



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 29, 2015

Messages from Principal:

Tomorrow the students will celebrate their Halloween Parties as a school and in their classrooms. Students are encouraged to bring their costumes with them to school so they can wear them after lunch. Please remember that all costumes should be appropriate for a Catholic school gathering so no blood and all clothing should meet Catholic modesty. We would like to thank Mrs. Welter and student council for all of their hard work preparing the school dance and celebration.

- The END of Term 1 is tomorrow, Friday, October 30th. Your student's report card will be in next week's envelope. Also the school will run academic eligibility tomorrow.
- November is the Iowa Basic Testing window at Prairie Catholic. The middle school teachers will be testing on November 4th, 5th and 6th in the morning. No band on Wednesday or Friday. The elementary students will work through the tests during their normal days. Please have your students ready by ensuring they get a good night's sleep and a proper breakfast.
- The school will host Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, November 10th and Thursday, November 12th from 4:00-8:00pm. This meeting is an important event in your child's development as this allows the family and the school an opportunity to discuss different aspects. This forum is the best place to ask educators how you can help your child so please take advantage of this occasion. Parents please log onto Skyward to select your Parent/Teacher Conference date and time. If you need assistance, please call the school.
- There is NO SCHOOL on Monday, November 2nd.
- The school will send our students to the high school to view a matinee of the play *The Sound of Music* on two days next month. The middle school will attend on Wednesday, November 4th from 12:45-3:00pm and the elementary will attend on Wednesday, November 11th from 12:45-3:00pm.
- The 8th Grade will have a Washington DC meeting on Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00pm in Mr. Huser's room. Please don't be confused as there will be a group using the cafeteria that night. All students are required to attend and any parent that is considering traveling to Washington is encouraged to attend.
- The school is looking for two volunteers to act as Athletic Director and Concession Stand Organizer. The positions will work closely with the administration to coordinate the season games and the Prairie Catholic Tournaments.
- This is a friendly reminder that with the weather turning colder all students should be prepared to wait outside before school.
- The Student Council would like to remind all families that they are sponsoring a fall food drive for the needy in our community. We started the month strong and want to continue collecting until the last day of the month. The winning class, with the most pieces, will win an Ice Cream party on the student council. Thanks for your help.

- The Student Council would like the student body to watch the Canonization video for Fr. Joe Walijewski the founder of Casa Hogar in Lima, Peru. The students will watch the video on Tuesday, November 3rd. The school will continue to sponsor Sarah, an orphaned resident of Casa Hogar this year through fundraising.
- The school would like to remind families that each student is allowed 10 sick days per YEAR. Partial days are counted in this number. Truancy starts on number 11 so please ensure your student is ready for school and that days missing are validated.
- The school would like to remind families that leggings will not be considered stand-alone articles of clothing. Furthermore, all leggings should be worn under clothing that meets our dress code for length. General rule of thumb: if you can't wear the outfit without leggings, you can't wear it with leggings. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.
- The school 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 school would also like to ask families to donate "Culver's" tickets to the school if they are not using them. The school uses the tickets to acquire playground balls from the company. Thank you.
- 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 8th Grade is selling candy bars as a Washington DC fundraiser so see your favorite 8th grader for your next purchase.

Prayer: Merciful God, you asked Moses to help your people who were suffering. You know that ordinary people can do great things. Help us to be willing to say "here I am" when you ask us to be courageous. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

October 30th – Halloween Parties, PM
 October 30th – End of Term 1
 October 30th – Academic Eligibility
 November 2nd – No School
 November 3rd – Fr. Joe Walijewski video, Cafeteria, 2:45pm
 November 4th – 6th – Iowa Tests for middle school students, AM
 November 4th – 8th Grade Washington DC Meeting, 7:00pm
 November 4th – Middle School to play matinee, 12:45pm-2:50pm
 November 5th – Education Commission, Cafeteria, 6:00pm
 November 10th – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00pm
 November 11th – Elementary School to play matinee, 12:45-2:50pm
 November 12th – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00pm
 November 13th – No School
 November 25th – 1:00pm Dismissal
 November 26th & 27th – No School



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