



PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 7, 2019

From the Principal

Dear families,

The topic of video gaming has been on my mind to address for some time now. The popular video game Fortnite and the effects it has on children; brain development and self-control. Parents are always the first teachers in their children's lives. It's important to stay informed on trends that become very popular in our youth. During my 35 year career as an educator and parent, I've witnessed the effects of video games on children, young adults, and adults. Each year there's a new game out to catch our attention and marketing involved in developing highly addictive games. It's important as a parent to set limits on gaming and beware of the games that killing human beings is the objective of the game. Please read the article from Psychology Today, [Fortnite, Boys, and Self-Control](#).

One of the most important factors affecting children's academic success doesn't come from the classroom - it comes from the support of students' families. The research is clear: When parents are engaged, children are more likely to succeed.

The Education Commission (Ed Comm) provides input and guidance on various topics and issues to the Prairie Catholic School. President, Lara Czajkowski Higgins and supporting Fr. Jim and myself, meet monthly with our committee. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 13th at 5:30-6:30 pm. in the cafeteria. We would really like to encourage participation in our meetings and you can earn volunteer hours attending and being active. Please sign up on our new website: <https://signup.zone/prairie-catholic-school>.

We will be moving to a new online payment system that will be available in the upcoming month. The new system will make the payment process simple and convenient for you.

It will ease the financial process for our school, daycare and parish administrative assistants. More information will be coming soon!

Thank you for your support during our recent Book Fair, Swiss Steak meal and UTV raffle sales. All the events were successful in spite of the treacherous weather conditions.

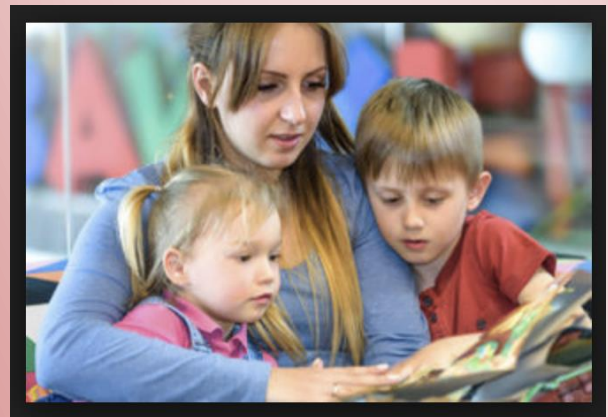
Great protector of the family, St. Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love him with all their hearts.

We ask you to pray that those who take the lives of unborn innocents and attack the dignity of motherhood may come to see the error of their ways, and that all men may value the holiness of Christian family life.

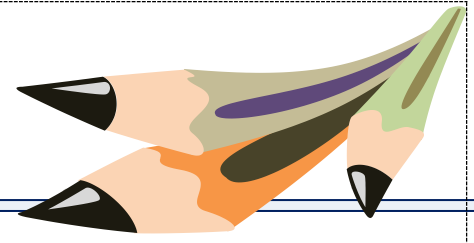
God, our loving Father, your love gives life to the world. Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife. May your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

With peace~
Mary Henry, Principal



Diocesan Religious Testing – Our 5th and 8th grade students will be participating in the Diocesan Religious Testing over the next two weeks. The students have already completed the on-line “Attitudes and Practices” survey.



Safe Haven Sunday - In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will help families avoid the ill effects of pornography. Did you know that porn plays a significant role in marital strife and divorce? Research shows us that:

- 68% of the divorces involved one party meeting a new lover over the Internet.
- 56% involved one party having “an obsessive interest in pornographic websites.”
- 47% involved spending excessive time on the computer.
- 33% involved excessive time spent speaking in chat rooms.

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

Book Fair – Thank you to everyone who supported our Usborne Book Fair held during Catholic Schools Week. In spite of the adverse weather, the book fair was a big success! Our total sales were \$3112. Based on the amount of sales, our cash profit is \$519 and we earned \$514 in free books for our library. Thank you for your loyal support in promoting literacy; your efforts are very much appreciated by our students, staff, and library volunteers!

We are looking for several volunteers to ‘chair’ this project for next year’s Catholic School Week. If you would consider doing this, please contact Annie Beinborn.

Box Top For Education – A collection sheet is going home today for February. Our next collection deadline is March 1st. **Please bring your labels into the office by Thursday, February 27th.** Our June – November submissions was \$464.30. These funds will be used for Opera for the Young.



Little Saints Learning Center

Our child care facility is looking for a compassionate and supportive assistant worker, who has experience caring for children ages two to thirteen years old. We are committed to providing top quality care for every child enrolled in our programs. Our goal is to enhance the lives of every child who attends Little Saints Learning Center. If you are an outgoing, patient, caring professional with a background in child care, we hope you will get in touch with our Director Kelly White-608-326-5383.

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
- LSLC Newsletter
- Scrip Form
- American Heart Association Kid Heart Challenge information
- Box Top February Flyer
- Math Counts permission Slip
- Teaching the Way of Love – February Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- February 11th** - Candy Gram turn in deadline
- February 11th** - Incoming Freshman meeting - High School – 8th grade
- February 12th** - Mid-Term 3
- February 13th** - Golden Ruler – Student of the Month Luncheon
- February 13th** - Math Counts Competition
- February 14th** - Farm to School
- February 14th** - Progress Reports going home
- February 21th** - Parent/Teacher Conference
- February 22nd** - No School
- February 26th** - Local School Forensics
- February 28th** - Day with the Sisters
- March 5th** - Grandparents Day & Mardi Gras
- March 6th** - Ash Wednesday

