



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter August 28, 2014

Messages from Principal:

Welcome to a new year at Prairie Catholic! As the look of our building changes, I would like to thank all of our families for choosing a Catholic education. The lessons learned in this environment will carry with the students through high school and beyond.

As we are all getting used to being in one building, there are some procedures we should discuss for the safety of the children. The school will have a staff member in front of the building every day from 7:30am until the beginning of the elementary day at 8:10am. We will also have 8th grade safety patrollers acting as crossing guards to assist in moving students across Beaumont Rd. Before class our elementary students congregate near the front of the school. Students are asked to stay on the blacktop as the grass and playground areas are still wet with morning dew. The school will also have someone with the middle school students from 7:45am until the beginning of their day at 7:55am. The middle school students assemble in back of the building. Mature students can be dropped off on the back side of the building to avoid the congestion in the front.

At the end of the day all students will be dismissed from the front of the building. The elementary students will be ready at 3:05pm and the middle school students will be ready at 3:10pm. At the end of the day there will not be a staff member behind the school. When picking up your child please remember that the bus will park in front of the driveway. The yellow "no parking" areas are clearly designated and the safety patrol needs these areas clear to watch for traffic. If your child is walking across Beaumont they should wait for the safety patrol persons to assist. The school will talk to students about running through the parking lot looking for their parent's car as other adults are pulling in or out.

Together we can make this a very happy and SAFE school year!

- **Reminder** – Our students attend Mass twice a week. Grades 1 through 8 will attend on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **The dress code will be enforced.** On Mass days, we will ask that the boys wear collared shirts, button up or polo, tucked in if they are designed to be worn that way. The polo shirts may have a minimal sports team or clothing manufacturer logo. We ask that the girls wear a similar shirt or a dressy Tee or blouse. The girls may wear appropriate skirts or dresses as well
- 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.
- **Forms** – this is a reminder that all forms should be turned in to the school office by September 4th. Below is a list of all required forms.

Tuition payment plan
Compliance Form
Student Insurance
Safe Environment

- The administration would like to apologize to the families as we continue to change the date of Patron's Day. The school is looking into a day for our students to visit the eco-park in LaCrosse. We are still working to find dates that will work for both parties. More information will be sent as soon as we know.

- On Tuesday when Prairie du Chien public school begins classes, Prairie Catholic will follow their lead regarding early outs and late starts. Since we use the same bussing schedule, these changes will not only be for weather but other events that may cause disruptions to their schedule. Understand if the busses are late that morning or early that afternoon, we will be riding them.
- Prairie Catholic was very proud to present the Tiller Award to Alexis Nolan at today's All School Mass. The Tiller Award is given to the 8th grade student with the highest GPA in the 7th grade. Congrats Alexis!
- The school will ask that all visitors will check in at the office when entering the building. You can sign in and out with one stop. Thank you in advance.
- The Washington DC fundraising meetings will be on Wednesday, September 17th in the cafeteria. The 8th grade meeting will be at 5:00pm, 7th at 5:30pm, 6th at 6:00pm and 5th at 6:30pm.
- I would like to thank parents for transporting their children before Labor Day. Bus service will start on Tuesday, September 3rd.
- This year we are happy to report that a portion of our Title One time will be after our school day has concluded. That means if your child qualifies for Title One services they could receive it after school. If you are interested in this arrangement please contact Mr. Marlow in the office.
- ***Parents of 6th grade band students*** the band times at public school are from 2:54-3:40pm. That is beyond our regularly scheduled day. We plan on our 6th grade students dismissing from Bluff View School with those students. They can still use in town bussing to get into their neighborhood.
- Please read your **Handbooks** if you have any questions regarding school policy.
- We will have the **Magazine Sale Kick-off** Friday, August 29th in the cafeteria at 9:00am. This is a valuable fundraiser for the school. Good Luck to all Elementary Students.
- **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.
- Book Sox are available in the office.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we rely on you so much to help us remain full of your goodness and truth. God created us in his image, yet we sometimes lean toward our own ways that are not yours. Guide us as we love you more each day and reflect all that you are. In your name we pray. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- August 28th – First All School Mass
- August 29th – Magazine Kick Off, 9:30
- September 1st – Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- September 2nd – First day for bus service
- September 4th – Education Commission, Cafeteria, 6:00pm
- September 5th – Magazine Turn in Day 1
- September 9th – Cub Scouts in classrooms Grades 1-5, 10:30am
- September 10th – Magazine Turn in Day 2
- September 12th – Cannons and Redcoats at Fort Crawford Museum – Grades 4, 5 and 8
- September 17th – Washington DC Fundraising Meetings, 5:00; 5:30; 6:00; 6:30 St. Gabriel's Cafeteria
- September 23rd – Mid Term 1, Wow the year is flying by!
- September 26th – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL

