



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 4, 2014

## Messages from Principal:

In this mailing you will receive the Volunteer Credit paperwork. There is no significant change to the family volunteer hours that we require of our families. Please understand that the unique talents of our families can help save the school money or raise money to continue Catholic education in our community. Without this help I am afraid where our school would be financially. The entire administration of Prairie Catholic School and Holy Family Parish thank you for your support and help wherever needed.

- **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  
**I would like to thank all the families for adhering to the dress code changes.** I would also like to say that the students have looked very good at Mass these first two weeks. The only issues to address would be that all boys should tuck their shirts in and all the young ladies dresses should have appropriate straps or should be worn with a shrug or bolero.
- **Forms** – this is a reminder that all forms should be turned in to the school office by September 4<sup>th</sup>. 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. When the date is set in stone we will inform our families.
- Since Prairie Catholic uses the same bussing schedule as the public school, we will follow their lead in regards to early outs and late starts. 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.
- Please remember that if you would like to contact the school you must dial the 326-8624 phone number. The number for St. John's school does not transfer to the St. Gabriel's building. Mrs. Mezera and Mrs. Ziel can help you with your inquiries.
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> in the 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.
- 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.

- The Boy Scouts will be visiting the male students in grades first through fifth on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.
- The **first** turn in for the magazine fundraiser is tomorrow, Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The **second** turn in date is Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents are encouraged to check our Destiny Library Manager (on-line card catalog) system to find what we have in our library. Parents often ask about specific library books; you can see what we have available at <https://prairiecatholicschool.follettdestiny.com>
- The 8<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be walking to Cannon at the Fort on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached field trip permission slip.
- **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.
- Prairie Catholic is pleased to announce that we will continue the Farm to School program. The classes have taught our students that locally grown foods are important to overall nutrition.
- The Students Council raised \$150 during the 2013-2014 school year. These funds will be donated to the Semper Fi Fund that provides immediate financial assistance and lifetime support for injured and critically ill members of our US Armed Forces and their families. This year's council would like to start off with a food drive for the needy in our own community. More information will be in next week's newsletter.
- Student Council elections will be held the week of September 15<sup>th</sup>. The officer speeches and election will be on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The class representatives speeches and elections will be on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Book Sox are available in the office.

*Prayer: God Almighty, you created each of us with gifts and talents to share with others. Help us to recognize our holy qualities just as your Son felt called to share his healing gifts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Mark Your Calendars

- September 4<sup>th</sup> – Education Commission, Cafeteria, 6:00pm
- September 5<sup>th</sup> – Magazine Turn in Day 1
- September 9<sup>th</sup> – Cub Scouts in classrooms Grades 1-5, 10:30am
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – Magazine Turn in Day 2
- September 12<sup>th</sup> – Cannons at Fort - Crawford Museum – Grades 4, 5 and 8
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – Washington DC Fundraising Meetings, 5:00; 5:30; 6:00; 6:30, Cafeteria
- September 18<sup>th</sup> – Farm to School, Grades Pre-K-5, pm
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – Magazine Turn in Day 3
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mid Term 1, Wow the year is flying by!
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL

