



# PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 10, 2019

## From the Principal

During the month of January, it's a wonderful time to focus on Love and Joy. We're all reminded that joy and love are feelings of gladness based on our circumstances, and that the joy of our Lord is established in our spiritual and eternal circumstances. For joy to flourish, we must focus on loving others and especially on loving God. As Jesus said to His disciples, "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full," we pray that we stay close to Jesus so we can experience this fullness of joy. Love was given to us through God. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. With both of these important words, actions and ideas in our Christian lives and teachings, one has to wonder... how do we apply these to our everyday life?

I question this often in my daily work here at PCS, "How can I in God's name, do my work and make sure I model those behaviors and actions in Love?" Every one of us is in consistent training on how to improve our Christian lives. Our actions speak louder than words. Let's continue to work in God's name together. Our new book that the parish gave as a Christmas gift speaks about "Holy Moments." Our staff will conduct a book study, *The Biggest Lie In The History Of Christianity* by Matthew Kelly during our in-service day on January 21. We will discuss how to incorporate more "Holy Moments" into our school day. I strongly encourage every family to read the book and discuss with your children how each family can incorporate more "Holy Moments" into your lives.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated at the end of January. Our teachers and staff are planning for this special and memorable week. Our all school Mass at St. John's will be Sunday, January 27th at 10:00. We would like all students and families to attend. Also, make your plans now to visit school or tell someone who is interested in seeing our school. Our Open House, Family Night, and Burger & Fries will be held on Wednesday, January 30th from 4-6:30 pm. More specific details will be communicated soon. We hope you will consider visiting us during our Open House and Family Night and tell your family and friends.

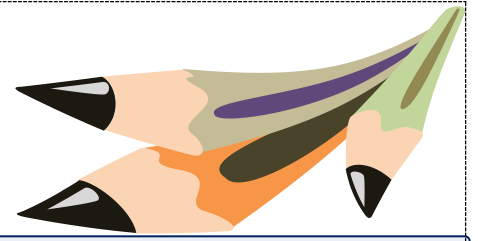
As always, if you ever have any questions, concerns or ideas you would like to share and discuss, my door is always open or I'm just a phone call away!

With peace~

Mary Henry, Principal



**Spelling Bee Winner** –All participants did a great job at our school Spelling Bee contest that was held on Tuesday. Tommy Mara was our Champion speller and Ryan Waller was our second place winner. Congratulations!



In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect their family from the harm of pornography. Did you know the Journal of Adolescent Health has found that prolonged exposure to pornography leads to:

- An exaggerated perception of sexual activity in society.
- Diminished trust between intimate couples.
- The abandonment of the hope of sexual monogamy.
- Belief that promiscuity is the natural state.

How can we stop the exposure to porn? Participate in Safe Haven Sunday initiative on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Calendar Sweepstakes** – Please continue to sell the sweepstake calendars! All calendars need to be returned to the school office by Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Good luck & keep selling!

**Illness** - We ask that your child remain at home if he/she has diarrhea, a sore throat, earache, a skin rash, an eye infection, vomiting, or an elevated temperature. Often a day at home and bed rest will prevent more serious illness, encourage more rapid recovery, and diminish the opportunity of the disease spreading among your child's classmates.

**Book Fair** - Promote literacy in your home and at our school during the **BOOK FAIR** on Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>! Our local Usborne Books & More representative will have a large display available for cash-and-carry during Family Night. You can also order online at [PrairieUsborne.com](http://PrairieUsborne.com) – please select “Prairie Catholic Schools” as your event at checkout. Thank you for helping our library earn free books for our students! See the flyer coming home today with the weekly information!

**Milk Moola program** – The KWIK TRIP Milk Moola program ended 12/31/18. Milk caps can still be dropped off in the school office until March 20<sup>th</sup> to be sent in for redemption. Thank you!

**Tuancy** – Just a reminder that each student is allowed 10 sick days per YEAR. Partial days are counted in this number. If your student is absent for serious illness or appointments, please bring a doctor's note to the office and it will be noted on student's record.

### 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
- Sign-up for Opening Mass – Catholic Schools Week
- Book Fair Flyer
- Ski Trip Information form-5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Little Saints Learning Center Weekly Flyer

### Upcoming Events

**January 11<sup>th</sup>** – End of Term 2

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** – Soup Supper

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** – Prairie Catholic Girls Tournament

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** – Report cards home

**January 17<sup>th</sup>** – Athletic Eligibility

**January 19<sup>th</sup>** – Prairie Catholic Boys Tournament

**January 21<sup>st</sup>** – No School

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** – All School Mass – Sunday 10:00am @ St. Gabriel Church – Kick off to Catholic Schools Week

**January 27<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Catholic Schools Week

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Open House/Family Night – Talent Show, Book Fair and Burgers & Fries

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** – Middle School Ski Trip

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** – Mid Term 3

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Progress Reports go home

