



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 10, 2015

Messages from Principal:

This year Patron's Day will be held in conjunction with the 35th Annual La Crosse Diocesan Rural Life Day. The events will be hosted by St. Wenceslaus Parish of Eastman on the farm of Lonnie and Jane Achenbach. Bishop Callahan will celebrate Mass at 10:00am with a program to follow. The students will eat lunch on the farm and observe the blessing of the harvest and livestock. On the way back from the Achenbach farm, the busses will stop at the Nolan Farm for a tour of a 21st century dairy operation. After the Nolan tour, the students will return to Prairie du Chien for games on the island. The students will walk back to the school for dismissal at 3:00pm. This event will happen rain or shine so please dress for the weather and for walking.

- The **final day** to turn in Magazine sales is Friday, September 11th. Thank you for all who have participated.
- **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.
- On Monday, September 14th all students should be dropped off in front of the school and go directly downstairs to the cafeteria. We are anticipating the building's arrival, and want everything to go smoothly.
- Due to the cancellation of Cannons at the Fort, the 8th Grade will take a field trip to the Villa Louis, Fort Crawford Museum and the FC Cemetery. The students will walk to their destinations after Mass and will return in time for the afterschool bus. Please see enclosed permission slip regarding lunch and fee. Any interested parent is welcome to chaperone.
- Singers are wanted and families are welcome at a special Mass at 12:30pm this Sunday, September 13th at St. John's Church honoring our missionary priest Father Paul Fagan for the 55th anniversary of his ordination. If you need more information, please call Terri Connell at 326-4240.
- 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.
- **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.

- **Forms** – this is a reminder that all forms should have been 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

- Now that Prairie du Chien public school has begun, 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.
- Mrs. Welter will be working with the Student Council again this year. The officer speeches will be held on Monday, September 14th and classroom representative speeches will be given on Thursday, September 17th.
- 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.
- 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>
- Please read your **Handbooks** if you have any questions regarding school policy.
- 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.

Prayer: Loving God, your Son, Jesus, taught us how to care for others. Help us notice when our friends and class-mates need our kindness. Help us notice if our parents or brothers or sisters need our love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Mark Your Calendars

September 11th – Magazine Final Turn In Day
September 14th – Student Council Officer Speeches
September 17th – Student Council Representative Speeches
September 17th – 8th Grade Field Trip
September 21st – Rural Life Day
September 23rd – Washington DC Fundraising Meetings - Cafeteria
5:00 pm – 8th Grade
5:30 pm – 7th Grade
6:00 pm – 6th Grade
6:30 pm – 5th Grade

September 24th – Kindergarten Johnny Appleseed Day
September 25th – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL
September 30th – Mid Term 1, Wow the year is flying by!

