



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 24, 2013

## Messages from Principal:

The Iowa Tests will be administered at both schools during the month of November. The St. Gabriel's students in second through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will work on them during their normal day. Gabe's students may take many tests one day and no tests the next. It will depend on their daily schedule.

The students at St. John's will take their tests on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The students will attend Mass and then work through all their tests. With that stated, please take measures to ensure your students will attend those two days.

- We still have parents that have not online registered for Parent - Teacher Conferences. They are being held on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00pm both days. Please, log onto your Skyward account and schedule a time slot for each student in the family. Time slots fill up quickly. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact either school office.
- The Prairie du Chien Fire Department will be visiting St. Gabriel's School on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 pm to award the contest winners their prize. One boy and one girl from Prairie Catholic will win a new bike donated from Wal-Mart. Prairie Catholic would like to thank the PdC Fire Department and Wal-Mart for their kind donation.
- Parents please remember that this is that time of year where the temperatures start to drop, especially in the morning when students are waiting outside before school. Please remind students to dress for the cold. We will not allow students inside the buildings due to under dress.
- Since we are discussing clothing: students may still be going outside for physical education. The middle school students will be going outside until the snow sticks so please remind your student to dress for the elements.
- The end of the First Quarter is Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Your student's report card will be in next week's brown envelope.
- Legacy Tours will be in Prairie du Chien on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria to speak with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students going on the trip are required to attend. The administration also encourages any parents or community members that are interested in traveling to attend.
- St. John's students will participate in "Mix It Up at Lunch Day" on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Teaching Tolerance. The day is intended to encourage students to identify, question and cross social boundaries. Surveys have shown that the lunch room is an obvious place where social boundaries are formed. This action of mixing students with groups they may not know will help students form friendships with other peers.
- Each school will host their Halloween parties on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The parties will occur in the afternoon with games and dancing. The middle school Student Council is looking for donations for their party. They would welcome white/orange balloons, toilet paper, empty and clean milk gallons, paper plates and extra holiday lights.

- Reminder on Halloween costumes: Costumes cannot be bloody, gory or in poor taste. The dress code still applies for the costumes. Also, no hair dye or spray will be allowed. Thank you.
- As November 1<sup>st</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation, all Prairie Catholic students will attend Mass on All Saints Day. The students will attend the daily 8:15am St. Gabriel's Mass. The St. John's students will need to be dropped off at St. Gabriel's. Also, Prairie du Chien Public Schools are not in session that Friday. **Parents will be responsible** for drop off (all at St. Gabriel's) and pick up (at their normal school) on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Monster's Bask will be hosted at Hoffman Hall on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:30pm. There is a \$2 entry fee and game tickets will be sold. The event is hosted by the Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution WINS Committee with all proceeds going to the Wisconsin Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Any non-perishable donation item is worth one free game ticket!
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your favorite 8<sup>th</sup> grader when purchasing sweets.
- Both Prairie Catholic School buildings will be a drop off location for the Knights of Columbus winter clothing drive. If anyone would like to donate clothing to this great cause, you can bring them to school. Coats are always welcome but the Knights would like to remind families that other cold gear is also needed. Hats, gloves and boots are also needed by local families.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be hosting a Soup Supper on Wednesday, November 20 at St. Gabe's school cafeteria as a Washington DC fundraiser. They will also be taking pre-orders for quarts of soup so be on the lookout for order forms soon. Also, if anyone would like to donate any quart jars to the class, they can be dropped off at the St. John's school office.

**Job well done:** Last year's Prairie Catholic sixth grade students (this year's seventh grade) scored a Grade Equivalency of 8.3 on the Language Total of The Iowa Tests. This was good for a **92<sup>nd</sup>** percentile rank of National School Norms. Great Job!

*Prayer: God almighty, you sent your Son to show us how to spread your message of truth. Sometimes people resist your Word and there is conflict and strife. Guide us toward finding solutions as your children of peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

## Mark Your Calendars

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Math Counts at St. John's, 3-4:00pm  
 October 25<sup>th</sup> – End of First Quarter  
 October 25<sup>th</sup> – Fire Department awarding bikes to contest winners, St. Gabriel's, 9:30am  
 October 25<sup>th</sup> – Road Rally for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, evening  
 October 30<sup>th</sup> – Mix it up day at lunch to promote tolerance, both schools  
 October 30<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC meeting, St. Gabriel's, 6:30pm  
 October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Parties in PM at both schools  
 October 31<sup>st</sup> – Report Cards go home  
 November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day, All School Mass at St. Gabriel's, 8:15am  
 November 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent Transportation Day  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fall Festival – St. Gabriel's  
 November 5<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8:00pm  
 November 7<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8:00pm  
 November 8<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL  
 November 13<sup>th</sup> – Basketball Pictures, St. John's, 3:45pm  
 November 14<sup>th</sup> – Play Matinee, High School, 1:00pm

