



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 8, 2015

Messages from Principal:

The school would like to make parents aware that through collaboration with Bluff View, seven of our students are taking Industrial Technology at the public school. This offering is only due to a scheduling coincidence and the public school's willingness to host our students. These collaborations including industrial tech, band and athletics can only help strengthen our schools offerings.

- The school would like to thank the parish and all of those involved in bringing David Rinaldi to Prairie Catholic School on Monday. Mr. Rinaldi's message embracing individuality and leaning away from the crowd was refreshing.
- The school is looking for a 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.
- Fire Prevention Week is October 5th through the 9th. The Fire Prevention Program was held today, Thursday, October 8th. We would like to thank the Bridgeport Fire Department for bringing the Smokehouse to the school for our 4th grade students.
- Mrs. Stiemke is working with students for a Mass Choir on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am in the music room. Mrs. Stiemke and the school will ask that if a student is interested they commit to the first full Term. Please no in-and-out students.
- Prairie Catholic is proud to announce that Farm to School will be continued this year in the elementary classrooms with the first day starting Wednesday, October 14th. The school will also participate in the Wisconsin State Apple Crunch Day on Thursday, October 22nd with many other schools in the area. Students will have apples at lunch and are encouraged to eat healthy locally grown foods.
- The Student Council has started their endeavors with three activities kicking off this early October.
 - First the council is sponsoring a fall food drive for the needy in our community. Last year the school collected 900lbs and would love to beat that this year. The winning class, with the most pieces, will win an Ice Cream party on the student council. Thanks for your help.
 - Second, the school will continue to sponsor Sara an orphan in our diocesan house Casa Hogar in Lima, Peru. Fundraising will start with Pajama Day on Friday, October 9th. For the cost of \$1 students can wear PJ's to school. (As long as they stay within the guidelines for Catholic modesty.)
 - Third the council will offer a Bake Sale on Friday, October 16th with all items priced at \$.25 or \$.50. All proceeds will go to the sponsorship costs for Sarah.
- 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.

- The school will hold its Health Screening on Thursday, October 22nd in the a.m. The different offerings are included in the attached informational handout. Parents need to sign paperwork and return it to the office.
- The school will run **Athletic Eligibility** tomorrow, Friday, October 9th.
- **One Large Change for this Year:** Prairie Catholic will follow the diocesan requirement for volunteers in our building. Any volunteers will need to fill out a background check. This is **not** the comprehensive check that requires fingerprints. This is a basic check the diocese will run to make sure there are no volunteers that are working with our children that have a background in hurting kids. I feel I need to say the school will not be receiving the results, the diocese will let us know if someone cannot work in our buildings due to a history in abuse or neglect of a minor. The school will not be alerted for other convictions that have nothing to do with children.
- The school will ask that all visitors check in at the office when entering the building. You can sign in and out with one stop. Thank you in advance.
- **The last day for students to wear shorts is Wednesday, October 14th.**
- 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://prairiecatholicsschool.follettdestiny.com>

Prayer: Holy God, help us to know how to serve others. Help us to be honest and kind to all. Help us to learn to love as Jesus loved. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 8th – Fire Prevention Program by PdC Fire Department, afternoon
- October 9th - Facing the River Maritime Program, 4th Grade, Hoffman Hall, AM
- October 9th – Pre Kindergarten to AmericInn
- October 9th – Student Council Pajama Day, \$1
- October 9th – Athletic Eligibility
- October 14th – Farm to School, Grades PreK-5, PM
- October 14th – Last day for students to wear shorts
- October 15th – Math Counts, Cafeteria, 11:50am
- October 16th – Student Council Bake Sale
- October 21st – 3rd Grade to Osborne Nature Center, all day
- October 22nd – Wisconsin State Apple Crunch Day
- October 22nd – School wide health screening, see attached info sheet
- October 28th – Pre K to visit Police Station
- October 30th – Halloween Parties, PM

