



April 25, 2019

The "Know it all" News

Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School, 200 East Church Street, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011

The Principal Says...

4th Quarter is upon us! It is hard to believe that we only have six weeks of school left in the 2018-19 school year! This is the time of year to reenergize ourselves to close out a school year full of learning. Parents – keep motivating your children.

Our Accreditation visit is complete. A special thank you to all of the school and parish staff, as well as our School Advisory Council, during this visit and for their extra work and preparation. The initial report commends our school for its dedicated, cohesive and professional staff. They reviewed strong communication both in newsletters,

online, and in face-to-face interactions. The team valued the involvement of our parents in all of the many roles that you take on in support of our school. Recommendations from the MNSAA Board will be received in early June for continued improvement at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic School.

On May 11th the Catholic Center of Excellence will be sponsoring their **annual CSCOE Bash**. This year's theme is "Called to Greatness" and the goal is to raise funds to support greatness for 22,000 students in the 79 Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Join Archbishop

Hebda, Bishop Cozens, and CSCOE President Gail Dorn as we celebrate our accomplishments, honor the dedication of the people on whose shoulders we stand, and build a bright future for the next generation. Please consider attending and supporting this wonderful event. For more information on tickets visit, www.cscoebash.org

If you haven't submitted your registration for the 2019-20 school year, please do so! All families in K-6 are encouraged to apply for scholarships and financial assistance through the TADS program. This application is all completed online.

Peace, Wendi Alessio

Mark your calendar:

- ☺ 4/26 Children's Mass
Hosted by grades 1/2
- ☺ 4/26 K & PreK sing at Mass
- ☺ 4/28 Diving Mercy
Sunday Celebration, 2p -3:30p
- ☺ 5/10 May Crowning
Mass—OLP School

We hope you can join us for children's mass on April 26th! The Pre-school and Kindergarten classes will be singing a simple song right after communion!



Day program (M-F) **children entering 1st-6th grade** and Evening program (Sun-Th) is for **junior/senior highschool students**.

What is Totus Tuus? (Latin for "Totally Yours")

It is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis and fun during a week long program.

Check out the MINISTREE for how you can help with donations of supplies or money, thank you!

FIND REGISTRATION INFORMATION AT WWW.OURLADYOFTHEPRAIRIE.COM

June 9-14 This is in place of the June VBS and July Summer Stretch.



Children's Mass

Please join us for our Children's Mass at 8:30 am on Friday mornings. Our Student's do a great job and really enjoy seeing Mom and Dad (and siblings too) in the congregation!



Here's what's happening in the classrooms:

In Social Studies we will soon be wrapping up our Unit on the Revolutionary War. But do our 5th and 6th graders know who actually won the war? Well, of course they do, but HOW the Americans came out victorious is our focus. Key Battles, Allies, Secret Plans, and British Mistakes are the main discussion points. For Science we are researching Ecosystems and how each living thing interacts with one other. Students will be researching an animal of their choice and investigating its habitat, where it sits in the food chain, and how it is affected by changes (natural and manmade) within its ecosystem.

- Mr. Lopahs

To celebrate Earth Day we are learning about recycling. Preschoolers collected toilet paper rolls and soup cans for crafts at school. Using our fine motor skills we spread peanut butter on the cardboard tubes. Then sprinkled bird seed to make bird feeders. Continue to recycle cardboard tubes for other crafts at home. An idea preschoolers had was to make binoculars to look for birds.

Our religion book talked about how God gave us birds and we read the story Baby Robin's Adventure. Our Circle time song is Hip Hip Hooray God Made All of Us! Happy Spring!

- Teacher Ashley

This week the kindergarten watched the movie "The Lorax" with Mrs. Zabel's class in observance of Earth Day. We will also be creating an Earth Day project towards the end of the week. In reading students are learning about the letters P and V. In our Superkids stories, Golly (the dog) cut his paw and has to go to the vet! In math we are learning about calendars and telling time to the hour. We are very excited that the weather is getting nicer, and we look forward to recess every day!

- Mrs. Urlick

We spent some time talking about Earth Day and recycling last week in science, the students learned many ways we can help our Earth. In math 1st grade is working on decomposing numbers and 2nd grade in working on double digit subtraction. We recently finish a unit on persuasive writing, where students wrote reasons

they should get a pet. Second grade is very excited to be preparing for their First Communion in May, please keep them in your prayers. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter!

- Mrs. Zabel

He is risen, alleluia! Spring has officially sprung in Ms. Cates' classroom and hopefully warmer weather is here to stay!

In math, the third graders are identifying and creating fractions. The fourth graders are working on comparing fractions and mixed numbers. In science we are learning about volume, density, and perimeter. In social studies students are finishing our ancient civilization unit.

- Ms. Cates

Both 5th and 6th graders enjoyed learning more about Earth Day and its history this week. 5th graders have been working on dividing fractions and 6th graders have been learning about integers in math. The 6th graders are looking forward to attending "Festival of Nations" in St. Paul next week.

Mrs. Alessio

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