



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 31, 2013

Messages from Principal:

It never fails; Catholic Schools Week always brings the nasty weather! We will reschedule the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest with the representatives for the middle school students. We will also reschedule family night for a future date. The reschedule will allow the committee to consider activities that were left out of the original plan due to time constraints. Thank you for your continued flexibility. I do know for sure that the Home and School Association's Winter Dance will be held on Friday night from 6-9:00pm at St. Gabriel's School. It is free to the public with food and drink being sold. Please bring your family to this fantastic event.

- The 5th – 8th grade ski trip will be postponed until Wednesday, February 6th. Tomorrow, Friday, February 1st will be a normal school day for students at St. John's and the 5th graders at St. Gabriel's. We are sorry for the inconvenience but the wellbeing of the students is our number one priority.
- The administration would like to thank Mary Neisius and helpers for all of their work selling car raffle tickets. All 2,500 tickets were sold! The school appreciates all of your hard work for this fantastic fund raiser. We would also like to thank the Men's Club for their work offering the Burgers and Fries last night to a packed house of Holy Family supporters.
- A wonderful way to end Catholic Schools Week! Please join us for the Winter Family Dance on Friday, February 1, 2013 at St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria, 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. No Admission Fee. Party favors and raffle tickets for sale. Music, pizza, popcorn, soda, and other beverages for the entire family. Parents, thank you in advance for your help with this event.
- *****On Friday, March 1st Prairie Catholic will be running a 1:00pm dismissal without bus service.***** The schools were lucky enough to receive Smart Boards and the staff will need training to use this technology to its full capabilities. We are sorry for the inconvenience but hope that alerting the community early will allow for families to make arrangements to pick up their students at 1:00pm.
- Grandparents Day will again be held on the same day as our Mardi Gras celebration Tuesday, February 12th at St. Gabriel's Church. You will receive more information in next week's newsletter.
- The 7th grade would like to invite all of the Prairie Catholic students to Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 12th at St. Gabriel's School. There will be games for the kids and tickets are on sale now, see enclosed flyer.
- Parents and students in the Class of 2017 (incoming freshmen) will meet in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 to discuss and select their classes for the 2013-2014 School Year. Please make plans to meet at 7:30 p.m.
- The administration would like to remind parents that the church bulletin is available on the Prairie Catholic website. Please check it out if you missed Mass and are wondering if next week is your turn to sell Scrip, serve Mass or work Bingo.
- Prairie Catholic will still match all monetary donations made to the technology account. We have had some very generous donations and the school thanks all that have contributed to this effort.

Prayer: Holy God, your light comes to us in many ways. Give us light as we study your Word. May our work and prayer, and even our dreams help us to know your will for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

February 5th – 7th Grade Mardi Gras Planning Meeting @ St. Gabriel's, 6:00pm
February 6th – Make-up date for Ski Trip
February 6th – 8th Grade Parent and Student Meeting @ High School, 7:30pm
February 8th – First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders, St. Gabriel's
February 12th – Pep Band for Middle/High School, High School, 6:00pm
February 12th – Grandparents Day/Mardi Gras, St. Gabriel's School, pm
February 13th – Ash Wednesday
February 15th – Hard Work Counts, Bowling Alley, 1:00pm
February 19th & 21st – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8:00pm
February 22nd – NO SCHOOL
February 26th – Mid Term 3
February 26th – Dr. Seuss Night, St. Gabriel's School

Basketball Calendar

February 4th – 5/6 Girls @ Wauzeka, 5:30/6:30pm
February 4th – 4 Girls vs. Boscobel @ St. Gabriel's 6:00pm
February 9th – 5/6 Girls @ Wauzeka Tournament
February 16th – 5/6 Girls @ La Crosse Tournament



A letter of thanks from Mrs. Wachuta.

On January 5, I was very fortunate to be with three of my siblings on a flight bound for Santa Cruz, Bolivia in South America. My brother, Monsignor Robert Flock has been a missionary priest in Santa Cruz for the past 24 years. Many of our students, past and present, should remember "Fr. Bob" from his many visits to our school over the years. On January 17, he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Cochabamba, Bolivia!

During our first week in Bolivia, Fr. Bob showed us several of the chapels and the main church that belong to the parish of some 80,000 people, took us to Concepcion and San Javier where we toured two historic Jesuit Missions built in the 1700s and hired a driver to take us up the winding unpaved road into the mountains to view the Inca Ruins at Samaipata. This included a sacrificial altar carved into the mountain top! On January 17, we flew to Cochabamba for Mons. Flock's ordination which was held at the Cathedral of St. Sebastian. It was an amazing ceremony!

I would like to thank Fr. Weighner and Prairie Catholic School for allowing me the time off for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I would also like to thank the many families who contributed to my travel fund. Without your help, this trip would not have been possible for me. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

May God Bless you all!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wachuta

P.S. If you would like to see pictures from the ordination you can find a link at www.thecatholictimes.com.