



January 17, 2019

The "Know it all" News

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 215 North Chestnut Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011

The Principal Says...

Please join us for Mass on Sunday, January 27th at 10:00 a.m. to kick-off Catholic Schools Week. This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is: "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." We have a whole week of activities planned to demonstrate what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we've built to educate tomorrow's citizens and leaders. In addition, the theme focuses on key components of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication

to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other education options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide Catholic education to their children. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to educate your children!

OLP Students will be bringing home a packet of information next week for Catholic Schools Week activities. We have dress up days planned, a field trip, talent show, spelling bee, alumni lunch, and more! Please watch for more de-

tailed information to follow.

The quarter ends on Friday, January 18th. Report cards will be sent home the week of February 4th. Conferences will be on February 5th. Watch for a sign-up sheet next week.


Also just a reminder there will be no school on Monday, January 21st.

Peace,
Wendi Alessio



Mark your calendar:


- ☺ 1/18 Children's Mass Hosted by Grades 1 & 2
- ☺ 1/21 MLK Day, No school at OLP
- ☺ 1/25 Children's Mass Hosted by Grades 5 & 6
- ☺ 1/27-10:00 am Mass Kick-off to Catholic Schools Week
- ☺ 1/28 Roller Skating—CSW
- ☺ 1/31 Alumni Pizza Lunch—CWS



**NO SCHOOL at OLP
ON MLK Day!**
Monday, January 21, 2019
(Note: Belle Plaine Public schools will still be in attendance on this day)




**SELL, SELL, SELL
THOSE RAFFLE
TICKETS!!!**



After weeks of being away from the classrooms because of Christmas, New Year's Day, and vacation I visited with the students again on January 15. I prayed with the 5th and 6th graders using a passage from the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus is at St. Peter's home in Capernaum. I was able to share with the students that I was able to celebrate Mass at the church built over the sight of that very home. With the younger grades I read some Bible stories from "The Golden Children's Bible," including the story of the Wedding Feast of Cana. The kids also requested some stories; Sampson is popular with grades 1-4; Adam and Eve and the story of Noah are popular with the Kinders.

All the Best in Christ,
Fr. Brian Lynch



Here's what's happening in the classrooms:

Our students are getting excited for the upcoming Catholic Schools Week which is January 27th- February 1st. The K-6th students have been invited to sing during the 10 am Sunday mass on January 27th. We are also working on songs to perform during our talent show which is on Friday, February 1st

Mrs. Gleason

Preschoolers have been busy learning about Penguins. You may see our class waddle across the street to lunch. We have discovered that our weather has caused a lot of ice and penguins know the best way to walk on ice!

Our sensory table was full of ice. It was fun to see how they could build igloos by stacking cubes. We then decided the ice was too cold. Now we are using Legos to build "warm" igloos.

One of our Penguin stories was Flip and Flop written by Dawn Apperley. Ask your child about Flip and Flops game they invented. We have been using dice to play games at preschool. What games does your family play during the Winter months to stay busy?

- Teacher Ashley

This week the kindergarten is learning about THREE superkids - Tic, Tac, and Toc. This is a surprise for us because usually we only learn about one superkid at a time! These superkids love the letter T, and they are "triple trouble!" This week we are also starting to send home guided reading books. Students receive a new book each week, practice at home, and then return it to school. We will be adding these to our collection of books that we can read, and practicing for when Preschool visits our classroom!

- Mrs. Urlick

We have had a great start to new year! 2nd grade is learning about ordering numbers and place value in math, and 1st grade is working on subtraction problems and fact families. In reading we have been working on similes by making simile monsters. In social studies we have been learning about landforms and natural resources. We will be starting our winter NWEA Map testing next week.

- Mrs. Zabel

To wrap up our Holy Family chapter in our religion text, we took a closer look at our Mother Mary and her important role in Jesus' life and in the Church. There are so

many wonderful stories about Mary. It was neat to see the different ways Catholics from around the world celebrate and honor Mary. In math, the third graders are working on multiplication and division fact families. The fourth graders are multiplying double digits and soon we will start long division. In science we learned about our digestive system and did some hands-on experiments. Finally in social studies, we learned about different ways to care for our community and those that live here.

- Ms. Cates

The 5th and 6th graders have had a busy week! In math the 5th graders have been learning about least common multiples and greatest common factors, while the 6th graders have been adding and subtracting fractions. Students also started working on a research project involving Martin Luther King Jr. They have been doing research about him and will be writing a paper.

Mrs. Alessio



K-6 STUDENTS WILL SING AT 10:00 AM MASS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH KICK-OFF TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!!

OLP's K-6th grades have been invited to sing during the 10 am mass on January 27th. We will be singing one song together during the communion meditation (following communion). Students should be in uniform for mass. Students can sit with you during mass and come up when it's time to sing. Please let your child's teacher know if you are unable to attend.

Give Kids a Smile Day Friday, February 1, 2019

Strait Smiles Family Dentistry is among hundreds of dentists across the state who are joining together to provide free dental care as participants in "Give Kids a Smile", a nationwide campaign organized by the American Dental Association.

Patients seeking appointments should be under the age of 18 and accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Information on specific services that will be provided will be outlined when an appointment is scheduled.

Please contact Strait Smiles office staff at 952.873.6380 to discuss appointment schedules.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019 Grandparent/Special Friends Mass Talent Show—Potluck Lunch Early Release/Parent Pick-Up Day Families A-F – Salad or Dessert Families G-Z – Main Dish

(Please bring your dish to the parish hall by 10:00 a.m. labeled with name and cooking instructions)



Students will be released at noon. This is a parent pick-up day, no afternoon

