



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 9, 2014

Message from the Principal:

All families are invited to the Home and School Association meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00pm in St. Gabriel's School cafeteria. One meeting topic will be possible ***CONSOLIDATION*** of the two school buildings into one at the St. Gabriel's site. This topic has been discussed in the past but the administration would like to take the next step in planning for the future. I would like to hear from the community regarding this topic so please plan to attend and express your viewpoint.

- Children's Mass that was held at St. John's on December 24th was enjoyed by all in attendance. The administration would like to thank the parent volunteers that helped with the evening Mary Stoeffler, Sheri Kennedy, Corey Steger and Colleen Teynor.
- The Prairie Catholic Basketball Tournaments are January 11th for the girls and January 18th for the boys. Make plans to cheer on your favorite team.
- The end of the semester is January 10th. Your child's report card will come home in next week's brown envelope.
- **CAR RAFFLE!** CONGRATUALATIONS TO OUR CAR & CASH WINNERS: Dodge Dart - Daniel Key. \$2,500.00 - Carol Walz; \$250.00 - Zinkle's Piggly Wiggly, Tom Cornford, Paul Lochner, Mike Higgins, Tammy Cram, Ashlyn Knapp, Carl Heil, Roger Helgerson, Don Roh, and Don Lynn. Thank you to all who purchased tickets for this raffle and a special thank you to Sut Hill for donating the car and to Mary Neisius for all her work organizing.
- For all St. John's students interested: a Prairie Catholic parent, Mary Turner, would like to present a play during Catholic Schools Week. Any middle school student that would like to participate, there will be auditions on Friday, January 10th during resource time. Please encourage your student to participate.
- All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 as of January 1, 2014 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Sunday, January 12th, 2014, at 11:20 a.m. at the Prairie du Chien High School gym. Registration begins at 11:20 with shooting starting at 11:35. This contest is being sponsored by Campion Council 1840 of the Knights of Columbus. The 9 year old age group is new for this year. Winners receive medallions and a chance to advance to the district competition tentatively set for February 2nd at St. Gabriel's Gym. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Bill Schultz at 874-4165.
- The Knights of Columbus Campion Council 1840 invites ALL 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in public, parochial and home school to participate in a Knowledge Contest (either Math or Spelling). The contests will be held at Prairie Catholic Middle School – St John's Campus on Monday January 27, 4:00 pm. If school is cancelled the make-up date will be Tuesday January 28. The tests will take 30 minutes, and all students will receive participation certificates. First place winners can proceed to the Diocesan competition, Saturday February 1st, in Plover. Second place winners will be alternates. The Diocesan winners can proceed to State competition. A number of Prairie Du Chien students have done well at the Diocesan and State competition in past years, so come and challenge yourself! Direct any questions to Stu Bosworth 326-4823.

- Holy Family Sweepstake Calendars were sent home in a previous brown envelope. Please sell, buy or return any calendars that you have. This is a fantastic fundraiser and the administration would like to thank John Fischer for all of his work.
- Mrs. Igou will be working with the students to offer Snack and Go at St. John's school on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Items are cheap and can offer a student something between school and practice.
- Anyone interested in volunteering at the book fair at St. Gabriel's during Catholic Schools Week is encouraged to contact Molly Kirschbaum. Molly will be organizing the event and is seeking individuals that would love to fulfill some volunteer hours. Molly can be reached at mkirschbaum@mchsi.com or (563) 880-3883.
- The newly formed "Art Blasters" sponsored by Mrs. Welter will meet on January 21st at 3:30pm in St. Gabriel's art room. Any Prairie Catholic student is welcome to join.

Job well done: Last year's Prairie Catholic third grade students (this year's fourth grade) scored a Grade Equivalency of 4.1 on the Reading Total of The Iowa Tests. This was good for a 91st percentile rank of National School Norms. Great Job!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you amazed everyone with the reading of Isaiah's prophecy. May we have the courage to proclaim to others all that we are: God's children set free by you. In your name we pray. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

January 10th – End of First Semester
 January 11th – Prairie Catholic Girls Basketball Tournament
 January 14th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria, 6:00pm
 January 16th – Report Cards go home
 January 18th – Prairie Catholic Boys Basketball Tournament
 January 21st – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 January 22nd – 7th Grade Fundraising Meeting, St. Gabe's, 6:00pm
 January 23rd – Parent/Teacher Conferences
 January 24th – No School
 January 26th through 31st – Catholic Schools Week
 February 2nd – Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Basketball Schedule

January 9th – 5/6 Girls vs. River Ridge, 5:30, 6:30pm
 January 10th – Eligibility Grade Check
 January 11th – Prairie Catholic Girls Tournament
 January 16th – 5/6 Girls vs. Boscobel, 5:30/6:30pm
 January 16th – 7G/7B at River Ridge, 4:30/5:30pm
 January 18th – Prairie Catholic Boys Tournament
 January 20th – 7 Boys, 5 Girls, 6 Girls @ MFL, 4:00/5:15/6:30pm
 January 21st – 6/7Boys at Richland Center St. Mary's, 5:30/6:30pm
 January 21st – 5/6 Girls at Wauzeka, 5:30/6:30pm
 January 23rd – 7G/7B at Bluffview, 4:30/5:30pm
 January 23rd – Eligibility Grade Check
 January 25th – 5B at SWBL at Prairie du Chien
 January 25th – 5G at SWBL at Richland Center
 January 25th – 6B at SWBL at Prairie du Chien
 January 25th – 6G at SWBL at Iowa Grant
 January 25th – 7B at SWBL at Belleville
 January 25th – 7G at SWBL at Albany

