



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 24, 2015

Messages from Principal:

The school had a very successful Patron's Day. Staff Sargent Heath Smith started the day with the students talking about the importance of communication with stationed soldiers. The students then made cards that will be sent to deployed servicemen and women this holiday season. The students then attended Rural Life Day with Bishop Callahan on the Lonnie and Jane Achenbach Farm. Following lunch, the students toured one of the Nolan Family Farms to see a working dairy. The school would like to send a special thank you to John, Carrie and the entire extended Nolan family for their hospitality.

The day could not have happened without the work of the Patron's Day committee: Mrs. Wachuta, Mrs. Hemmer, Mrs. Igou and Mrs. Bjurquist. Thank you for your effort.

- The school would also like to thank all the parties that had a hand in bringing The Diocese of La Crosse Rural Life Day to the Achenbach Farm. There are many individuals involved so the school would like to make a special thank you to the Achenbach's for all of their hospitality and to Bill and Mary Turner for their work.
- 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 Mid-Term for Term 1 is Wednesday, September 30th.
- 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.
- **Tomorrow, Friday, September 25th**, there will be **no school** as the teachers 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.
- We had a very successful magazine sales fundraiser for the school. We had many students qualify for the ice cream social, pizza and pop party and activity. The first level will be celebrated on Tuesday, September 29th with an ice cream social in the afternoon.
- 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.

- Holy Family Parish will be welcoming Catholic youth speaker David Rinaldi to Prairie du Chien for a talk on Sunday, October 4th. 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.
- 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.
- **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.
- 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: Holy God, remind us every day that our words and actions can either add to Christ’s light in the world or add to the darkness of sin. Help us show people they are loved. Help us be beacons of light like Jesus. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

September 24th – Kindergarten Johnny Appleseed Day
 September 25th – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL
 September 29th – Ice Cream Party for the qualifying students
 September 30th – Mid Term 1, Wow the year is flying by!
 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, afternoon
 October 9th - Facing the River Maritime Program, 4th Grade, Hoffman Hall, AM
 October 14th – Farm to School, Grades PreK-5, PM

