



PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 20, 2018

From the Principal

Dear families,

During this time of Advent, there is an incredible sense of gratitude and appreciation as I reflect on the year that we have had together at Prairie Catholic School. The celebrations and highlights have been many and varied and I am so glad that I have been given this opportunity to lead the school community.

I have been truly blessed and grateful for the dedication and commitment of parents, staff, teachers and parish members at PCS this year. There is no doubt that the families and parish members contribute considerably to the wonderful community atmosphere and school spirit. Everyone has worked tirelessly for the whole school community and their efforts have had a major impact on student learning – enabling us to provide fantastic resources for our students, including the new Little Saints Learning Center, iPads, chromebooks, WIN time, and the list goes on.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Fr. Jim and our Ed Comm members who are committed to the pursuit of excellence at PCS and to building a strong, faith filled Catholic community. The support, advocacy and wisdom of our Ed Comm members have been a real asset to our school and has made my job as Principal a pleasure.

I acknowledge and thank our Prairie Catholic staff and teachers that continually strive to provide challenging and stimulating learning opportunities for our students. Each member goes above and beyond in so many ways. I have been truly blessed to work with such enthusiastic, passionate colleagues.

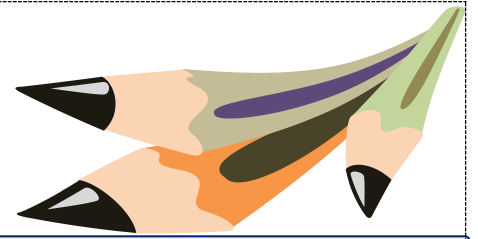
This was particularly evident with last Wednesday night's Christmas concert. Mrs. Stiemke had a vision for our performers and it all came together so beautifully. I truly enjoyed watching our students perform for you! The love in their hearts sang out to our guests. Our school represents the joyful anticipation of Jesus!

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of our students and all that they have achieved this year. It has been a privilege to be entrusted with their care and education and to watch each one grow not only academically but also in faith, love and wisdom.

As you celebrate the glory of this miraculous season, may your home be filled with love, peace, and joy. May these blessings follow you throughout the New Year. The best present one can hope for this year is to spend time together.

With peace~
Mary Henry, Principal





Food Drive – Thank you, thank you, thank you. We had **683** items donated to the Food and Personal items Drive for the local Food Pantry. The Change Challenge raised \$203.51 which will go toward Sarah who we sponsor at Casa Hogar Orphanage in Peru. Congratulations to our 6th grade class for raising the most money for the Change Challenge and to the 8th grade class for collecting the most cans. Both classes will receive an Ice Cream party. Congratulations!

Prairie Catholic Basketball Tournaments The tournaments will be here before we know it. Prairie Catholic will host the girl's tournament on January 12th and the boy's tournament on January 19th. We will need many volunteers to help with the gates and concession stands. All time worked can go towards volunteer credit hours. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping.

Colder Weather – The cold weather is here!!! With that, please send your student to school prepared to be outside in the morning and for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are a good idea!

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! We need everyone's help for this fundraiser to be successful. More calendars are available in the school office. Please turn in sold slips and money to office. Good luck & keep selling!

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
- January Menu and Event Calendar
- Christmas Eve Children's Mass information - assigned parts
- Thank you note from Student Council
- Prairie Catholic School Talent Show flyer
- Scrip Form

Upcoming Events

December 24th – January 1st – Christmas Break

January 2nd – First day back!

January 11th – Athletic Eligibility

January 11th – End of Term 2

January 12th – Soup Dinner

January 12th – Prairie Catholic Girls Tournament

January 17th – Report cards home

January 19th – Prairie Catholic Boys Tournament

January 22nd – No School

January 28th - Beginning of Catholic Schools Week

January 30st – Family Night - Talent Show

January 30th – Burgers and Fries

January 30th – Prairie Catholic School Book Fair

