



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 6, 2014

Message from the Principal:

At a multi-committee meeting last week, the administration from Prairie Catholic Schools and Holy Family Parish announced that Prairie Catholic would be moving all students to the St. Gabriel's location starting for the school year 2014-2015. **That's next year!** The building will undergo some improvements including a new roof and new windows. The school will also look into improvements in the classroom appearances and functionality. Another main focus of the upgrades at St. Gabriel's will be the student restrooms that could use a freshening. Through public forums and committee meetings, the administration has presented a plan the greater public has endorsed. I understand that some of our families still have concerns that they would like voiced so please feel free to contact me at either office.

I want to discuss a few points in this space. First, next year's 8th grade will be left as two separate homerooms at 13 and 14 students. Second, all the construction that we undertake will be completed over the summer while the students are on break. Third, we will need the help of our community in both small classroom projects and large scale moving. Details of our needs will be posted later this spring. This is a large moment in the future of Prairie Catholic, St. Gabriel's and St. John's.

- Family Day and Mardi Gras were a fantastic experience for all of our students. We would like to thank Fr. Victor for celebrating with us in Prairie du Chien and the 7th grade for putting on all the games in the school.
- Dr. Seuss Night was hosted on Tuesday at St. Gabriel's. Over 60 students braved the night to listen to work from the famous author. The night concluded with milk and cake.
- The Prairie Catholic school forensics competition will be hosted on Monday, March 10th in the afternoon. The multi-school competition will be held at Bluffview on Tuesday, March 18th at 5:30pm. The Prairie Catholic competition winners and runner-ups will be competing at Bluffview.
- The 4th and 8th grades will complete the Diocese of La Crosse Religious Assessments during the week of March 3rd through the 7th. Each year these grades complete these tests and we are able to compare ourselves to other schools in our diocese.
- Legacy Tours will be in Prairie du Chien on Wednesday, March 19th at 6:30pm 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.
- Kindergarten Screening will be at St. Gabriel's school on Friday, March 28th. Families are welcomed to sign up with the school office at any time.
- The administration needs to pass along a message from the Fund 80 coordinators: anyone who lives outside of the Prairie du Chien School District will be charged an additional amount to participate in Fund 80 activities. The extra charge applies to any student enrolled in public or Prairie Catholic that utilizes Fund 80 activities but lives outside the district.

- As Prairie Catholic's Basketball season has come to an end, I would like to thank all the coaches for their time this year. All of our coaches and players represented our school very positively all season.
- Basketball uniforms can be returned to your coach or to either school office in a clearly labeled bag.
- The end of the 3rd term is March 14th. This is the time to check grades on Skyward and make any plans or adjust any schedules to maximize student study time.
- Any 7th or 8th graders interested in the Marquette-McGregor Center for the Arts spring program "Art in the Public Eye" workshop can contact the school office for more information.

Prayer: Almighty God, you led your chosen people to their promised land. Help us to stay committed to your guiding light and Spirit that urges us to make right decisions. We ask this through Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- March 7th – Banking/finance Speaker in 2nd Grade, 1:00pm
- March 10th – Prairie Catholic School Forensics Competition, pm
- March 14th – End of 3rd Term
- March 18th – Multi-school Forensics Competition, Bluffview, 5:30pm
- March 19th – Washington DC Pack-It-Up Night, St. Gabriel's, 6:30pm
- March 20th – Report Cards go home
- March 21st – NO SCHOOL
- March 21st – 7/8 Band Trip to Madison
- March 24th – NO SCHOOL Teacher in-service in La Crosse
- March 25th – 7th/8th Madison Field Trip, Bus at 7:45am
- March 28th – Kindergarten Screening, St. Gabriel's
- March 28th – Public No School (no bussing), Family Transport Day
- March 28th and 30th – Dancing with the Stars! Look for more information
- April 5th – First Communion Retreat, St. Gabriel's School, AM

