



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 1, 2015

Messages from Principal:

The school would like to encourage as many families as possible to attend the youth speaker David Rinaldi on Sunday, October 4th at 1:00pm. This talk will be geared to high school students and parents. On Monday, October 5th Mr. Rinaldi will speak to the Prairie Catholic middle school students in the auditorium at 9:30am. All parents and grandparents are welcomed to attend. “Mr. Rinaldi’s powerful presentations have been life-changing moments for thousands of teens and parents across the country. With 20 years of experience working with youth, David communicates the love of God and the truths of the Catholic faith with a boldness and humor that teens and adults alike can appreciate.”

- The Washington DC Fundraising meetings will be Wednesday, October 7th in the school cafeteria. 8th Grade will start at 5:00pm; 7th Grade at 5:30pm; 6th Grade at 6:00pm and 5th Grade at 6:30pm.
- Yesterday was the Mid-Term for Term 1. Middle school report cards are included in this mailing.
- The 8th Grade will be traveling to Decorah, IA on Tuesday, October 6th. One driver is still needed.
- 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 Smokehouse will be here on Wednesday, October 7th and the Prevention Program will be on Thursday, October 8th.
- Mrs. Stiemke will be working with students interested in joining 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 that 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. The students will work with the new AmeriCorps worker on the second Wednesday of each month learning and tasting about local Wisconsin grown foods. The first week will be Wednesday, October 14th.
- The Student Council will be starting their first endeavor on Thursday, October 1st. They will start 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.
- The student Council will also be offering a Bake Sale on Friday, October 16th for the students to enjoy. All the proceeds will help fund our orphan Sarah at Casa Hogar in Lima, Peru and to fund some extra opportunities for the students.
- **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://prairiecatholicschool.follettdestiny.com>

Prayer: You have given us so many wonderful gifts, dear God. You have made us in your own image. Show us how to be an image of your goodness for others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

October 5th – Youth Speaker David Rinaldi, 9:30am

October 6th – 8th Grade Field Trip to Decorah, all day

October 7th – Washington DC Fundraiser Meeting, 8th Grade = 5:00pm; 7th =5:30; 6th =6:00; 5th =6:30

October 7th – Bridgeport Fire Department Smokehouse, 4th Grade 10:30am

October 8th – Fire Prevention Program by PdC Fire Department, afternoon

October 9th - Facing the River Maritime Program, 4th Grade, Hoffman Hall, AM

October 14th – Farm to School, Grades PreK-5, PM

October 14th – Last day for students to wear shorts

October 16th – Student Council Bake Sale

October 21st – 3rd Grade to Osborne Nature Center, all day

October 22nd – Wisconsin State Apple Crunch Day

October 28th – Pre K to visit Police Station

October 30th – Halloween Parties, PM

