



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 27, 2013

## Message from the Principal:

Wow, it is already Thanksgiving! I feel like we just finished Patron's Day. I guess time flies when you're having fun... As we reach Thanksgiving break, there are many things to be thankful for this year. I would like to publically thank all who have responded so generously to the capital campaign our parish and school have conducted. Fr. Weighner has worked vigorously to raise over \$700,000 for the project. Please pray for the continued success of this campaign.

- There is **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> or Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **CAR RAFFLE!** You can get your tickets in many locations including both school offices. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. We are limiting the number available to 3,000 tickets, so get yours early. Grand prize will be a 2013 Dodge Dart. First prize will be \$2,500 and there are **10** second prizes of \$250. The drawing will be on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in St. John's Parish Hall. Holy Family and Prairie Catholic would like to thank Sut Hill for their generosity with this fundraiser. We would also like to thank Mary Neisius for all of her work organizing this event.
- There will be a wellness committee meeting next Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4PM at St. Gabriel's. Anyone interested in promoting a healthy school culture is welcomed to the meeting. We will be establishing specific goals for the current school year, discussing future plans for the school garden and planning upcoming family night activities. Please contact Wade Marlow or Angie Kramer (angiemorovits@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.
- On Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> the J-Walkers will be hosting a breakfast in the St. Gabriel's School Cafeteria from 7:00am until 10:00am. The word is Santa will be making an appearance!
- The Prairie Catholic Student Council will be sponsoring a food drive for the local pantry. Please encourage your children to donate to this worthwhile cause. The deadline for the students is Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents, please remember to bring in a doctors/dentist/orthodontist note when your child returns to school. Each absence needs to be coded correctly so their files are current. Please also remember that in Crawford County each child is only allowed 10 absences before they are considered truant. We have some students that are well past 5 absences for this semester.
- Good Luck to our Math Counts teams as they will participate in their first Math competition on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. The competition will begin at 1:00pm. Students compete as individuals and with teams.
- Parents, please encourage your students to join the Art Blasters! Sign up will be on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the art room at St. Gabriel's School from 3:30pm-4:30pm. This group will work on drawing concepts.
- The Prairie Catholic Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in St. Gabriel's Church at 6:30pm with a make-up date of Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The deadline for the Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster contest is Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

- **GIVE THE GIFT OF HEALTHY EATING THIS CHRISTMAS!** The Prairie Catholic Wellness Committee has ten Super Snacks for Super Kids recipe books left. These would be a wonderful gift for any parent, grandparent, daycare provider, teacher, or anyone else who has the important job of providing nourishment for children. The books are hard-covered, with color photographs and recipes for over 60 mouth-watering snacks. The cost is \$20.00, 100% of which will remain at Prairie Catholic to support the wellness initiative. To purchase, stop by the Czajkowski Higgins & Rider office at 105 East Blackhawk Avenue, or call Lara Czajkowski Higgins at 326-8434. Get yours soon, as supplies are limited!
- 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 or work Bingo
- **All Basketball Players** need to have a parent electronically sign a South Wisconsin Basketball League (SWBL) waiver form. If you do not sign it, your child will not be able to participate in that weekend's games. For instructions, please log onto the SWBL website at [www.swblonline.com](http://www.swblonline.com)

**Job well done:** Last year's Prairie Catholic fourth grade students (this year's fifth grade) scored a Grade Equivalency of 5.5 on the Composite Total of The Iowa Tests. This was good for a 94<sup>th</sup> percentile rank of National School Norms. Great Job!

*Prayer: God, King of the universe, throughout all of time, you are the one who has been Lord over all. All of creation was made to serve you. May we continue to pray to you to learn more about your will. May we look to the life of your Son Jesus as a guide for living. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- November 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving – NO SCHOOL
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- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Polar Express, PM
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Wellness Committee Meeting, St. Gabriel's Smart Lab, 4:00pm
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Education Commission Meeting, St. John's, 7:00pm
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – J-Walkers breakfast, St. Gabriel's Cafeteria, 7-10:00am with Santa!
- December 11<sup>th</sup> – Math Counts Competition, City Hall, 1:00pm
- December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program, St. Gabriel's Church, 6:30pm
- December 16<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster contest
- December 18<sup>th</sup> – Make-up date for Christmas Program

### **Basketball Schedule**

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5B, 7B, 5G vs. Bloomington St. Mary's, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30pm
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – 6Girls/6Boys @ Bluffview, 4:30, 5:30pm
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – 5, 6, 7 Boys @ River Ridge Tournament
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – 6 Girls at Prairie du Chien, SWBL Tournament
- December 10<sup>th</sup> – 5Girls/Boys @ Bluffview, 4:30/5:30pm
- December 12<sup>th</sup> – 6/7 Girls vs. Richland Center St. Mary's, 5:30/6:30
- December 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – 5/6/7 Boys Wauzeka Tournament
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – 5Girls @ Prairie du Chien, SWBL Tournament
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – 7Girls @ Pecatonica, SWBL Tournament
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – 5/6 Boys @ River Ridge, 5:30/6:30pm
- December 20<sup>th</sup> – 7 Boys, 5 Girls, 6 Girls @ MFL, 4:00/5:15/6:30pm

