



PRAIRIE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

August 31, 2017

Warm blessings from the staff and children at Prairie Catholic School

Lord Jesus, you give us this new school year and new friends with whom to share it.

Bless all who pray, work, and learn together. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen

Exciting news at Prairie Catholic!! Mrs. Clarissa Russell has returned this year and will be teaching Spanish to students Pre-K through 8th grade. She will be spending time in the 3K room. We are so thrilled to have this opportunity to teach our students a second language.

Mrs. Michelle Kapfhamer
Teacher in Charge

Congratulations to Allison Kennedy on earning the Tiller Scholarship Award. Allison had the highest GPA during her 7th grade school year. It takes a lot of work to achieve this award! Thank you Allison for setting such a good example for the younger students!

Morning drop off policy – Parents please do not drop off your child before 7:45 am. Outside supervision begins at that time. Any student arriving prior to 7:45 will be taken to daycare, and the family billed for time there. We have a wonderful daycare that opens at 7:00 am. If daycare is needed, please stop in and visit our director Taegan Gillitzer or call Lil' Saints at 326-8624. We appreciate your understanding.

Magazine Sale – All families are encouraged to participate in our annual Magazine Sale. We had our kick-off assembly on today, Thursday, August 31st for grades 1-5. Middle school students who no longer have a younger brother or sister in the elementary can pick up a packet in the office. Please contact relatives, neighbors and friends to renew or order their magazines subscriptions. Turn in dates are **Friday, September 8th (all orders count double)** and Friday, September 15th.

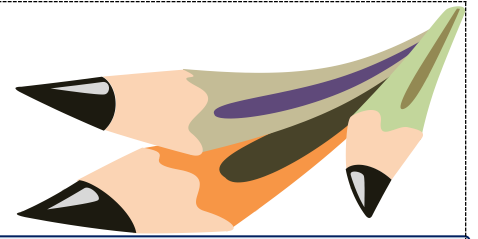
Band will begin for students in grades 6th - 8th tomorrow, Friday, September 1st. 7th & 8th grade band students will be leaving at approximately 12:25 and return at 1:20pm. 6th Grade band students will be leaving at 2:00pm. They will be dismissing from Bluff View. This will be every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Volunteer sign up – In today's brown envelope you will receive a sign-up sheet regarding areas where volunteers are always needed. Please take the time to fill the form out and return to the office by Tuesday, September 5th. We appreciated any help you can give.

Forms to office – reminder that the following forms were due to the office on Monday, August 28th.

- Statement of Compliance
- Student Insurance
- Safe Environment
- School Communication form

With the new Verification of Parent Safe Environment Training form, there has been some confusion. Parents need to check one of three responses on the top section, and two on the bottom portion. The form may be coming home in the weekly envelope if not completely filled out.



Mass Schedule – Students in grades 1-8 will be attending Mass on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Parents are always welcome to attend Mass with their child's class. Just a reminder that students should bring shorts to school in their book bag on Mass days. They may change into shorts after Mass.

New Milk Cards – Along with the student lunch cards each student has a milk card. It can be used to take extra milk with lunch or used if they have cold lunch and would like to have milk. If used, the 30¢ will be deducted from the family lunch account. Please visits with your son or daughter regarding if you would like them to use the card.

Health and Wellness

We would like to remind all families that again this year we are trying to stay on track with the health and wellness initiative we began last year. Three things to remember.

- 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.
- 3) We again will ask that all parents make an effort to send healthy snacks when it is their turn to provide. A list of healthy snacks is included in the weekly information.

Coming Home Today

There is a lot of information coming home today in the brown envelope. This week everyone will receive everything hard copy. It is hoped that by next week we will have all forms returned and electronically information set up.

Student pictures
Healthy Snacks List
New Cell Phone/Electronic Policy
Server List-Grade 4-8
Volunteer Sign-up
Scrip Sign-up
Fall Bazaar – 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders
September Lunch Menu & Calendar

Upcoming Events

August 31st – Magazine Kick off
September 1st – First day with bus services
September 4th – Labor Day – No School
September 8th – First Magazine turn-in day
September 15th – Picture retake day
September 15th – Final Magazine turn-in day
September 16th – Arts Midwest - Manhu
September 17th – Holy Family Fall Bazaar
September 22th – Patron's Day
September 25th – Mid-term 1
September 28th – Progress Reports Home
September 29th – No School Prairie Catholic-Teacher In Service – LaCrosse

