



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 27, 2014

Message from the Principal:

Prairie Catholic would like to thank Sochi Olympic bronze medalist Mr. Matt Antoine for graciously spending time with our students and staff yesterday. Mr. Antoine talked to the students about his experiences growing up in Prairie du Chien and pursuing his dreams of skeleton racing in the Olympic Games. Matt's message of believing in yourself and having faith that anyone can realize their dreams no matter where their journey begins resonated with the youth. Matt was very generous with his time as all students got autographs and many took pictures.

- The 7th and 8th grade had a fantastic trip to Madison on Tuesday. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied the classes.
- Just a friendly reminder that each family has received the appropriate paperwork to enroll your students for the 2014-2015 school year. This year there will be a half scholarship giveaway on April 16th. Also any family that brings in a new family will receive a credit.
- Another reminder that there is no public school tomorrow, Friday, March 28th. This means that families will need to transport their children to and from school. Thank you for your help.
- Kindergarten Screening will be at St. Gabriel's school on Friday, March 28th. There is **no school for the Pre – K tomorrow.**
- Focus on the Family will host a night of fun, laughs and great family entertainment as they present "Dancing with the Stars – Dancing through the Decades." There are two shows planned at St. Gabriel's school for Friday, March 28th at 7:00pm and Sunday, March 30th at 1:00pm. The event is free admission so make plans to bring the whole family.
- Mr. Marlow would like to apologize for a schedule change that happened at the last moment. The 7th/8th grade students worked through the ACT Explore tests on Wednesday and will not take them on Friday. Taking them on Wednesday when we already had a shortened schedule allows Friday to be a normal day of full classes. This will also allow us to send them to the scoring company earlier and have results back sooner. Thank you for understanding.
- At this time Prairie Catholic will not have any weather make-up days for the 2013-2014 school year. If we have another day called off due to any reason we will make changes to the calendar.
- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate three students for qualifying for the State Wrestling Meet. Zach Swiggum, Jarrod Osterkamp and Chase Fisher will be competing. Good luck!
- The fifth grade will have a Washington DC fundraising meeting on Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30pm in St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria.
- Prairie Catholic Pre-Kindergarten registration will officially be available April 7 - 11. Any current family can reserve a place for their child earlier now.

- St. John's Term 3 Honor Roll Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 8th at the normal 8:15am Mass.
- Holy Family Parish will host a First Communion Retreat on Saturday, April 5th. Every Prairie Catholic and CCD second grade family will need to attend the retreat at St. Gabriel's School. Registration will be at 9:45am and the first session will start at 10:00pm.
- Prairie Catholic will have Stations of the Cross at both churches on each Friday during Lent. The elementary students will work theirs directly after 8:15am Mass. The middle school students will have theirs at the end of the day at 3:05pm. All school families are welcome to attend.
- Southwest Technical College has two summer academic camps available to students. Any 7th or 8th graders interested in summer Camp ExTREME (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 or a copy will be sent via email with the weekly information.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, your critics did not realize how destructive their works or actions could be. Help us to build up your kingdom through our words and actions of love. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- March 28th – Kindergarten Screening, St. Gabriel's. **No Pre – K classes**
- March 28th – Public No School (no bussing), Family Transport Day
- March 28th – Dancing with the Stars, St. Gabriel's, 7:00pm
- March 30th – Dancing with the Stars, St. Gabriel's, 1:00pm
- April 2nd – 5th grade Washington DC meeting, St. Gabriel's, 6:30pm
- April 5th – First Communion Retreat, St. Gabriel's School, AM
- April 8th – Honor Roll Mass, St. John's, 8:15am Mass
- April 11th – Prairie du Chien Environmental Awareness Day
- April 16th – Half Tuition Giveaway to 2014-2015 enrolled families
- April 16th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's School, 6:00pm
- April 16th – J-Walkers Live Stations, St. John's Church, 7:00pm
- April 17th – NO SCHOOL, Holy Thursday
- April 18th – NO SCHOOL, Good Friday
- April 21st – NO SCHOOL, Easter Monday
- April 23rd – Kindergarten-3rd Grade at Viterbo Theater Performance
- April 24th – Farm to School, St. Gabriel's

Large Calendar Items

- April 27th – May 3rd – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- April 27th – First Communion
- May 22nd – 8th Grade Graduation
- May 23rd – Last Day of School

Thank you Matt for coming to our school!

