. Consider attending.

Prayer: Wonderful God, help us to live in your love. May your love give joy to our hearts, and should we lose this precious joy, help us to return to you, that our hearts might rejoice once again. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- May 18th – Volunteer Mass, St. Gabriel's, 8:15am
- May 18th – Pre-Kindergarten Program, 2:00pm
- May 21st – Hard Work Counts
- May 22nd – Graduation Mass, St. John's
- May 22nd – 8th Grade Last Day
- May 25th – Last Day of School, Early out 12:00pm (NOON)
- May 30th and 31st – Club Invention, St. Gabe's School

Field Trips

- May 11th – 2nd to Peoples State Bank
- May 16th – 4th Grade to Villa
- May 16th – 6th, 7th and 8th Grades to High School for Play
- May 17th – 3rd Grade Field Trip, 9:30am
- May 21st – Kindergarten Field Trip to Osbourne Park
- May 22nd – 1st Grade Field Trip to Hixon Forest and Children's Museum
- May 22nd – 2nd Grade Field Trip to Mississippi River Museum
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- May 23rd – 5th Grade Field Trip to Planetarium
- May 23rd – 7th Grade Field Trip to Waste Water Plant and Jellystone
- May 24th – 6th Grade Field Trip, Mississippi River Explorer Cruise





Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 17, 2012

Messages from Principal:

It is that time of year where the administration makes changes to the teaching assignments. Next year Prairie Catholic will keep the 5th grade students at St. Gabriel's school in one "elementary" classroom. The assignments are as follows: St. Gabriel's: Pre-K- Janet Steiner, Kindergarten- Mary Huser, 1st Grade - Lori Hemmer, 2nd Grade - Jenny Wachuta, 3rd Grade - Gale Carlson, 4th Grade - Joahn Post, 5th Grade - Jean Pellemounter.

St. John's school: 6th Homeroom and Math- Kathy Igou, 6th Homeroom and Reading- Luanne Atkins, 7th Homeroom and Social Studies- Bill Huser, 8th Homeroom and Religion- Jean Jozefowicz. English will be split between Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Jo. Science will be split between Mr. Huser and Mrs. Igou.

The registration numbers forced the school to make difficult decisions. The administration would like to thank Mrs. Becwar for her years of service. We will miss her smile and years of experience. We would like to wish her the best of luck in the future and say one more time, "Thank You!"

- 8th Grade Graduation Mass will be on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00pm in St. John's Church. We have 18 graduating students this year. The 7th grade will be hosting a reception afterward for graduates and families. The public is welcome to the festivities.
- Prairie Catholic would like to honor our volunteers at Mass on Friday, May 18th at St. Gabriel's 8:15am weekday Mass. The invitation also extends to the school cafeteria after Mass for rolls and juice.
- Just like last year the student's last day (May 25th) will be different. All the students will report to St. John's school and we will have our final All-school Mass at 8:20am. Afterward the students will walk to Lochner Park for games and fun. We will serve lunch at 11:15am. The students will be released from the park to their parents at 12:00pm (NOON). Thank you for accommodating this different schedule. That day the students will be allowed to wear shorts to the All School Mass due to activities later that morning at the park.
- The end of the year Pre-K program is scheduled for May 18th at 2:00pm in Mrs. Steiner's room. May 23rd will be a normal day of Pre-Kindergarten. May 24th will be the last day of Pre-Kindergarten with all of the students attending in the AM.
- The local Girl Scout Troop would like to host a clothing drive for the community. Next week they will be putting a box with a sign on it for donations at both schools. At the end of the week, we will add the lost and found collection to the donations and send them with the young ladies. So PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND!
- The Saints Scramble and Back Home Boys Concert made the school over \$7500. We would like to again thank all the people who had a part in making the events profitable. If you would like to use some of your volunteer hours to help this event next year, please contact Mr. Marlow.
- Prairie Catholic is looking for someone to take over Bingo from Char Steger and Kati Forsythe. The ladies will train anyone interested next year with the intent that this new individual (or team) will take over the following year. We would also like to thank Char and Kati for all that they have done to get the program started and maintaining a smooth operation.

