



PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 9, 2019

From the Principal

Dear families,

Next week our 7th and 8th grade students will be making their big trip to Washington DC. We send them off on an amazing adventure Monday, May 13th -19th. In two years our next group of students will make their trip to Washington DC. This will be the last group of students allowed to fund raise for this trip.

The consensus of the Education Commission and the school administration is that fundraising for the Washington DC trip should cease, and instead families will be given an opportunity to deposit money into each class's "Washington DC Trip Account" at any frequency the family desires. If families begin depositing money when their child is in Kindergarten at a rate of \$100 per year, then each family would have \$700 or \$800 in their account by their 7th/8th grade year. Families would then only have to pay the balance in the year of the trip. If a student leaves Prairie Catholic or does not attend the trip, all money deposited directly for that student will be returned to his or her family.

One added benefit to this approach is that Prairie Catholic will be able to conduct additional fundraisers to earn money for the school's many needs including, but not limited to, technology, resources, materials, and textbooks. The focus of fundraising can become a school wide focus, not simply a focus on the Washington DC trip.

Finally, for families with students in grades 4th or younger, the school encourages you to begin saving trip money (either in the Class Washington DC Trip Account or in your own personal savings account).

Please join us for our new Awards Celebration on Tuesday, May 21st right after morning Mass from 9:10am -10:00am. Awards will be given to 4K-8th. Eighth grade graduation will be Tuesday evening at 6-7 p.m. in St. Gabriel's Church with a reception to follow in our school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend!

As always, I thank you for your continued support and prayers for our school! May we continue to sing Alleluia during this beautiful Easter season and honor Mary in her month!

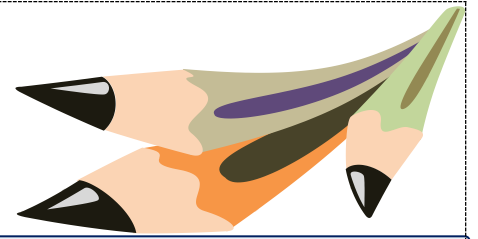
With peace – Mary Henry, Principal



7th & 8th Grade Mass – CORRECTION DATE AND TIME! A special Mass for the 7th & 8th grade students and parents leaving on the Washington DC trip will be this **Saturday, May 11th at 4:00pm.** Reserved seats will be up front of church, all students please sit together. Also, please keep the students and chaperones in your prayers for a safe and enjoyable trip.

Golden Ruler Luncheon – Congratulations to the Students of the Month for January, February and March. Madelyn Coffield, Ashlyn Knapp and Olivia Colson will be attending a special luncheon in their honor on Wednesday, May 15th.





Volunteers – Our appreciation for you and all the things you do grows and grows. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful people who help each and every day! THANK YOU for all you do!



Library News – All library books are due back in the library by Friday, May 10th. We will begin library inventory on May 13th. If any parent would like to volunteer to help with inventory, please call Annie or Janet. Simply reading titles from the shelf would be very helpful! Thank you!

Volunteers needed!

Bingo is looking for a few volunteers to help with the Bingo concession stand on Monday May 13th from 5:30pm-7:00pm

Awards Program – Prairie Catholic is hosting a new Awards Celebration on Tuesday, May 21st right after morning Mass from 9:10am - 10:00am. Awards will be given to 4K - 8th grade.

May Box Tops – Last day to turn in Box Top labels will be May 20th.



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
- Field trip permission slips

Upcoming Events

May 10th - 7th/8th Grade Band Festival

May 10th - Pre-K Parent's Program

May 10th - 5th & 6th grade – PDC Airport

May 10th - Break the Code day – Jersey Day - \$1.00 to Student Council

May 11th - 7th & 8th Grade Pilgrimage Mass before trip - 4:00pm

May 13th – 19th – 8th Grade Washington DC trip

May 14th - 5th & 6th Grade - Ropes Course- La Crosse

May 15th - Golden Ruler Luncheon

May 20th - 3rd & 4th grade Field Trip to Effigy Mounds

May 20th - Kindergarten Field Trip to Osborne Park

May 20th - 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip to Dubuque Discovery Lab

May 21st - 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip to Villa Louis

May 22nd - 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip to Mineral Point - Pendarvis

May 21st - 8th Grade Graduation

May 24th - Last day of School – Noon dismissal

