



PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 1, 2018

About Principal Henry - Mary was born on the Assumption of Mary into heaven on August 15, 1961 in Marshfield, Wisconsin. She is the third child of Leo and Joyce Bronkalla in their family of four children. Mary graduated from Baraboo Senior High School in 1979 and is YOUNGER than Fr. Jim! Mary's family was in education, with her father holding the position as a public school district administrator of the communities they lived in as she was growing up. Later, in her father's career he worked for the Department of Public Instruction, DPI in Madison until his retirement. Joyce was the elementary school librarian at Mary's school in Little Chute. Leo in 1971 accepted a new position in Baraboo and the family moved. Joyce then worked for the University of Baraboo/Sauk media center until her retirement. Both of her parents are doing well and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this past June.

Mary attended UW-Stout and graduated in 1984 with Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. She began her teaching career at Bayfield School District as their kindergarten teacher. She filled that position for one year for a teacher on a leave of absences. Mary fell in love with the beauty of the Great Lake area and went back to teach for three summers school sessions. In 1985 she was offered a teaching position in the Viroqua Area School District as a kindergarten and lead teacher. Mary spent 28 years with the district in that position. During her career she continued her passion for education and attended the University of Madison. She received her master degree in 1989 in educational psychology of the gifted and talented. Her thesis topic was gifted and talented programming for school districts. As her children grew older, she pursued her administrators' licensure at Viterbo University in 2005. She continued her thirst to learn and passion to support students in their educational journey and achieved her National Board Certificated Teacher and Master Teacher licensure in 2008. Mary is a lifelong learner and has earned master degrees plus 54 credits. She recently retired from her principal and gifted/talented coordinator positions of four years at the School District of Menomonie.

She enjoyed her SHORT retirement of a half of year and felt a pull to explore the position opening at Prairie Catholic School. She is excited with this new challenge and looks forward to our partnership with our lovely children, staff and community.

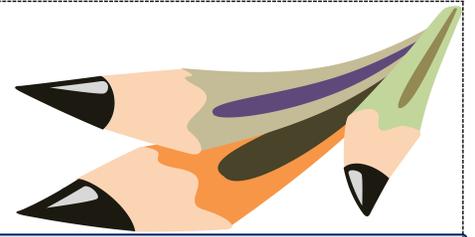
With peace,
Mary Henry

Burgers & Fries – Talent Show - The school would like to thank the Men's Club for their work preparing the Burgers and Fries meal last night. It was a great turn out and everyone enjoyed the wonderful food. All appreciated the work the students did in preparing for the talent show. It is amazing to see the different acts and ages that preformed! Thanks to the teachers and committee for all their work preparing the activities students and staff enjoyed this week. It has been great fun!



Mardi Gras/Grandparent Day – On Tuesday, February 13th will be celebrating Mardi Gras with Grandparents Day. Grandparents and family member may join their student for lunch. Cost per adult is \$4.00, and will be purchased at the door. Students will use their lunch card as normal. We will be attending Mass at 12:15 and returning for games and activities. In this week's information is a form to pre purchase tickets for games, prizes, raffle and concessions. Also, you will have the sign-up sheet of adults attending lunch. Again, no advance tickets will be sold, but we do need to know how many will be attending.

Regional Spelling Bee – Ryan Waller and Asher Pitzer will represent Prairie Catholic School at the Regional Spelling Bee Wednesday, February 7th in Kickapoo. Good Luck Ryan & Asher!



Catholic Schools Week – This week we will feature photos from this fun-filled week! (so far) Remember more pictures are posted on our facebook page.



Coming Home Today

Below is the information coming home this week. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Newsletter
Weekly Church Bulletin
Mardi Gras tickets
Mardi Gras – Lunch sign up
Knights of Columbus information flyer
Jump Rope for Heart
Arts Midwest flyer
Server list – Grades 4-8
Box Tops Newsletter & Collection Sheet

Upcoming Events

February 2nd – Ski Trip Grades 5-8; Movie "Paddington 2" Grades 4K-4th
February 4th – Swiss steak dinner
February 5th – 3rd Grade to Crossing Rivers Assisted Living
February 7th – Reginal Spelling Bee – Kickapoo
February 7th – Education Commission – 5:30pm
February 9th – NO SCHOOL
February 13th – Mardi Gras/Grandparents Day
February 14th – Ash Wednesday–Mass at 8:15am
February 14th – Farm to School
February 14th – Math Counts Competition
February 16th – Mid Term 3
February 20th – Arts Midwest-Ondekoza
February 22nd – Progress Report going home
February 23rd – Hard Work Counts
February 26th – Middle School Forensics
March 1st – Parent/Teacher Conferences