- Reminder that all outstanding tuition, lunch balances and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and 8th 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 24th. If account is paid look for your student's report card on May 25th.
- The school community would like to thank Sheri Kennedy for volunteering her time as the Home and School Vice-President.
- Prairie Catholic 8th grade students are expected to participate in a technology assessment at Bluff View on Tuesday, May 29th from 8:00-9:30am. Pool party mixer to follow for students who have filled out permission slip and paid \$1.00.
- There is still time for parents to sign students up for the Club Invention program offered by Prairie Catholic this summer on May 30th and 31st. This is a great opportunity for students to get hands on activities dealing with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.
- Students please remember that even though shorts are allowed at school, no shorts should be worn to Mass. You need to be prepared and have a change of clothes if you wish.
- Parent volunteer forms can be turned in any time to either school office. If you have your family hours done we can credit your tuition account. This could clear up some confusion about amounts owed.
- The Blackhawk Mile is set for Friday, June 8th in memory of Earl Mayer, a St. John's parishioner. The fun-run is a great family event. Consider attending.
- The Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien and the Friends of Pool 10 will once again be holding their annual Mississippi River Adventure Day! The event will take place on Monday, August 6, 2012 at Lawler Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children ages 5 to 15 are invited to attend, at no charge. The kids will spend the day pollywogging for mussels, seining for fish, searching for aquatic bugs and critters, learning to cast, exploring furs, going on boat rides, and catching fish and turtles. Registration will open on May 21, 2012, and will be first come, first served. There are openings for only 150 people and, in the past, the event has filled up very quickly. Registration forms will be sent home in next week's Thursday envelope. However, if you would like to get a jump-start on registration to ensure your child or children can participate, you may pick up the registration form at either the St. John's or St. Gabriel's school offices on Monday, May 21st.

Prayer: God our Father, turn our sorrows into joy, and give us faith in your love. May we never doubt that you are with us always. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- May 18th – Volunteer Mass, St. Gabriel's, 8:15am
- May 18th – Pre-Kindergarten Program, 2:00pm
- May 21st – Hard Work Counts, Movie Theater, 1:00pm
- May 22nd – Graduation Mass, St. John's
- May 22nd – 8th Grade Last Day
- May 25th – Last Day of School, Early out 12:00pm (NOON), Lochner Park
- May 30th and 31st – Club Invention, St. Gabe's School

Field Trips

- May 21st – Kindergarten Field Trip to Osbourne Park
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Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 25, 2012

Messages from Principal:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, staff and volunteers that helped Prairie Catholic thrive this year. A special thank you to Fr. Weighner, Mrs. Ziel and Mrs. Mezera for all that they do on a daily basis to make the experience so enjoyable for our students. These individuals are the glue that holds the hundreds of moving parts together. The student's experiences would be quite different without them. Next year will be an exciting time as we start to see our future as a school take form.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer break. I would say "See you next fall" but we'll be seeing each other on weekends!

