



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter

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## From the Principal

I would like to take this time to welcome all the students back for another wonderful school year. It is an exciting time around the building as we can start to see the finish line around the addition. The week of September 12th the playground will start being installed. I just received word that the gym floor will be laid the week of September 26th. The gym equipment install will be done before the floor is put down. The school is looking for helpers to landscape on Saturday, August 27th. Meet in the pavilion at 8:00am. It is exciting to see it all take shape! (Will be cancelled in case of rain)

### Wellness in the building

The school would like to rededicate itself to healthy initiatives this year. We are looking to improve in three key areas:

1. The school will allow students to travel anywhere in the building (except tech lab and church for obvious reasons) with a water bottle. The students can use a new consumable bottle every day or have a dedicated water bottle that is washed at night.
2. The school classrooms will stop using candy for student rewards. Even the magazine fundraiser will feature activities rewards.  
***We will need your help on this next item...***
3. The school will stop hosting bake sales with sweets and will not offer snack-and-go items that are fat and calorie rich. We will also ask that all parents make a concerned effort to send healthy snacks when it is their turn to provide. A list of healthy snacks will be sent home very soon.

## Around Prairie Catholic

The first All School Mass will be Tuesday, August 30th at 8:15am in St. Gabriel's Church.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass with their child's class anytime. Just a reminder, students may bring shorts to school in their book bag on Mass days. They may change into appropriate shorts after Mass. The Tiller Award will be presented.

### Mark Your Calendars

- August 25th - Magazine Fund-raiser Kick-Off, 9:00am, cafeteria
- August 27th - Workday at Prairie Catholic, Pavilion, 8:00am
- August 29th - Magazine Fund-raiser First turn in day
- August 30th - First All School Mass, 8:15am St. Gabriel's
- September 1st - First day for bussing
- September 5th - NO SCHOOL
- September 7th - Education Commission Meeting, cafeteria, 5:30pm
- September 9th - Magazine Final Turn in Day
- September 23rd - NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-service
- September 27th - Mid-Term I, wow where did the fall go?





## Around Prairie Catholic

**Prayer:** *O God, give us your Spirit's gifts of right judgment and courage so we may truly be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus for everyone we meet. We ask this in Jesus' name.. Amen.*

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.

Forms – this is a reminder that all forms should be turned in to the school office by August 29th. Below is a list of all required forms.

Tuition payment plan  
Handbook Compliance Form  
Student Insurance  
Safe Environment

When Prairie du Chien public school begins classes, 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 buses are late that morning or early that afternoon, we will be riding them.

I would like to thank parents for transporting their children before public school begins. Bussing will start on their first day Thursday, September 1st.

The school will ask that all visitors will check in at the office when entering the building. You can sign in and out with one stop. Thank you in advance.

Bussing For All Students – **REMINDER** to all student. You must have filled out this information when doing your students on-line registration. If you did not do so, please contact the office immediately.

We had the Magazine Sale Kick-off this morning, Thursday, August 25th in the cafeteria at 9:15am. Thank you for your participation as this is a valuable fundraiser for the school. The First turn in day is Monday, August 29th and the Final turn in day will be Friday, September 9th.

Be watching for a skylert message regarding upcoming immunization information. All forms for this will be sent this way. If you would like a hard copy of any of the information, please contact the school office.

