



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 21, 2013

Messages from Principal:

On Friday, March 1st Prairie Catholic will be running a 1:00pm dismissal. Public school doesn't have class either so there will be no bus service for your students. The in-service will be utilized by teacher technology training. We are sorry for the inconvenience but hope that alerting the community early will allow for families to make arrangements to drop off and pick up their students at 1:00pm.

- There is NO SCHOOL tomorrow Friday, February 22nd.
- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest winners from the Monday, February 18th contest at St. John's School.
5th grade Math: Elizabeth Tesar 5th grade Spelling: Gina Sebastian
6th grade Math: Josh Linder 6th grade Spelling: Aaron Neisius
8th grade Math: Emily Steger
Alexis Nolan, Ryan McGrath and Faith Dillman all placed second in their specific disciplines.
- Parent – teacher conferences will be hosted again tonight February 21st from 4:00-8:00pm. If you missed your time please contact the office with your availability.
- 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 administration would encourage parents to review the truancy section of the student handbook. Each student is granted 10 sick/vacation days. Help us educate your child!
- Mr. Dave Zimmer from Legacy Tours will be in Prairie du Chien on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria to visit with the 8th grade students and parents. **This is a mandatory meeting for students and we encourage adults that are going on the trip to attend.** This "Pack It Up" night is important for families as the trained staff will go over what needs to make the trip and what should stay home.
- The administration would like to thank everyone involved in the 2013 Scholastic Book Fair. It was a success with total sales being just over \$2000; with a cash profit of \$500.38 to be used on the purchase of books for our library. A very special thank you to Molly Kirschbaum for being the chairperson for this big project and to Linda Ginkel for all of her extra help.
- Dr. Seuss Night will be held on Tuesday, February 26th at St. Gabriel's School from 6:30-7:30pm. This night is a joint effort with public school to advocate youth reading.
- The Athletic Banquet will be hosted at St. Gabriel's school cafeteria on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at 5:30pm. It will be in pot luck form with student recognition to follow.

- The J Walkers youth group will be hosting guest speaker Sgt. Kyle Teynor at St. Gabriel's cafeteria on Sunday, March 3rd at 6:30pm. Sgt. Teynor's topic will be the use of Methamphetamines. The youth group would also like to invite the 8th grade students to the presentation but would like an adult to accompany the students due to the adult theme. There will be a light supper served also.
- Kindergarten Screening will be at St. Gabriel's school on Monday, March 18th. Families are welcomed to sign up with the school office at any time.
- Prairie Catholic's Forensics competition will be hosted on Friday, March 8th at 1:00pm. Every student will be participating with school winners moving onto the regional competition at St. Mary's School in Bloomington on March 19th.
- Mrs. Rhonda Stubbe, the school's Box Tops coordinator, would like help cutting and counting Box Tops. **She will be at St. Gabriel's School during Parent/Teacher conferences on February 21st at 5:00pm.** If any students or families would like to get some volunteer time please stop in and help. There is a large mountain of rewards to cut and this source of income has paid for TV's, RVCR/DVD players, computer speakers and more. Please pitch in if you can make it.
- Lenten Mite Boxes can be returned anytime they are full to either school office. The penny box proceeds are going to the Holy Cross Parish in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.
- 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.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you want what is best for us. Help us to pray confidently and persistently for whatever we need. May your will be done in our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

February 22nd – NO SCHOOL

February 26th – Mid Term 3

February 26th – Dr. Seuss Night, St. Gabriel's School, 6:30-7:30pm

February 27th – Basketball Banquet, Pot Luck, St. Gabriel's, 5:30pm

March 1st – Early Dismissal, Teacher In-Service 1:00pm

March 1st – Fish Fry – St. John's Church Basement – 5:00-7:30pm

March 8th – Prairie Catholic Forensics at St. John's, 1:00pm

March 13th – Washington DC "Pack It Up Night", 7:00pm

March 18th – Kindergarten Screening, St. Gabriel's

March 19th – Middle School Forensics Regional Competition

March 22nd – End of Term 3

Basketball Calendar

February 27th – Basketball Banquet, Pot Luck, St. Gabriel's, 5:30pm