- 8th Grade Graduation Mass was a fantastic event that the students will remember. Prairie Catholic would like to thank Mrs. Pattison, Jack Stoeffler and Stu Bosworth for recognizing student achievement. We would also like to thank the 7th grade class for providing the reception afterward. Lastly we would like to thank Fr. Weighner and Mrs. Jozefowicz for their help during Mass.
- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate Preston Hendrix who is the top reader in the Accelerated Reading program. Preston earned 511.6 points and read 3,215,706 words! Way to go Preston!
- The Brewers Bus trip for altar servers still has some room left on it. We will take the first 45 students paid. That will leave room for some chaperones to be determined later. If your child is interested please sign up soon to ensure your spot.
- There was a misprint in last week's newsletter; Prairie Catholic is looking for someone to help Kati Forsythe run our Bingo program. Kati and Char Steger will train anyone interested next year with the intent that this new individual (or team) will take over for Char and help Kati the following year. We would also like to thank Char and Kati for all that they have done to get the program started and maintaining a smooth operation.
- Reminder that all outstanding tuition, lunch balances and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and 8th records will not be transferred to the High School until all books are returned, 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 25th. If account is paid look for your student's report card on May 25th.
- Congratulations to the former Prairie Catholic students graduating from Prairie High this weekend- Morgan Banasik, Nicole Boisvert, Nolan Bowar, Barron Dillman, Caitlin Forsythe, Michael Garrity, Erik Halverson, Erin Hemmer, Brady Kozelka, Jeffrey Kussmaul, Rachel Mezera, Taylor Moret, Connor Morovits, Taylor Novey, Clarissa Oehler, Colin Roach, Rebecca Steele, Jesse Steiner, Matthew Steiner, Nikki Stevens, Samuel Stoeffler, Daniel Welsch and Emily Zabel. Special recognition to the Salutatorian, Cierra Steiner and Valedictorian, Chardae Mara. Blessings and best of luck in the future.
- Parents, due to little interest in the Club Invention program offered this summer, Prairie Catholic will cancel for this year but will attempt to host again next year.
- This is a gentle reminder that all of the Lost and Found items were donated to the local Girls Scout Troop. Thank you for helping this wonderful cause.

- The Blackhawk Mile is set for Friday, June 8th in memory of Earl Mayer, a St. John's parishioner. The fun-run is a great family event. Consider attending.
- The Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien and the Friends of Pool 10 will once again be holding their annual Mississippi River Adventure Day! The event will take place on Monday, August 6, 2012 at Lawler Park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children ages 5 to 15 are invited to attend, at no charge. The kids will spend the day pollywogging for mussels, seining for fish, searching for aquatic bugs and critters, learning to cast, exploring furs, going on boat rides, and catching fish and turtles. Registration will open on May 21, 2012, and will be first come, first served. There are openings for only 150 people and, in the past, the event has filled up very quickly. Registration forms will be sent home in next week's Thursday envelope. However, if you would like to get a jump-start on registration to ensure your child or children can participate, you may pick up the registration form at either the St. John's or St. Gabriel's school offices on Monday, May 21st.
- Please see the 2012-2013 Calendar included in this envelope.
- Please see the 2012-2013 Tuition and Fees document included in this envelope.

Prayer: Holy God, we pray for the unity of all Christians. Heal those who have been hurt, humble the proud, help us to resolve our disagreements, and teach us to love one another way you have loved us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!



St. John's Catholic School

St. John's Middle School announces the 2011-2012 4th Term Honor Roll

5th Grade High Honors

Lauren Kennedy
Morgan Kiesau
Alexis Nolan

5th Grade Honors

Gracie Colson
Hanna Dickman
Faith Dillman
Clayton DuCharme
Preston Hendrix
Weston Hill
Anthony Irvin
Peggy Koresh
Joshua Linder
Caitlin Pattison
Brytta Sagedahl
Benjamin Teynor
Kylee Weber

6th Grade High Honors

Evan Boisvert
Isabella Cummuta
Bailey Ottaway
Kama Tesar

6th Grade Honors

Breann Holler
Renaë Irvin
Sam Peterson
Angela Sebastian
Paige Severson

7th Grade High Honors

Jacob Mara
Wesley Schwager
Mariah Slaght
Evan Teynor

7th Grade Honors

Nathan Banasik
Jonathan Dyer
Eric Nolan
Nathaniel Oehler
Madeline Peterson
Chas Sagedahl
Emily Steger
Jack Stoeffler
Andrew Waller

8th Grade High Honors

Makayla Gerhards
Levi Orr

8th Grade Honors

Adam Groom
Severin Gunnar Kravchuk
John Luster
Paige Rickleff
Anna Zeeh