



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,



Happy belated Valentine's Day! The school was a sea of red and pink that day and the kids were so excited to share their valentines and treats with their classmates and teachers. It is really a fun time for them even though the party itself is very short.

It is the time of the year where much of the learning is done. There are not many interruptions in the school day for other things. We try to make learning fun or inject some activity to break up the time especially when there has been so many days of inside recess. This week we not only had Valentine's Day but we had a magician!

This week we made the announcement that we have a new principal for the next school year. Ms. Katie Cates will do an awesome job here at OLP. She not only has been a great asset as a teacher, but she has built up a rapport with the students and families. I love that she knows the working of the school and its traditions. Soon she will be able to add her own new style and ideas to help OLP be its best.

God Bless you all!
Peg Scott

Calendar of Events

- ◆ Sign up to sell raffle tickets after all the Masses use this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A49ACAE2BA0FDO-raffle>
- ◆ 2/21 NO SCHOOL President's Day
- ◆ 2/24 Mass hosted by grades 2-3
- ◆ 2/24 6:45pm PTA Meeting; each family should have a member present.

PTA Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 24th
Time: 6:45pm
Place: Roedel Hall
We will be discussing the GALA Committees. All parents are members of the PTA, It is your school and your voice matters.

It's YOUR PTA
Get INVOLVED!

A Word from Father Michael..

This week I give thanks for all of the blessings of our school, in particular I reflect upon the recent Waffle Breakfast. I am grateful for the success of our fundraiser that began Catholic Schools Week. It takes a team effort to put on an event and our expectation is that each family assist with our fundraisers. I appreciate the fine work of our many families to make sure the event is a success and it was also a lot of fun! Your presence is important to show our enthusiasm for the school and what a truly great family we are. It is also important to fund our Wolf Ridge Experience each year as that is a critical component of our sixth grade education. Especially as we move to a post-pandemic reality, it was awesome to see people gather and enjoy the company and camaraderie of our school families! It was also a blessing to see everyone pitch in to make it a great event!

God bless you,
Father Michael Kaluza



We are over half way to our goal! Week 3 we brought in \$2,830.00 with our 2-3 class as the top in returns. Week 4 we had another \$2,055.00 and the top class was 4-5-6. Each week the top class has an ice cream sundae party to celebrate. Every one of those dollars stays at OLP, so thank you Catholic United for this great fundraiser and keep selling everyone!

Here's what's happening in the classroom:



Mrs. Olson (Teacher Ashley) Preschool

Happy Valentine's Day! We had a great party! Preschoolers brought in hearts decorated with things they love. Thank you parents for helping with this project at home.

At preschool we have a vet clinic for students to "care" for stuffed pets. Play is powerful! Learning through play creates meaningful learning opportunities. Religion unit God created animals. We will continue to learn about pets this month. Some of the books we will be reading are: Mice Squeak We Speak, Chewy Louie, Cat the Cat Who is hat, and Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing.



Miss Schroers Kindergarten & 1st Grade

This week we've had two fun things to celebrate! On Valentine's Day, we learned about Saint Valentine, who married couples in secret when it was against the law. We have been busy with projects and writing about who we love and how we can love others! We also celebrated being in school for 100 days. We are now 100 days smarter! We did activities such as writing numbers to 100, writing 100 words, and counting 100 items. Also, the kindergarteners are just finishing up their 2D and 3D shapes unit in math, and the first graders are working on their addition sums and strategies unit.



Mrs. Cates 2nd & 3rd Grades

It was another fun filled week in our classroom with Valentine's Day and the 100th Day of School! For Valentine's Day, my friends got to share their valentines and learn about the amazing Saint Valentine. For the 100th Day of School we had a special sweet treat and did a few "100th day" theme activities. As for our learning activities, in math both groups are working on mastering their multiplication facts x 0, 1, 2, 5, and 10. In religion we are learning more about the Body of Christ. In social studies, we are researching and doing a report on different American landmarks, memorials, and monuments. Finally in science, we are learning to design and test buoyancy.



Mr. Lopah 4th, 5th & 6th Grades

The "older kids" have been hard at work through these dull days of winter and finding huge successes! For Language Arts they are honing their writing skills for an essay contest, reading choice books for a book report, and improving their spelling skills. In Math everyone is now dominating Fractions, with 5th and 6th graders learning how to divide them along with the other functions while 4th graders are starting their fractions unit. For Social Studies we are Roaring through the 1920s and the Great Depression while also working on a Presidential Research Project that will have the students complete a poster, write an informational essay, and give an oral presentation on their assigned US President. And in Science we are learning all about Energy and all the forms and types we have in our daily lives.



Mrs. Gleason Music

We had so much fun singing at Mass during Catholic Schools Week. The Talent Show was also quite successful! I was so impressed and I loved seeing how hard the students worked on their talents. We are diving back into rhythms and identifying musical patterns across the board.

Valentine's Day & Magician



March 2, 2022
Masses at
6:30am,
8:30am
and
6:30pm



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday