



The "Know it all" News

10/3/2019

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

The Principal Says...

Happy Fall! In this first week of October students are diving into learning. Our teachers are working with your child to assess their learning, group them for math and reading, and create positive learning experiences all day long!

How is your pledging going for the marathon? As of Wednesday, October 2nd, students have brought in close to \$600 in pledge money. Students are working hard to reach the school goal of \$5,500 so that we can celebrate the week of October 28th thru November 1st with special theme days each day that week. Each school day that a student brings in

pledges totaling \$20 or more between now and October 11th, they will be entered into a drawing for an out of uniform pass and a special treat. Remember 100% of pledge money turned in will go towards your family's fundraising assessment.

All Families please attend – Sunday, October 13th – our Marathon of Prayer! We will be attending Mass, participating in a service project outside the school and preschool, then enjoying a pizza lunch followed by prizes!

NWEA MAP Testing is finishing up this week! Students in Kindergarten through sixth grade have been taking the

MAP test the last two weeks and results will be shared with parents at fall conferences in November.

Cooler weather and changing leaves are a part of the fall experience. The changing seasons are such a beautiful gift God gave to us. Please remember jackets and hats, and gloves may soon be needed!

Peace, Wendi Alessio



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- ☺ 10/6 OLP Students sing at 10 am Mass
- ☺ 10/9 Children's Mass Hosted by Grades 3 & 4
- ☺ 10/13 Marathon of Prayer starting with 10:00 am Mass
- ☺ 10/14-17 5th & 6th grade students at Wolf Ridge
- ☺ 10/15 Emma Krumbée's Field Trip, grades PreK through 4
- ☺ 10/16—No School/Teachers at Catholic Summit
- ☺ 10/17-18 No School—MEA
- ☺ 10/23 Children's Mass Hosted by Grades 1 & 2

Picture retakes

November 7, 2019

8:30 am

ARRIVAL AND PICK-UP TIMES

Arrival time for students that walk, ride their bike or are dropped off in the morning is 8:00 am. Please do not send your child/ren before this time. Students that ride the early bus may enter the building at the time that their bus arrives.

If you are picking your child/ren up from school, please park in the parking lot. Pick-up time is 3:05 pm.

Please let your teacher or the office know if there is a change to your child's daily afternoon bus or pick-up routine.

The gift card winner from the Back to School Night Picnic was the **SCHEFF Family!**

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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FIELD TRIP

PreK through grades 4 will take a field trip to the Emma Krumbée's Scarecrow Exhibit on Tuesday, October 15. Parents please send a bag lunch with your student/s. Please send them in a hat and jacket (you may want to send some light gloves too) as the mornings tend to be quite chilly!

PRAY FOR A SUNNY DAY!!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOMS:

We are exploring all the details of the US Civil War in 5th & 6th grade Social Studies. Specifically students are researching the People, Places, and Actions behind this great conflict to better understand why it happened and what came next (more conflict!). In Science our students are practicing their Scientific Reasoning using Newton's Three Laws of Motion and experimenting with classroom items to explain why things move (or not) the way they do.

-Mr. Lopahs

Preschoolers are learning a lot already! Jesus is the core to a great school year! Our theme is Apples. After cutting apples in different directions we found a heart and a star inside.

Our activities involved name recognition, counting, size order, and colors! One of our books this week was Ten Apples on Top.

I can't wait to go on our field trip to Emma Krumbie's Apple orchard!

- Teacher Ashley

Oswald loves the letter Oo, and he loves being crafty and making odd animals. We are learning that "odd" means "strange" or "unusual." In math we are learning about how to make equal groups. We can either take away

any extras, or we can add more items to create equal groups. Kindergarten is excited that October is the month of Halloween. We can't wait to see what this month brings! This week the kindergarten is learning about their Superkid named Oswald.

- Mrs. Urlick

In Math both 1st and 2nd grade have been working on mastering addition. 1st grade is working on 1-10 and 2nd grade is working on 1-20. In reading the 1st graders are working on wh and question words, 2nd grade is working on nouns and verbs. In science we are learning about the parts of plants and how we can group them. In religion both grades are learning about the Holy Trinity. We all took the MAP test last week and everyone did great and tried their best!

- Mrs. Zabel

The fourth graders are excited to join other Catholic school students from around the Archdiocese in the Rosary Pilgrimage in St. Paul on Monday. I cannot wait to hear about their experience. The third graders will have their own special day with me doing a special project with the Preschoolers. In math the third graders are rounding and adding numbers with and without

regrouping into the thousands and fourth graders are rounding and adding numbers with and without regrouping into the millions. In religion we are learning about free will and how that can either lead us towards God or away from Him. In social studies we finished learning about the three branches of our government and now are learning about our economy. Finally, in science we are learning about animal adaptations and behaviors that help them survive based on certain characteristics.

- Ms. Cates

The 5th and 6th graders are working hard to reach the Marathon goal of \$165 per student. They are very excited about the service project on marathon Sunday and the opportunity to be out of uniform with special theme days if we meet our school goal! In Religion during the month of October, students will be researching and learning more about the Saints.

- Mrs. Alessio



SCHOOL MARATHON (SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019)

We will be collecting pledges each weekday from now until the day of the marathon. Each day that a student brings in \$20 (or more) their name will go into that days drawing for an "Out of Uniform" slip!

**WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE EVENT,
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**

Winners so far: John Shudy, John Ngaima

OLP STUDENTS SING THIS SUNDAY!

**WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH @ 10AM MASS
WEAR MASS UNIFORMS**

The students from Our Lady of the Prairie School grades K-6th have been asked to sing at the 10am Kitui Partnership Mass on Sunday, Oct 6th. This is a special mass as Bishop Andrew Cozzens will be attending. We will be singing one song as a school right after communion. Students may sit with you during mass and come up to sing after communion has completed. We will be wearing mass uniforms that day. Please let your student's teacher know if you are unable to attend.