



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 24, 2013

Messages from Principal:

As you read this newsletter, you will find it is extremely Catholic Schools Week heavy. There are so many great events going on that I want all of our community to know where and when they can find entertainment. Equally as important is that Report Cards are coming home in this envelope. I understand that most of our parents have been looking at Skyward over the past couple of weeks so you may have an idea where your students are scoring. Also, results from The Iowa Tests are in this mailing. I am glad to report that as a whole Prairie Catholic did very well this year. Every grade had at least one discipline garner an average score that put it in the 90th percentile compared to all the students that take The Iowa Tests. There were also some scores that were in the 99th percentile! These scores don't just happen; I would like to thank the students, teachers and parents that worked so hard.

Schedule of events for Catholic Schools Week

The week starts with a Kick-Off Mass on Sunday the 27th at St. John's 10:00 am Mass.

On Monday, St. John's will host the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest at 4:00pm.

On Tuesday, St. Gabriel's will host Opera for the Young with all students being picked up from the elementary.

Wednesday is an All-School Mass and Family Night.

Thursday is movie day at St. John's.

Friday is movie day at St. Gabriel's. It is also our 100th day of school. To celebrate St. Gabriel's would like to donate 100 non-perishable items to the CAP office. To do so, each student and staff member will need to bring one item to donate.

Friday is also the ski trip for the 5th through 8th grade. The Home and School Association would like to invite all of our families to the Winter Dance on Friday night from 6-9:00pm at St. Gabriel's school.

It will be a busy week so please keep the schedule handy.

- Family Night on Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week will have wellness themes this year. As in years past, the book fair will start at 4:00pm. The Men's Club will offer a Burgers and Fries free will meal from 4:30-6:15pm. The wellness committee and teachers will offer break-out sessions featuring nutrition, healthy snack options and activities. The featured speaker Amanda Rhine will focus on student wellness from 6:30-7:00pm. **The car raffle will be at 7:05pm!**
- By the way, there are still raffle tickets available for the red Ford Focus. Someone will drive away in the car on January 30th. We may only sell 2500 tickets! Remember there are other prizes that night: one \$5,000 first prize and four second place prizes of \$500.
- St. John's parents, the annual ski trip is Friday, February 1st. 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 need to have a note in writing and approved to the office by Monday, January 28, 2013.** 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 1st. If you have any questions please call Mr. Marlow at either school.
- The administration will again challenge the elementary students to a reading contest. The magic number will be 10,000 minutes read during CSW. If you have ideas for repayment of the bet, please contact Molly Kirchbaum.

- A wonderful way to end Catholic Schools Week! Please join us for the Winter Family Dance on Friday, February 1, 2013 at St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria, 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. No Admission Fee. Party favors and raffle tickets for sale. Music, pizza, popcorn, soda, and other beverages for the entire family. Parents a donation form was sent home last week. Please fill out and return donation to either school office by Thursday, January 31st. Thank you in advance for your help with this event.
- Students that would like to participate in the choir on January 27th (Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Mass) are encouraged to meet upstairs before Mass.
- Anyone interested in volunteering at the book fair at St. Gabriel's during Catholic Schools Week is encouraged to contact Molly Kirchbaum. Molly will be organizing the event and is seeking individuals that would love to fulfill some volunteer hours.
- **You can still get your Holy Family Parish/Prairie Catholic Schools Sweepstakes Calendars.** Please do your best to support our school through this sale. More calendars are available at either school office and make great gifts.
- Parents and students in the Class of 2017 (incoming freshmen) will meet in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 to discuss and select their classes for the 2013-2014 School Year. Please make plans to meet at 7:30 p.m.
- Please look for your child's Iowa Testing results and report card in this mailing.
- The administration would like to remind parents that the church bulletin is available on the Prairie Catholic website. Please check it out if you missed Mass and are wondering if next week is your turn to sell Scrip, serve Mass or work Bingo.
- Prairie Catholic will still match all monetary donations made to the technology account. We have had some very generous donations and the school thanks all that have contributed to this effort.

Prayer: All powerful God, may your love work wonders in our lives. Touch our hearts and change us from selfish people into loving people, from sad and lonely people into joyful people. Help us to see your power working in our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

January 25th – No School
 January 27th – February 1st – Catholic Schools Week
 January 28th – Vision Screening @ St. Gabriel's, afternoon
 February 5th – 7th Grade Mardi Gras Planning Meeting @ St. Gabriel's, 6:00pm
 February 6th – 8th Grade Parent and Student Meeting @ High School, 7:30pm
 February 12th – Pep Band for Middle/High School, High School, 6:00pm
 February 15th – Hard Work Counts

Basketball Calendar

January 24th – 6 Boys vs. Richland Center @ St. Gabriel's, 5:00pm
 January 24th – 8 Boys vs. Richland Center @ Hoffman Hall, 6:30pm
 January 26th – 5 Girls, 5 Boys, 6 Boys, 8 Boys at SWBL
 February 4th – 5/6 Girls @ Wauzeka, 5:30/6:30pm
 February 4th – 4 Girls vs. Boscobel @ St. Gabriel's 6:00pm
 February 9th – 5/6 Girls @ Wauzeka Tournament
 February 16th – 5/6 Girls @ La Crosse Tournament

