



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter February 28, 2013

Messages from Principal:

There are a couple of scheduling dates that need to be announced. **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. Please pick up your children promptly at 1:00pm. The teachers have training starting soon afterward.

Also due to all of the snow days the school has incurred, days need to be made up.

Prairie Catholic Schools will be having class on Thursday, March 28th (all day) and on Friday, March 29th (12:45pm dismissal). Our parents have expressed how much they want the year to end before Memorial Day. With these additions we would still have our final day on Friday, May 24th. I understand this may cause some scheduling issues as parents have been making plans but I feel this is the best course of action at this time. Fr. Weighner is again offering a prayer service on the 29th at 1:30pm so your students would be available to attend with you.

- 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 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 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.
- 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. A reminder that Washington D. C. fundraiser's **DO NOT** count for volunteer hours as your child is receiving a financial benefit for these projects.
- 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.

- All students are invited to join the choir on March 10th at the 10:00am St. John's Sunday Mass. Youth are encouraged to come at 9:45am to get acclimated.
- 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: Holy God, help us to become more trusting and hopeful this Lent. May we grow in Faith and bear the fruit of good works. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- March 1st – Early Dismissal, Teacher In-Service 1:00pm
- March 1st – Holy Family Fish Fry – St. John's Church Basement
- March 5th – Wellness Committee Meeting, St. Gabriel's, 4:00pm
- March 8th – Prairie Catholic Forensics at St. John's, 1:00pm
- March 13th – Washington DC Pack "It Up Night", 7:00pm ***Mandatory for 8th Grade students***
- March 15th – Green Buffet in Kindergarten
- March 17th - Holy Family St. Patrick's Dinner – St. Gabriel's School Hall
- March 18th – Kindergarten Screening, St. Gabriel's – No Pre - K
- March 19th – Middle School Forensics Regional Competition, Bloomington
- March 22nd – End of Term 3

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7th Grade Butter Braid Sales – Last Order Date 3/15/2013 – Delivery Date – 3/25/2013

