



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...

Dear Parents,

We are off to a great start to the school year! I am starting to know the kids with visits to preschool daily and then making stops in classrooms to deliver items. Every day I also make sure to walk around and talk to everyone at lunchtime. If you have noticed the bulletin board in the church hallway, I took all of our students' pictures to show the rest of our parish our wonderful school family.



We want to take a minute to thank all of the people that contributed to our Spring Fling Gala's fund-a-need. We have received most of our new science curriculum for the students. Just a few pieces left to come in. It is always so exciting to have a new curriculum to teach.

Save the date for our upcoming school Rake-a-thon -- Tuesday, October 26th. This year we would like to go back to doing a service marathon. It always gives us a good feeling to be able to do something kind and helpful for others. More info to follow next week.

We are trying this new email newsletter format. It gives us the option to put photos in without having to size them. Let us know what you think. If you need another email address added to the mailing please let us know. Thank You!

Blessings,
Peg Scott

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- ◆ 9/21/21 Bus Safety
- ◆ 9/23/21 Children's Mass hosted by Grades 4, 5 & 6
- ◆ 9/24/21 Marathon kick-off after lunch
- ◆ 9/30/21 Cedar Lake Farm Field Trip for grades 4, 5, & 6
- ◆ 9/30/21 Children's Mass hosted by Grades 2 & 3

A Word from Father Michael..

As we begin a new school year, it is an exciting time with lots of anticipation – just as we anticipate our birthday celebrations each year. We expect this to be a year filled with the love and joy of learning, growing in holiness and devotion. Each Thursday the children will be singing at Mass, generously sharing their talents with all who are able to worship that day. I hope that you will come for the joy that the children will share.

There is great enthusiasm in our halls with teachers dedicated to the Catholic mission of the school and families making sacrifices to ensure that their children will receive a Catholic education. I am very grateful for all that so many do to continue the tradition of our school. Please help me to spread the word that our parish and school are moving in positive directions and we need to recruit the assistance and embrace of many more. You help to share the enthusiasm and joy all over Belle Plaine and I am appreciative.

God bless you,

Father Michael Kaluza



24 HOUR SICK RULE!

If your child misses school or leaves early due to illness, they may return to school when:

- ◆ Temperature has been below 100 degrees for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine (such as Tylenol or Motrin).
- ◆ A minimum of 24 hours has passed since last vomiting or diarrheal episode.

Here's what's happening in the classroom:



Preschool

Preschool is off to a great start! This week during one of our lessons there was a surprise in a gift box. God made something special! What could it be? Inside the box was a mirror! God created us! We learned the song "Mat Man" then drew self portraits! Mat man teaches us about our body parts and what we use them for. We read the book "I Like Me" by: Nancy Carlson. Next week we begin discovering Fall!



Kindergarten & 1st Grade

The K-1 students have been excited to try lots of new things in their first week of school! We have been talking about being a "bucket filler" when we have good actions and positive behaviors. The kindergarteners started learning about sorting things that are alike, the same, and different as well as the letter C in their Superkids reading. The first graders are working on adding, how to write equations, and blending sounds like "Sh" in reading. We are also starting to learn about rules and laws in social studies!



2nd & 3rd Grades

We had a fabulous first two weeks of school and are getting into a great school routine! We started the school year off with some literacy and math review activities and assessments. In religion we learned about God's great gift, Jesus! In social studies we learned about the heroes of 9/11 and how anyone can be a hero. Finally, in science we finished our back-to-school germ mini unit.



4th, 5th & 6th Grades

We are having a BLAST in 4th, 5th, & 6th grade! Students are enjoying being together while taking on the challenges of the new school year. A big part of these first days of school has been setting up expectations. Students will work to be great at writing, enthusiastic about Social Studies and Science, grow in their knowledge of their Faith, and will approach Math with a positive attitude (no pun intended). Oh and we have already had spelling tests, writing assignments, and a math quiz to mention a few things.



Music

I am so excited to have your children in music this year! We started off the year working on songs for our Children's Mass. Our 4th through 6th graders led the Mass and did a great job! We also had a cantor workshop and all our students had an opportunity to practice speaking in our new church sound system. Looking forward to a great year!

Extra News

