



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 17, 2015

Messages from Principal:

Holy Family Parish will be welcoming Catholic youth speaker David Rinaldi to Prairie du Chien for a talk on Sunday, October 4th. This presentation is geared toward High School students and parents. All parents and youth are welcomed to attend. Mr. Rinaldi will be staying and speaking to the middle school students at Prairie Catholic on Monday, October 5th at 9:30am. "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." Parents are welcomed to attend either session.

- 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 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.
- The voting for 2015-2016 Student Council Officers was held earlier this week: Kyle Quick was named Treasurer; Ellie Mara was named Secretary; Clare Teynor was named Vice-President and Zach Mara was named President.
- 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.
- Picture retakes will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:30am in the annex.
- Next Friday, September 25th, there will be no school as the teacher will be in La Crosse for a full day of diocesan in-service.
- 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 they commit to the first full Term. Please no in-and-out 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Prayer: Merciful God, Jesus reminds us that taking care of one another and being fair and just are good ways to love you. Help us to be good friends to one another. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

September 17th – Student Council Representative Speeches

September 17th – 8th Grade Field Trip

September 21st – Rural Life Day

September 22nd – Picture Retake Day, 9:30am

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!

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

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, afternoon

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

