



PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 3, 2019

From the Principal

Dear families,

Most of us begin a new year with hope and a positive attitude. We take advantage of the New Year to make resolutions and set goals for ourselves, perhaps goals we did not manage to accomplish during the year that just ended. I would like to propose to you that the most important goal and the one that will have by far the most impact in your life—for your happiness and that of many others—is to get closer to God. Nothing will fill you with more happiness than strengthening and deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Two books that I have read recently and I strongly encourage you to read and discuss with your families are the following: 7 - An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess by Jen Hatmaker and The Biggest Lie In The History Of Christianity by Matthew Kelly. The last book was a Christmas gift from the parish. If you haven't picked up your copy yet, please let me know and I will make sure to get you a copy to read. Both books will give you many thoughts to ponder and how to simplify your life and deepen your relation with God.

Our school is in a better place because of you and others like you, giving "Holy Moments." During the Christmas season we experienced so many Holy Moments in the following ways: gifts left in the office, teacher's lounge, and classrooms, matching donations by 3M from former students, parents and parishioners, gifts of money/checks in the mail, presents left on my desk or given in person, many cards of gratitude, gingerbread cookies made with so much love for every student, staff and teacher in our school, concert donations, and the many hours of volunteers donating their time and talents. We are so grateful for making PCS a wonderful educational experience for our next generation.

We cannot thank you enough for your help!
You are nothing less than a blessing from God!

With peace~
Mary Henry, Principal

I leave you with a prayer from the book written
by Matthew Kelly:

Loving Father,
Here I am.

I trust that you have an incredible plan for me.
Transform me. Transform my life.

Everything is on the table.

Take what you want to take and give what you
want to give.

Transform me into the person you created me
to be,

so I can live the life you envision for me.

I hold nothing back;

I am 100 percent available.

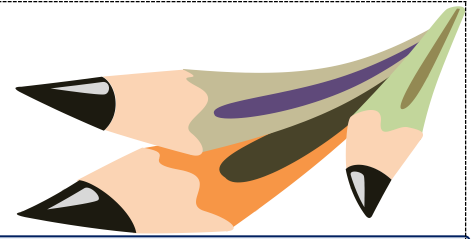
How can I help?

Amen.



Illness - We ask that your child remain at home if he/she has diarrhea, a sore throat, earache, a skin rash, an eye infection, vomiting, or an elevated temperature. Often a day at home and bed rest will prevent more serious illness, encourage more rapid recovery and diminish the opportunity of the disease spreading among your child's classmates.

Calendar Sweepstakes – Please continue to sell the sweepstake calendars! All calendars need to be returned to the school office by Friday, January 25th. Good luck & keep selling!



In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called **Safe Haven Sunday** that will equip parents to protect their family from the harms of pornography. Why is this important? Let's look at a few facts about youth and pornography. In 2016, a study by the Barna Group discovered among teens age 13-17

- 7% came across porn daily; 8% intentionally sought it out daily.
- 21% came across porn weekly; 18% sought it out weekly.
- 21% came across porn once or twice a month; 11% sought it out.
- In total, 57% of teens sought out porn at least monthly.

Learn more about ending porn exposure on **Safe Haven Sunday – March 10th**.

Spelling Bee – Prairie Catholic will hold its school wide Spelling Bee on Tuesday, January 8th at 2:00pm. Participants include; J.T. Egstad, Sam Kramer, Asher Pitzer, Tommy Mara, Ryan Waller, Ashlyn Knapp, Owen Teynor, Shawn Egstad, Lindsey Nolan, Dawson Eastman, Camryn Knapp, Karly Kramer, Olivia Colson, Kye Higgins, Brice Krachey and Addilyn Lindner. Good Luck everyone!

Prairie Catholic Basketball Tournaments - Help is still needed in a couple of areas for both the Girls & Boys Basketball tournaments. If you are available to help, please contact the school office or Jason Knapp at jasonknapp@centurytel.net. Thank you in advance if you are able to help out!

School Cancellation / Late Starts – Please remember that in the case of inclement weather Prairie Catholic will follow the public school cancellation, late start or early out postings. Please listen to the radio, check TV station, or websites regarding notices. Remember if Prairie du Chien Public School has delayed or cancelled, the same will apply for Prairie Catholic. This would be a good time to check how you have set up to receive notices from Skylert. You can do this by logging on to Skyward, and clicking the Skylert tab on the left hand side of the screen. Please verify phone numbers and email address. If any changes are made, click the save button in the upper right hand corner.

Bishop Flock – Mrs. Wachuta's brother, Bishop Robert Flock, will be celebrating the 10:00am Mass at St. John's this Sunday, January 6.

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
- Talent Show Sign-up sheet
- Soup Supper flyer
- PDC Youth Cheerleading Camp flyer
- Scrip Schedule
- Server Schedule
- Scrip Form

Upcoming Events

January 8th – School Spelling Bee – 2:00pm

January 11th – End of Term 2

January 12th – Prairie Catholic Girls Tournament

January 12th – Soup Supper

January 17th – Report cards home

January 17th – Farm to School

January 21st – No School

January 29th – Opera for the Young-1:30pm

January 19th – Prairie Catholic Boys Tournament

January 28th - Beginning of Catholic Schools Week

January 30th – Family Night – Talent Show

January 30th – Family Night – Burgers & Fries

