



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter January 15, 2015

Messages from Principal:

Prairie Catholic would like to announce that Holy Family Parish is offering a car raffle! There will be 13 cash prizes in addition to this year's Grand Prize, a 2013 Ford Focus Hatchback. First Prize will be \$2,000, Second Prize will be \$500 and there will be 10 Third Prizes of \$250. For ticket information please call the school at 326-8624. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. We would like to thank Sut Hill Motors for their continued support. Any families willing to take a few books to sell are greatly appreciated. Also during the basketball tournaments over the next two weekends, we are looking for someone to sit at the gate at Hoffman Hall, Bluff View and the High School and sell. It is a great way to get those volunteer hours in! Thank you for your continued support of Holy Family Parish and Prairie Catholic School!

- Parents please notice that January 19th is a **Parent Transport Day** as the public school has no classes. We will have a regularly scheduled day.
- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate Anthony Irvin for his first place finish in the school Spelling Bee. He beat Karly Jaynes in the championship round. Other contestants were: Jack Peterson, Lauren Kennedy, Mitchell Luster, Katy Welsch, Clare Teynor, Peggy Koresh, Logan Kiesau, Charlotte Fox, Tommy Mara, Kailee Quick, Matthias Gerhards and Katelyne Lutz. Anthony and Karly will represent Prairie Catholic in the regional Spelling Bee in February hosted at Prairie Catholic.
- Prairie Catholic is looking for volunteers to help at the basketball tournaments on January 24th. This is a great opportunity for any parent still looking for volunteer credit. You can contact the school or Rochelle Neisius to book a time. Thank you for your help as these tournaments are the sole funding source for our athletic program.
- Holy Family Parish will welcome Pro-Life speaker Katie Stelter to St. Gabriel's auditorium on Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30pm. The public is welcome to attend. Due to the topic anyone younger than high school should be accompanied by an adult.
- You may have noticed our celebration of Sarah in the lobby of the school. She is an orphan from Lima, Peru that we are sponsoring. The Student Council will be running school wide fundraisers throughout the year in order to reach our goal. **Friday, January 16th we are sponsoring America Day.** A \$1 donation allows you to wear sweats or leggings to school for the day, **if you also wear Red, White and Blue.**
- Prairie Catholic Student Council is also offering a Bake Sale tomorrow, January 16th. All items are \$.25 or \$.50 with all proceeds going toward Sarah's tuition.
- Mrs. Welter will host Art Blasters art club on every 2nd Tuesday in the month from 3:15-4:30pm. Any art or craft donations to this program are welcome.
- Catholic School Week is January 25th through 30th. We have activities and themes picked out for every day of the week. You will be receiving more information in next week's newsletter but here are the big events: Sunday is the kickoff Mass at St. John's 10:00am Mass, we will have the Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest at 4:00pm on Monday, Tuesday we will host Opera for the Young and have Honor Roll Mass, the Ski trip will be on Thursday and on Friday the band students have a trip.

- Mrs. Stiemke has been working with interested students to start two new ensembles. Students have the option to participate in both, one or neither. The first group is a Choir that will meet on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch in Mrs. Stiemke's room. It is important that these students make a commitment to be at every practice. This group will be looking for different events around school, church and the community to perform. The second group will sing in-front of daily Masses and is more flexible. Students interested in singing on a Tuesday or Thursday should meet in the music room at 7:45am to sing through the hymns for that day.
- Bingo is looking for a caller for every other third week of the month. This is a fun way to get volunteer credit.

Prayer: God our Creator, you are persistent with your requests to make known what we need to do. Help us to respond to your call. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- January 15th – Home and School Meeting, St. Gabriel's Auditorium, 7:00pm
- January 16th – End of 2nd Term
- January 16th – America Day \$1 fundraiser for Sarah
- January 16th – Bake Sale fundraiser for Sarah all items are \$.25 or \$.50
- January 16th – Basketball Eligibility
- January 17th – Prairie Catholic Girls' Basketball Tournament
- January 19th – **Parent Transportation Day**
- January 21st – Pro-life Speaker Katie Stelter, St. Gabriel's Auditorium, 6:30pm
- January 24th – Prairie Catholic Boys' Basketball Tournament
- January 24th through January 30th – Catholic Schools Week
- January 27th – Honor Roll Mass, St. Gabriel's Church, 8:15am
- January 28th – First Reconciliation for 2nd Grade, St. Gabriel's Church, 12:30pm
- January 30th – Band Trip for participating students



Basketball

- January 15th – 6/5 Boys @ Boscobel, 4:30/5:30pm
- January 17th – Prairie Catholic Girls' Basketball Tournament
- January 17th – 5 Boys @ Richland Center, TBD
- January 19th – 8 Boys @ CFS (Spilville, IA), 5:00pm
- January 20th – 8 Boys, 6 Girls, 7 Girls vs. Bloomington St. Mary's, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm
- January 20th – 7 Boys @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00pm
- January 22nd – 7 Boys vs. Boscobel, 4:30pm
- January 22nd – 5 Girls @ Wauzeka, 5:00pm
- January 24th – Prairie Catholic Boys' Basketball Tournament
- January 24th – 5 Girls @ Waukon Tournament
- January 27th – 6 Girls vs. Wauzeka, 5:00pm
- January 27th – 7 Boys vs. Lansing Kee, 4:30pm
- January 31st – 7 Girls @ SWBL Argyle
- January 31st – 8 Girls @ SWBL PdC
- February 7th – 6 Girls @ GNBL
- February 13, 14, 15 – 6/7/8 Girls @ Wauzeka Tournament
- February 21st – 6 Girls @ Aquinas Tournament

