



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> Boscobel Dial Newspaper. The article was about enjoying a 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> will be on display at the Effigy Mounds Nature Center from March 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Opera for the Young will again perform for the Prairie Catholic students on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be performing with the professionals. St. John's will run a 1:00pm dismissal and the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Student Council will host a bake sale on March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking a field trip to Madison on March 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. Also, she would like to host another practice on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – Read the Most from Coast to Coast  
 March 5<sup>th</sup> – Opera for the Young, St. Gabriel's, 1:30pm  
 March 7<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Banquet, St Gabriel's cafeteria, 5:30pm  
 March 8<sup>th</sup> – No School  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> – No School  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fry, St. John's – See enclosed flyer  
 March 10<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Retreat, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 9:00am  
 March 12<sup>th</sup> – Multi-school Forensics Competition, St. John's school, 6:30am  
 March 15<sup>th</sup> – Bake Sale, St. Gabriel's AM, St. John's PM  
 March 16<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades to Madison, 7:45am – permission slips in today's envelope  
 March 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> – Prairie Catholic Artwork on display at Effigy Mounds  
 March 19<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Round-Up  
 March 23<sup>rd</sup> – End Term 3

## Important Spring Event Dates

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

