



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 5, 2013

## Messages from Principal:

Now that the weather has cooled down, I believe that it is time to really start enforcing our dress code. I have been seeing some trends that need to be addressed. I would like to start by commending the boys for cutting all athletic shorts out of their school attire. Of the violators I have seen so far, I can sum it up as: our younger students are wearing comfy clothes and our older students are trying to get away with shorter shorts. Please take notice of what your student is wearing out of the house in the morning.

Cotton shorts that look like cut-off sweatpants are not appropriate. The appropriateness of cotton shorts has been discussed at length in the offices. Disagreements between “dress shorts” and “comfy shorts” can be talked in circles for days. Decisions on cotton shorts will be made on an individual basis.

Shorts, skirts and dresses should not be any higher than three inches from the knee. Now, do I have time to walk around with a ruler? No, I do not. So here is my fast check: shorts, skirts and dresses should hang below the student’s outstretched arms and hands. Now it is the fashion to wear shorts rolled up, decisions upon these situations will also be made on an individual basis.

- **Reminder** – Our students attend Mass twice a week: students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> on Wednesdays and Fridays and students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **The dress code will be enforced.** Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass with their child’s class anytime. Just a reminder, students may bring shorts to school in their book bag on Mass days. They may change into appropriate shorts after Mass.
- Due to St. John’s Church undergoing interior painting, St. John’s students will not have Tuesday/Thursday daily Mass until September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Safety Patrol Swearing in Ceremony has been rescheduled to Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in the Middle School Cafeteria. All are invited.
- St. John’s middle school will run an athletic eligibility check on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Students must have at least a C- to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
- The first magazine fundraiser turn in date is Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Get out and sell, sell, sell! The second and third dates are Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Forms** – this is a reminder that all forms should be turned in to the school office by September 6<sup>th</sup>. Below is a list of all required forms.

Tuition payment plan  
Compliance Form  
Student Insurance  
Safe Environment

- This year **Patron’s Day** will be at Wyalusing Park on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The teachers have put in a lot of work organizing and preparing activities and presenters the students will enjoy. The day will be a new adventure for our students. There will be more information coming home in subsequent newsletters but mark your calendars now if you would like to attend.

- The Washington DC fundraising meetings will be on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade meeting will be at 5:00pm, 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- The student council nomination paperwork will be due in St. John's office on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The students interested in becoming officers will be giving campaign speeches on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Representative elections will be on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- If any family knows of an individual that would like to volunteer at Prairie Catholic in the kitchen please contact either school office. The kitchen staff is looking for volunteers to help with prep, service and clean up.
- The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will travel to Cannons at the Fort on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should be dropped off at St. John's School and will walk to the event. They can be picked up at St. John's school at the end of the day.
- The Boy Scouts will be in St. Gabriel's to host informational meetings on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.
- Bussing For In Town Students – REMINDER to all any student using the in town bus service. You must have filled out this information when doing your students on-line registration. If you did not do so, please contact the office immediately.

**Job well done:** Last year's Prairie Catholic seventh grade students (this year's eighth grade) scored a Grade Equivalency of 11.5 on Language portion of The Iowa Tests. This was good for a 99<sup>th</sup> percentile rank of National School Norms. Great Job!

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, you fill our nets with so many extravagant gifts. Help us to remain grateful for your grace. Inspire us with your persistence in love, and in giving us more chances to follow you. In your name we pray. Amen.*

## Mark Your Calendars

- September 6<sup>th</sup> – Academic Eligibility Check, St. John's
- September 6<sup>th</sup> – Boy Scouts in St. Gabriel's for informational meetings, St. Gabriel's, 9:30am
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – Student Council Officer Speeches and Officer Elections, St. John's, 3:00pm
- September 12<sup>th</sup> – Student Council Representative Elections, St. John's, 3:00pm
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – Cannons and Redcoats at Fort Crawford Museum – Grades 4, 5 and 8
- September 18<sup>th</sup> – Washington DC Fundraising Meetings, 5:00; 5:30; 6:00; 6:30 St. Gabriel's Cafeteria
- September 20<sup>th</sup> – Patrons Day at Wyalusing Park
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Birthday Party pot luck for Fr. Jack, St. Gabriel's basement after 10:00am Mass
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Youth Conservation Day, Sugar Creek Camp

