



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 1, 2014

Message from the Principal:

Great news has come from our Wisconsin legislature, starting in 2014 private school tuition costs are tax deductible. More information is available here:

<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/olsen/PressReleases/Pages/Private-School-Tuition-Tax-Break.aspx>

This is great news for our families so please spread the word to current Prairie Catholic families and to any potential families you may encounter.

- Get your team registered to play in the **4th annual Saints Scramble Golf Outing** at the Prairie du Chien Country Club on May 10th. The outing will be utilizing a three person scramble (scramble means take the best shot from the group) format with a shotgun start at 10:00am. Registration will begin at 9:00am. The cost is \$70 for golf and cart, with raffle and mulligans available. All proceeds will go to technology upgrades for the school. There are also hole sponsorships available so please contact the school if interested.
- **The 3rd annual Back Home Boys Concert** will be located behind St. Gabriel's School under a large and heated tent on May 10th. The Back Home Boys will be performing from 7:00pm to about 11:00pm. Admission will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for school children. We will cap entry fees at \$20 per family. Food and drinks will be sold on site so bring your appetite. These two events are great fun for families of all ages. Please make time to attend!
- There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, May 12th.
- Any families that would like to use Prairie Catholic's Daycare on Monday, May 12th can do so with no fee but **each student will need to bring a sack lunch**. In preparation for the day, the administration would like any interested families to contact the school offices or Mrs. Schwager by **Friday, May 9th** for staffing purposes. For regular bus students, the bus will still stop here at the usual time.
- Last Sunday Holy Family welcomed 25 new students into communion. The Mass was a great family celebration.
- May Crowning will be on May 2nd at St. Gabriel's Church and May 6th at St. John's Church during the regularly scheduled daily Mass. Interested students should bring flowers on those dates to participate. The second grade will be dressing up for the occasion so make time for St. Gabriel's on Friday.
- Any parents that are looking for a student desk are encouraged to contact the schools. In the transition, there will be student desks available to our families.
- Both libraries will close at the end of the day on May 9th for the school year. All books need to be returned by this date.
- In preparation for next fall, the libraries are in the process of combining our two collections. Due to space needs, we need to withdraw doubles and triples of some titles; please know some of these books are still in great condition. After the teachers have taken what they can use, the remaining books will be set out for the students to take. Starting Monday, May 5th withdrawn books will be available for **all** students and will be located in St. Gabriel's School.
- Athletic eligibility for track will be ran again on Friday, May 9th.

- The Pre-Kindergarten Parents Program will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 2:00pm in St. Gabriel's School. This event is always a fantastic showcase of our young students and the community is welcome to attend.
- 8th Grade Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 6:00pm at St. John's Church.
- Bingo is looking for a caller for week 2 of the month. Please contact the school offices if interested.
- The last day of school is Friday, May 23rd. All students will report to St. John's School and attend Mass before heading to Lochner Park for a morning of games. The students will eat at 11:30am and be ready for dismissal at 12:00pm. Please remember that the school needs your family's plan for dismissal.
- Middle school families please return the note from Mrs. Stiemke regarding performance opportunities for your student. These events would enjoy having many voices.
- Marquette University will be offering two courses in our area this summer. The first is for students entering 6th-8th grades and the second is for students entering 9th and 10th. The courses are centered on reading speed and comprehension to maximize achievement. Information is available in the school office.
- Southwest Technical College has two summer academic camps available to students. Any 7th or 8th graders interested in summer Camp ExTREMEd (Experiences in Trades, Robotics, Engineering, Manufacturing, and Energy) or 6th, 7th, and 8th graders interested in Camp Tech Trek can pick up materials from St. John's school office.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you inspired your servant Paul to advise us to clothe ourselves with love so that everything will be bound together in perfect harmony. Help us to remember this in our daily work and play today. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- May 2nd – May Crowning, St. Gabriel's Church, 8:15am Mass
- May 5th – Kindergarten to Hospital
- May 6th – May Crowning, St. John's Church, 8:15am Mass
- May 6th – Public Library presentation to Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd, St. Gabriel's, 8:30
- May 6th – 3rd to True Value
- May 6th – 2nd to Kembles
- May 7th – Kindergarten to Bank and Simply
- May 9th – 4th Grade to Mining Museum, 10:30am
- May 9th – 3rd to Lock and Dam 8 and Genoa Fish Hatchery
- May 9th – Track Eligibility
- May 10th – Prairie Catholic Saints Scramble and Back Home Boys Concert
- May 12th – NO SCHOOL – moving preparations
- May 14th – Pre-Kindergarten Parents Program, St. Gabriel's, 2:00pm
- May 15th – Speaker in Mr. Huser's Room, AM
- May 15th – Farm to School
- May 16th – Hard Work Counts, St. John's students, 12:30pm
- May 16th – 5th Grade to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
- May 16th – 4th Grade to Villa Luis, 12:30-3:00pm
- May 19th – Kindergarten and 1st Grade to Osborne Nature Center
- May 20th – 2nd Grade to Dubuque River Museum and Aquarium
- May 21st – 8th Grade Last Day of School
- May 22nd – 8th Grade Graduation
- May 22nd – Pre-Kindergarten Final Day
- May 23rd – Last Day of School, 12:00pm dismissal from Lochner Park

