



# PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 8, 2018

**Catholic Schools Week** - What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! The staff and students enjoyed a great week of so many fun activities. We would like to take the time to thank the committee for the time that they put in to make the week enjoyable, and a special thank you to the Student Council for all the help as they took charge of so many of the events that were held.

**Book Fair** – A big thank you to everyone who generously supported the Usborne book fair; it was a HUGE success! We sold \$3144.23 in books which rewards the library with \$1572 in Usborne books! We hope everyone appreciates the quality of these books and welcome any feedback regarding the company change we made this year. Thank you to Janet Nelson and Linda Ginkel for helping to host this event! THANK YOU to EVERYONE for making this a fun and very successful event!

**Spelling Bee**- Congratulations to Ryan Waller for placing 8<sup>th</sup> and Asher Pitzer for finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at the West Sectional Spelling Bee yesterday at Kickapoo! Great job boys!

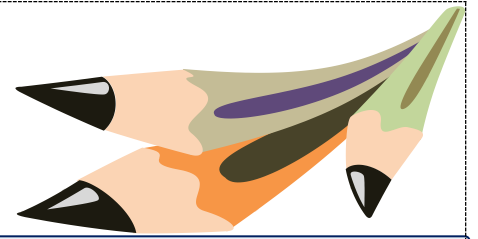
**Forensics** – The Middle School in-school forensics competition will be held on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Students will be competing in the afternoon with the top three place winners advancing to the area forensics competition at BluffView on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mardi Gras/Grandparent Day** – On Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Mardi Gras with Grandparents Day. Grandparents and family members 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. Reminder, no advance tickets will be sold, but we do need to know how many will be attending. Please make sure you have returned your form to the school office.

**Ash Wednesday** – February 14<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, Mass will be held at 8:15 am at St. Gabriel's Church so all students can attend. We will have Mass on Tuesday at 12:15pm for Grandparents Day and Thursday as normal.

**Arts Midwest World Fest – Ondekoza** – Prairie Catholic students grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will be attending a workshop on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at BluffView. Ondekoza is a drumming band from Japan and will be providing a workshop to a number of communities in the Northern Central States as part of Arts Midwest – World Fest. Ondekoza is a professional taiko drumming troupe based at the foot of Mt. Fuji in Japan. Formed in 1969, they have been widely influential in introducing and popularizing taiko drumming around the globe. They are known to have set the groundwork for many of the styles seen in taiko today, based on the philosophy of “running” and “drumming” as one. The school has complimentary family tickets, if your family would be interested in going, please contact the office.





**LENTEN MISSION COLLECTIONS BOXES** – In today's brown envelope each student will receive a Lenten box. All money will be sent to the mission in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – on the Friday's during lent, students will be attending Stations of the Cross at 2:45 p.m. Students will be dismissed immediately following.

**Box Top For Education** – To receive our reimbursement check for this year from Box Tops for Education, they must be mailed in by the end of this month. **Please bring all your labels into the office by Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.** A collection sheet went home last Thursday with the weekly information. This has been a worthwhile project for our school. Thanks to Rhonda Stubbe for all her hard work in getting the labels ready and mailing them. We will continue to save labels for next year.

**Diocesan Religious Testing** – Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the Diocesan Religious Testing over the next two weeks. The students already completed the on-line "Attitudes and Practices" survey.

**Prayer** – Protector God, you want all people to live without fear, but you know there are things in life that frighten us. Help us to remember you will help us when we need to be brave. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



## 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  
Permission Slip-Grade 2-8-Arts Midwest

## Upcoming Events

**February 9<sup>th</sup>** – NO SCHOOL  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mardi Gras/Grandparents Day  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday–Mass at 8:15am  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Farm to School  
**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Math Counts Competition  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Stations of the Cross – 2:45pm  
**February 16<sup>th</sup>** – Mid Term 3  
**February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Arts Midwest-Ondekoza  
**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Progress Report going home  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Hard Work Counts  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Middle School Forensics  
**March 1<sup>st</sup>** – Parent/Teacher Conferences

