



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter December 18, 2014

Messages from Principal:

I can't believe that we are so near Christmas Break. I feel like we just moved the middle school into the building and here we are preparing for Catholic Schools Week. It is at these times that I feel thankful for all that I have been blessed with over the last year. I would like to thank Fr. Weighner for his presence in our building every day. I couldn't do it without you. Fr. W. and I would like to thank all the teachers and staff members for their continued service to this Catholic education. We couldn't do it without you. The school would like to thank all the families that support the mission of the church and school. We wouldn't want to do it without you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- With next week only having two days, there will be no newsletter.
- Mrs. Welter will start the Art Blasters art club on January 13, 2015. The group will meet every 2nd Tuesday in the month from 3:15-4:30pm. Any art or craft donations to this program are welcome.
- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate all of our students who participated in the winter Math Counts Competition. A team of Lauren Kennedy, Zach Mara, Preston Hendrix and Makennan Gerhards finished second in the team competition. We would also like to congratulate Zach Mara for his championship in the individual competition.
- Classroom Christmas parties will be held in the rooms on Monday, December 22nd in the afternoon.
- **Tuesday, December 23rd** is a **1:00pm dismissal** before the holiday. The school will be closed from December 24th through January 4th. Classes resume on January 5th.
- The Prairie Catholic Middle School Geography Bee will be on Monday, December 22nd at 1:00pm in the auditorium.
- A quick note regarding Prairie Catholic Daycare. During the event of a late start, the daycare is open at normal time, 7:00am. If school is then canceled before lunch, we would like to close. If school is cancelled after lunch, the daycare is open until normal closing time. Thank you.
- Christmas Children's Mass will be held at St. Gabriel's on December 24th at 5:30pm. Any students in third through eighth grades that would like to join the Children's Choir should be in the loft at 5:10pm. This Mass is very well attended so make sure you get there early.
- The Holy Family Youth Group "The J Walkers" will be hosting a breakfast Fundraiser at Hardees on Saturday, January 10th, 2015. The cost is only \$6 for the all you can eat breakfast buffet. It will be served from 7:00-10:00am. There will be members of the youth group selling tickets after most Masses until that date. Tickets will also be available from any J-Walker, Kurt Kravchuk or Mary Stoeffler. Please support these young people as this money is used for many service projects.
- A reminder from the Principal and Mrs. Welter the technology teacher: Mrs. Welter uses the Google bundle of software with our students. She **does not** use Google+ with the students. So if your child has a Google+ account they have signed up on their own. Google+ plus has many benefits but Mrs. Welter

does not patrol that so students can interact with strangers and share anything they want. As a parent, you will want to know if your child has a Google+ account and monitor their usage.

- Mrs. Stiemke has been working with interested students to start two new ensembles. Students have the option to participate in both, one or neither. The first group is a Choir that will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch in Mrs. Stiemke's room. It is important that these students make a commitment to be at every practice. This group will be looking for different events around school, church and the community to perform. The second group will sing in-front of daily Masses and is more flexible. Students interested in singing on a Tuesday or Thursday should meet in the music room at 7:45am to sing through the hymns for that day.
- Bingo is looking for a caller for every other third week of the month. This is a fun way to get volunteer credit.
- We received a special note from Sara Norabuena our school sponsored orphan in Peru:
Dear Godparents at Prairie Catholic School,
I'm wishing you all a merry Christmas and prosperous new year! Thank you for all the help you give us. May God Bless you!
With Love,
Sara
- The student council has raised \$650 towards Sara's \$1000 annual tuition.

Prayer: Almighty God, your Spirit filled the hearts of Mary and Joseph with courage. Help us to make room for your Son in our lives, even when it doesn't seem possible, or we feel unworthy. You fill us with possibilities! We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

December 19th – Kindergarten Cookie Decorating
December 22nd – Second Grade to Villa Louis
December 22nd – Middle School Geography Bee, Auditorium, 1:00pm
December 23rd – Second Grade Caroling
December 23rd – 1:00pm Dismissal
December 24th – January 4th – Christmas Break
January 5th – Classes Resume
January 7th – Education Commission, Auditorium, 6:00pm
January 10th – J-Walkers Breakfast at Hardees
January 16th – End of 2nd Term
January 17th – Prairie Catholic Girls' Basketball Tournament
January 24th – Prairie Catholic Boys' Basketball Tournament

Basketball

December 18th – 7 Girls, 8 Girls, 8 Boys @ River Ridge, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm
December 19th – 8 Boys @ MFL, 4:00
December 20th – 8 Girls @ SWBL – Lodi
December 20th – 8 Boys @ SWBL – Prairie du Chien
December 23rd – 6 Girls @ River Ridge (Bloomington), 6:00pm
January 3rd – 7/8 Girls @ River Ridge Tournament
January 8th – 8 Boys, 7 Girls, 8 Girls vs. River Ridge, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm
January 8th – 6 Girls @ Wauzeka, 4:30pm
January 10th – 8 Boys @ SWBL in Barneveld
January 10th – 6 Girls @ GNBL



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