



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 5, 2013

Message from the Principal:

The Prairie Catholic Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 11th in St. Gabriel's Church at 6:30pm. We will set a make-up date of Wednesday, December 18th if we have inclement weather on the 11th. The concert is one of our communities favorite nights so please make plans to attend. The Christmas Concert rehearsal will be on Tuesday, December 10th at 9:00am in St. Gabriel's Church. This is a great opportunity for parents or grandparents to see the concert that cannot make it out on Wednesday night.

- The Prairie Catholic Student Council will be sponsoring a food drive for the local pantry. Please encourage your children to donate to this worthwhile cause. The deadline for the students is Friday, December 6th.
- **CAR RAFFLE!** You can get your tickets in many locations including both school offices. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. We are limiting the number available to 3,000 tickets, so get yours early. Grand prize will be a 2013 Dodge Dart. First prize will be \$2,500 and there are **10** second prizes of \$250. The drawing will be on Sunday, December 29th at 5:00pm in St. John's Parish Hall. Holy Family and Prairie Catholic would like to thank Sut Hill for their generosity with this fundraiser. We would also like to thank Mary Neisius for all of her work organizing this event.
- There will be a wellness committee meeting today Thursday, December 5th at 4:00pm at St. Gabriel's School. Anyone interested in promoting a healthy school culture is welcomed to the meeting. We will be establishing specific goals for the current school year, discussing future plans for the school garden and planning upcoming family night activities. Please contact Mr. Marlow or Angie Kramer (angiemorovits@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.
- Do you have your holiday shopping done? Order Scrip cards today! All orders with payment need to be turned in to Stacy by Sunday afternoon. Orders will be delivered one week later on Mondays. Orders placed after Dec 20th will not be guaranteed for Christmas. We now carry Casey's General Store gift cards! Contact me with questions, 608-306-1460 or scrip@prairiecatholic.org.
- On Sunday, December 8th the J-Walkers will be hosting a breakfast in the St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria from 7:30am until 10:00am. The word is Santa will be making an appearance!
- Parents, please remember to bring in a doctors/dentist/orthodontist note when your child returns to school. Each absence needs to be coded correctly so their files are current. Please also remember that in Crawford County each child is only allowed 10 absences before they are considered truant. We have some students that are well past 5 absences for this semester.
- Good Luck to our Math Counts teams as they will participate in their first Math competition on Wednesday, December 11th at City Hall. The competition will begin at 1:00pm. Students compete as individuals and with teams. Permission slips are enclosed, please sign and return by Monday.
- The newly formed "Art Blasters" sponsored by Mrs. Welter will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 3:30 – 4:30 in St. Gabriel's art room. Meetings will be held through April. Any Prairie Catholic student is welcome to join.
- The deadline for the Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster contest is Monday, December 16th.

- **GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTHY EATING THIS CHRISTMAS!** The Prairie Catholic Wellness Committee has ten Super Snacks for Super Kids recipe books left. These would be a wonderful gift for any parent, grandparent, daycare provider, teacher, or anyone else who has the important job of providing nourishment for children. The books are hard-covered, with color photographs and recipes for over 60 mouth-watering snacks. The cost is \$20.00, 100% of which will remain at Prairie Catholic to support the wellness initiative. To purchase, stop by the Czajkowski Higgins & Rider office at 105 East Blackhawk Avenue, or call Lara Czajkowski Higgins at 326-8434. Get yours soon, as supplies are limited!

Job well done: Last year's Prairie Catholic seventh grade students (this year's eighth grade) scored a Grade Equivalency of 10.3 on the Composite Total of The Iowa Tests. This was good for a 96th percentile rank of National School Norms. Great Job! 96% when factoring all subjects versus all students in the country! Great job students!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, it's true that the mishaps of life can make us feel unsettled. You desire us to act on your words so that our faith can withstand the errors of our ways or the mistakes of others. Keep us anchored on your rock, Lord. Help us to become one with you – our granite for a lifetime, here and beyond. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- December 5th – Kindergarten Polar Express, PM
- December 5th – Wellness Committee Meeting, St. Gabriel's Smart Lab, 4:00pm
- December 5th – Education Commission Meeting, St. John's, 7:00pm
- December 6th – Food Drive Deadline
- December 8th – J-Walkers breakfast, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 7-10:00am with Santa!
- December 10th – Christmas Concert Rehearsal, St. Gabriel's Church, 9:00am
- December 11th – Math Counts Competition, City Hall, 1:00pm
- December 11th – Christmas Program, St. Gabriel's Church, 6:30pm
- December 16th – Deadline for Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster contest
- December 17th – Band Concert at Bluffview for grades 6, 7 and 8
- December 18th – Make-up date for Christmas Program
- December 20th – 2nd Grade Caroling, pm

Basketball Schedule

- December 5th – 6Girls/6Boys @ Bluffview, 4:30, 5:30pm
- December 7th – 5, 6, 7 Boys @ River Ridge Tournament
- December 7th – 6 Girls at Prairie du Chien, SWBL Tournament
- December 10th – 5Girls/Boys @ Bluffview, 4:30/5:30pm
- December 12th – 6/7 Girls vs. Richland Center St. Mary's, 5:30/6:30
- December 13th, 14th & 15th – 5/6/7 Boys Wauzeka Tournament
- December 14th – 5Girls @ Prairie du Chien, SWBL Tournament
- December 14th – 7Girls @ Pecatonica, SWBL Tournament
- December 20th – 5/6 Boys @ River Ridge, 5:30/6:30pm
- December 20th – 7 Boys, 5 Girls, 6 Girls @ MFL, 4:00/5:15/6:30pm
- January 4th – 5, 6, 7 Girls @ River Ridge Tournament
- January 4th – 5 Boys @ Dodgeville, SWBL Tournament
- January 4th – 6 Boys @ Barneveld, SWBL Tournament
- January 4th – 7 Boys @ SWBL Tournament

