



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter April 9, 2015

Messages from Principal:

Anyone who has been by the school will notice some big changes to the grounds. The Nolan Memorial playground has been removed and transported for storage. As I am writing this note the blacktop is being pulled up and removed. So the school will not be using the back of the grounds until the building is erected.

Through this construction period we will need to change some of our protocols at the school. The administration thanks you for following some new practices while near the school. Please be mindful that all students will be dropped off and picked up from the front doors and there will be more children in the church parking lot than normal. All the students will use the church parking lot for recesses. So please park on the street or in the first row near the sidewalk if you visit the school. The area between the school and the daycare that is still paved cannot be used as a drop off or turn around area. You will still be able to drop off or pick up students on the street. This is an exciting time for the school, please help us ensure it is also a safe transition.

- ❖ Pre-Kindergarten sign up is underway from now through the 17th. Please spread the word around the community.
- ❖ The Home and School Association is looking for individuals who 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Prairie Catholic will host the Saints Scramble Golf Outing on Saturday, May 9th at the Prairie du Chien Country Club. This year there will be **two** divisions for participants.
 - The competitive division will be an 18 hole, four person scramble and is geared to the individuals that want to play in a competitive event. The competitive groups will shotgun start at 9:00am.
 - The family division will feature a relaxed 9 hole, two/three or four person scramble event that caters to families and individuals that are new to golf or have never played. Speed and expertise will not be needed for the family division. This group will start at 11:00am.Both of these events would be a great way to support your school through an enjoyable day outside on a beautiful golf course. Please consider participating as this is a great fundraiser for the school but more importantly a great way to spend time with friends and family.
- ❖ The First Communion Mass will take place on Sunday, April 12th during the St. John's 10:00am scheduled Mass.

- ❖ The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Fundraiser will be this weekend after all the church Masses. The school also has two boxes of tootsie rolls to hand out in the office. Anyone who makes a donation to the Knights will receive a piece of candy.
- ❖ Anyone who has not returned their Lenten Mite Boxes is encouraged to do so next week. The school will put all the money together and send it out at the end of next week.
- ❖ 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 ExTREME are opportunities to get kids interesting experiences through the summer months. Informational materials are available in the office.
- ❖ The 6th Grade Class is hosting Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Contact a 6th grade student for a ticket.
- ❖ 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 and will conclude 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 remind us that we are God's beloved children, just as you were the Beloved Son of God. We know that your truth will make us free. We pray this in your name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- April 7 – 17 – Pre – K Sign Up
- April 12th – First Communion, St. John's, 10:00am
- April 13th – Teacher Regional, La Crosse
- April 13th – **No School**
- April 14th – Art Blasters
- 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
- April 21st – Environmental Day, Bluff View, PM
- April 26th - May 2nd – 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- April 28th – Crawford County Dairy Royalty, 4th Grade, 12:30pm
- April 29th – 4th/5th Grades to Play, Viterbo, 12:30pm
- April 30th – Yale Singers, Whiffenpoofs, Cafeteria, 12:30pm

