



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter March 26, 2015

Messages from Principal:

Prairie Catholic is proud to announce that the school will host the Yale University Whiffenpoofs! The Whiffenpoofs were founded in 1909 and are considered the oldest collegiate a cappella group in the country. Each year the group tours extensively and this year is no different as the men will be performing on six continents. Kyle Picha, a Prairie Catholic Alum, is a member of this elite ensemble and has secured funding so we can offer this shortened concert for our students and families free of charge. The Whiffenpoofs will be performing in the school cafeteria on Thursday, April 30th at 12:30pm. The students will be attending and our families are welcomed also. The group will be performing at the PdC High School that night and at the Elkader Opera House on May, 1st.

- ❖ Friday, March 27th is a **parent transportation** day. Please make arrangements accordingly.
- ❖ 8th Grade parents please remember that the 8th grade students will be traveling to the Chrism Mass held at the Cathedral in La Crosse on Tuesday, March 31st. Fr. Weighner has been working on this trip for some time and was able to secure Prairie Catholic gift bearers. The bus cost will be covered, so the students will only need to bring a sack lunch and morning snack. Any parent is welcomed to attend if interested. Please just call the office to reserve a seat. The bus will leave the school at 8:15am for the 10:30am Mass. Afterward the students will have a speaker from the Franciscan Sisters of the Martyr of Saint George. The bus will stop at a park on the way out of town to have lunch around 1:00pm. The students will be back by the end of the day.
- ❖ For any families that missed our Kindergarten Screening, appointments can still be made by contacting the school office.
- ❖ The school would like to wish good luck to all the students participating in tonight's multi-school Forensics Competition at 5:30pm. Prairie Catholic School winners will compete against students from area schools.
- ❖ Pre-Kindergarten sign up will be from April 6th through the 17th. Please spread the word around the community. Any current Prairie Catholic family can sign up earlier to reserve their spot.
- ❖ The students of Prairie Catholic will be attending the Stations of the Cross next **Tuesday, March 31st** at St. Gabriel's Church starting at 2:45pm. The community is welcome to attend.
- ❖ The Home and School Association is looking for individuals that would like to be involved with the group. The organization meets four times a year and offers different activities for the families of Prairie Catholic. If you are interested please contact Mr. Marlow.
- ❖ Your child's report card for Term 3 is included in this mailing.
- ❖ ***Please note time change*** The First Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 28th at St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria. Registration begins at 9:00am with a 9:15am start. The day will end after lunch at 11:15am.

- ❖ The J-Walkers will be performing the Live Stations at St. John's Church at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 1st. The community is welcomed to attend.
- ❖ Interested students should see the office for information regarding two summer camp opportunities for students entering 7th through 12th Grade. Camp Tech Trek and Camp ExTREMEd are opportunities to get kids interesting experiences through the summer months. Informational materials are available in the office.
- ❖ Any 3rd 4th or 5th grade girl interested in the running club should contact the office. Angie Kramer will be leading the group that will run on Wednesday afternoons starting on March 18th and concluding on April 29th.
- ❖ The Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth (WCATY) offers academic residential summer programs to challenge and nurture students. The Summer Transitional Enrichment Program (STEM) for 7th -8th Grade students and the Young Student Summer Program (YSSP) for 4th -6th grade students offer a wide-range of multi-disciplinary courses that push students to explore, belong and excel. For more information on each of the programs, application requirements and course selections please contact the school office or visit the website: www.wcaty.wisc.edu.
- ❖ Any young ladies in grades 5 through 8 who are interested in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) summer camp hosted at the University of Platteville is encouraged to see the poster outside the school office for details.
- ❖ Mrs. Stiemke is looking for someone to help create musical instruments. She needs someone to sand the edge of some plastic pails and someone to wrap mallets. If you are interested please contact the school.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you ask us to strengthen our commitment to honor the commandments. Help us to follow your laws of love. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

March 26th – Multi-School Forensics Competition, Prairie Catholic, 5:30pm

March 27th – Parent Transport Day

March 28th – First Communion Retreat, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 9:00am

March 31st – No Student Mass

March 31st – 8th Grade to the Chrism Mass, Cathedral, 10:30am

April 1st – Live Stations performed by J-Walkers, St. John's, 7:00pm

April 2nd, 3rd, 6th – Easter Break, No School

April 7 – 17 – Pre – K Sign Up

April 8th – First Communion Practice, St. John's, 7:00pm

April 12th – First Communion, St. John's, 10:00am

April 13th – Teacher Regional, La Crosse

April 13th – No School

April 16th – Pre-K to AmericInn

April 16th – Education Commission/Pastoral Council/Finance Council joint meeting, 6:00pm

April 17th – Kindergarten-3rd Grade to Play *Junie B Jones*, Viterbo, 12:30pm

