



PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 24, 2019

From the Principal

Dear families,

“Be it known to all who enter that Christ is the reason for our school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.” Throughout the school year, we are reminded of the many ways our school community portrays and shares our Catholic identity. We know that by the time our students graduate from 8th grade, they are well aware of this identity. Each day, we help our students develop a true understanding of your gift of a Catholic education to them!

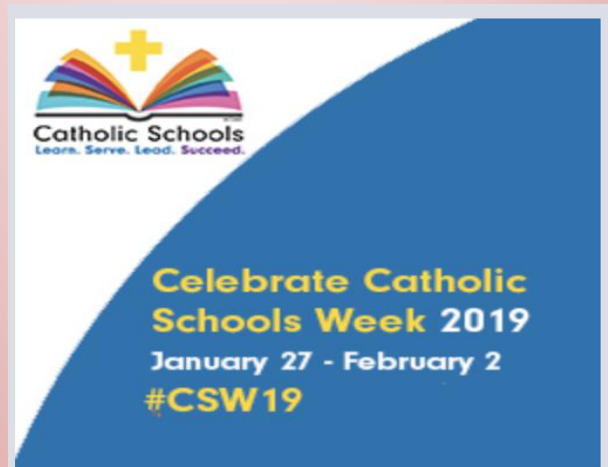
Catholic Schools Week is rapidly approaching. Please mark your calendars for our All School Mass on Sunday, January 27th at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's. On Wednesday, January 30th is our Open House/Burger & Fries/Talent Show, 4:30-6:30 p.m. During [Catholic Schools Week](#), the students, school families, and faculty will enjoy various activities that celebrate our pride in Catholic education and the mission of PCS. Please see the posted agenda for this special week.

Part of our Catholic identity is to volunteer and serve others. Our school and parish rely heavily on you as volunteers. We now have a new sign up online to make it easier to know what opportunities are available. Stephanie Vlaming, svlaming@gmail.com, parent at our school has set up our new volunteer website. Visit: <https://signup.zone/prairie-catholic-school> to see what wonderful opportunities we have available. More opportunities will be added all the time. We're just getting started. YOU as a parent may add a sheet for any committee(s) you work on too and need volunteers. “It Takes A Village To Raise A Child!”

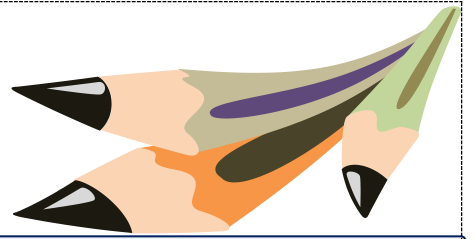
Let us pray for our young people every day. “Let’s recall the reason our school exists. Each of our students is eternally precious and infinitely loved by God. What they learn in their classrooms, they need to see lived with joy in our lives.” Together, we can fulfill our school’s mission and form Catholic leaders who will remain true to their Catholic identity.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday at Mass with donuts, juice and coffee to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

With peace,
Mary Henry, Principal



Catholic Schools Week – It is finally here!! Please see the enclosed schedule for the many activities planned for the coming week. Opening Mass is Sunday, January 27th at 10:00am at St. John's. Any student wishing to sing in the choir please meet in the Holy Family Parish Hall by 9:40am. This is a fun week, and we hope to see many of you!



Safe Haven Sunday - In the coming weeks, you will be learning more about an initiative called Safe Haven Sunday that will equip parents to protect family from the ill effects of pornography. According to sociologist Jill Manning, research indicates pornography consumption is associated with the following six societal trends.

1. Increased marital distress, and risk of separation and divorce.
2. Decreased marital intimacy and sexual satisfaction.
3. Infidelity.
4. Increased appetite for more graphic types of pornography and sexual activity associated with abusive, illegal or unsafe practices.
5. Devaluation of monogamy, marriage and child rearing.
6. An increasing number of people struggling with compulsive and addictive sexual behavior.

Learn more about ending porn exposure on Safe Haven Sunday – March 10th.

Calendar Sweepstakes – Letters going home today to families who have not turned in their sold and/or unsold tickets. Please continue to sell the sweepstake calendars! All calendars sold or unsold, need to be returned to the school office by Monday, January 28th.

Ski Trip Forms –Please see that the forms and payment is returned to the school office. Without these forms students will not be allowed to attend. They include permission slip, Mt. LaCrosse rental & release forms, and Diocese of LaCrosse Child Comprehensive Medical Release & Permission form. **A reminder to anyone not riding the bus home must have a signed note from a parent stating that they will be riding home with a parent. If they are riding home with someone other than a parent a note must be received by both the parent and the person bringing home the student. These forms must be in by Monday, January 28th.**

Sectional Spelling Bee – Tommy Mara and Ryan Waller will be participating in the Sectional Spelling Bee January 29th at 10:00am at the Prairie du Chien High School. Good Luck!

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
- Catholic Schools Week Schedule of Events
- Burgers & Fries
- Scrip Form
- Teaching the Way of Love – February Newsletter
- Sweepstake Calendar Notice letter for turn in deadline date.
- Flu Preventative Flyer
- Music Notes Information Sheet

Upcoming Events

January 27th – All School Mass – **Sunday 10:00am @ St. John's Church** – Kick off to Catholic Schools Week

January 27th – February 2nd - Catholic Schools Week

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

January 31st – Honor Roll Mass

February 1st – Ski Trip Grades 5-8; Movie “Dogs Way Home” Grades 4K-4th grade

February 3rd – Swiss Steak Dinner

February 12th – Mid Term 3

February 13th – Student of the Month Luncheon

February 14th – Progress Reports go home

February 21st – Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 22nd – No School

