



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter

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From the Principal

The school would like to recognize all the great volunteers we have had this year with a Volunteer Mass on Tuesday, May 24th at the 8:15am St. Gabriel's daily Mass. We will also host a reception for all that can attend after Mass in the school cafeteria. Coffee, juice and rolls will be served. Please make time to attend. Contact the school office by Monday, May 23rd if you can attend.

The Schools summative Iowa Test result have been back and you have been sent your child's in January. I have had time to really look at them and I am happy to report that the school as a whole has positive results. The staff and I will be looking at ways to address any deficiencies we see while keeping high expectations for positives.

Around Prairie Catholic

Mrs. Steiner and the Pre-Kindergarten students will host their end of the year program on Friday, May 20th in their classroom at 2:00pm.

The end of the 2015-2016 school year is quickly approaching. The last day of school is on Friday, May 27th. This year we will change the proceedings as we will stay at St. Gabriel's. The students will report at normal time and we will have an End of the Year All School Mass at 8:15am. Students can wear athletic clothing as they will be going to the Washington Street Park after Mass. Nature's Niche Exotic Animals will be in the school at 10:00am to present for the students. The kids will eat at 11:30am and they will be ready for dismissal at 12:00pm.

The school will be making another Box Tops submission before June 1st. (There are many tops that will expire soon.) Please drop off all of your Box Tops at the school before the last day of school.

The last day for Daycare will be on Thursday, May 26th. All daycare accounts must be paid in full on or before this day.

The results of the 4th and 8th Grade Diocesan Religious Assessments are back and very positive. If you have a student in either grade you will have an info sheet in this mailing.

Mark Your Calendars

- May 19th - Farm to School, PM
- May 20th - Pre-Kindergarten Program, Classroom, 2:00pm
- May 23rd - Kindergarten to Osborn Park
- May 23rd - 3rd Grade Cooking Class
- May 24th - 4th Grade to Mining Museum
- May 24th - Volunteer Mass and Reception, 8:15am
- May 25th - PK-3rd Grade to Dubuque
- May 25th - 5th Grade to Dubuque
- May 25th - 8th Grade Last Day of School, Graduation Practice
- May 26th - 8th Grade Graduation, St. Gabe's 6:00pm
- May 26th - Library Presentation, Cafeteria, 2:30pm
- May 27th - Nature's Niche Exotic Animals, 10:00am
- **May 27th - Last Day of School, 12:00pm Dismissal**



PCS students with Bishop Robert Flock



Around the Bubblers

Prayer:

Gracious and merciful God, you know the depths of our hearts. Even when we cannot form words to express our feelings, you are there for us. We give thanks for your faithful love, compassion and mercy. Holy is your name. Amen.

Job well done!

This year's 8th Grade Diocesan Religious Assessments have been reviewed and the results are positive. The class beat the diocesan averages in 7 or the 8 categories by an average of 8.5%! The 8th category was less than 1% lower. Great Work!

Reminder that all outstanding tuition, lunch balances and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and access to Skyward will be denied. 8th grade records will not be transferred to the High School until all fines and/or tuition is paid in full. Negative lunch balances, library fines, and book damage fines are to be paid in full by May 25th.

Prairie Catholic will still accept students into the Pre-Kindergarten program throughout the summer. If you have a four year old or know of a family that does, please consider a Catholic education.

The school will also start a 3 year old program next year. The classes will be held during the school year from 8:00am-11:00am every school day. There will also be a discounted day care rate from 11:00am until 5:00pm for these students. Lunch for day care students will also be offered. Please contact the school office for more information.

This is the time of year for field trips. Please see that you fill out all paperwork before your students trip day. All paperwork will be sent the Thursday before they leave so keep an eye out for extra papers in your envelope.

The 8th Graders last day is Wednesday, May 25th and it is a normal length day with graduation practice included. Graduation is set for 6:00pm on Thursday, May 26th at St. Gabriel's Church. The 7th grade will host a reception for the students and families in St. Gabriel's school afterward.

Families are encouraged to check the Lost and Found that is inside the front doors of the school. We donate the left overs to the CAP office so please check for your clothing before the end of the school year.

Parents the school is looking for missing library books. We are missing 11 titles that we need back. Please take a look around your home and return if you find them. (There is no late fee for any of these books, so please send back if found.)

From the "Easy" section: Teachers; Mater Saves Christmas; Henry & Mudge and Mrs. Hopper's House; Mr. Putter & Tabby Feed the Fish; Mr. Putter and Tabby Toot the Horn.

From Non-Fiction: The Best Thing About Easter; The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush; Whatever Happened to Humpty-Dumpty?

From Fiction: Finding Audrey.

From Sets: The Man with the Iron Mask.

