



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 20, 2012

Messages from Principal:

I believe student safety is on a lot of people's minds after the tragic events of last week. Different parents and community members have stopped me to inquire about our safety plan. I truly feel that our buildings are ahead of the curve with monitored bell entry systems. The person granting access can see who is at the door. Both schools also have internal and external lock-down procedures in place. The value of internal procedures can be debated but having a plan is important. There are ways around any system and as the Connecticut tragedy shows how individuals can gain entry anywhere. In these situations the greatest resource the students have are the individuals protecting them. As we celebrate the holidays take time to hug your children and enjoy your families.

- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate our championship Math Counts Team of Evan Teynor, Jacob Mara, Chas Sagedahl and Mariah Slaght. Prairie Catholic did very well having the top **two** teams in the competition. We also want to congratulate the top individual competition performers of Evan Boisvert and Jacob Mara.



Math Counts Teams 2012-2013:

The Multipliers

Jonathan Dyer
Hailee Lynn
Emily Steger
Andrew Waller

Cheesy Man-Child

Caitlin Pattison
Kaitlyn Waller
Ashley Mezera

Hot Tamales

Ethan Swiggum
Ryan Severson
Jenny Slaght

British Trophies

Evan Teynor
Jacob Mara
Mariah Slaght
Chas Sagedahl

Mathmita Banditos

Evan Boisvert
Bailey Ottaway
Sam Peterson
Clayton DuCharme

Mathletes 24/7

Ryan McGrath
Zach Swiggum
Aaron Neisuis
Josh Linder

The Couchez

Lindsey Nicholson
Morgan Kiesau
Alexis Nolan
Gracie Colson

Mathletes

Brytta Sagedahl
Peggy Koresh
Taylor Lutz

Last Men Standing

Preston Hendrix
Ben Teynor
Zach Mara
Weston Hill

- **ON SALE NOW** 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 Christmas gifts.
- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate St. John's Geography Bee Champion Chas Sagedahl. Chas and Herold Lochner met in the championship round. All the competitors should be proud of their showing. The other participants were Evan Boisvert, Aaron Neisuis, Angela Sebastian, Sam Peterson, Emily Steger, Ethan Swiggum, Andrew Waller, and Spencer Pedretti.
- Any student in Grades 3 – 8 are welcome to come and sign in the choir for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass on December 24th at St. Gabriel's. Student interested should arrive and go directly to the choir loft by 5:00 p.m. that evening.

- If any families are still looking for Christmas Cards, the 6th grade is selling cards as a part of their elective class. They also have other cards available. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Atkins at St. John's School.
- 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 are only selling 2500 tickets so get yours before they're all gone. Remember there are other prizes that night: one \$5,000 first prize and four second place prizes of \$500.
- 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 gladly accept used ink cartridges; milk caps from Swiss Valley, and Milk Moola; Box Tops for Education; Campbell's soup labels and now Sunny D labels (16oz or larger).

Prayer: Holy God, as these days of Advent draw to a close, help us to know that you are with us. Be our light in the darkness now and forever more. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- December 19th – Basketball Pictures St. John's Library
- December 21st – 2nd Grade Caroling at Walter Schmidt, 2:15pm
- December 21st – Christmas parties in classrooms
- December 24th – Children's Mass, St. Gabriel's, 5:30pm
- January 2nd – Classes Resume at both schools
- January 3rd – Education Commission, St. John's basement, 7:00pm
- January 6th – Youth Group Speaker at St. Gabriel's
- January 9th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's, 5:30pm

Basketball Calendar

- December 19th – Basketball Pictures, St. John's Library, 3:45pm
- January 3rd – 5/6 Girls @ Prairie Catholic vs. Wauzeka, 5:30/6:30pm
- January 4th – Basketball Eligibility
- January 5th – 5 Girls @ Benton (SWBL)
- January 5th – 6 Girls @ Boscobel (SWBL)
- January 5th – 5 Boys @ Belleville (SWBL)
- January 5th – 8 Boys @ Prairie du Chien (SWBL)
- January 11th – 5/6 Boys @ River Ridge, 5/6:00pm
- January 12th – Girls Prairie Catholic Tournaments
- January 19th – Boys Prairie Catholic Tournaments

Fundraising

- Holy Family Car Raffle
- Technology Matching Grant
- Sweepstakes Calendars