



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 29, 2011

## Messages from Principal:

I would like to thank all of the junior high students that helped at our Patron's Day celebration. Our older students helped our younger students throughout the day. The junior high students sat with elementary students at Mass. They also cheered for the students when playing games at Villa Louis. They even helped the young students while playing Bingo. It meant a lot to the younger students and in return meant a lot to me.

- The Prairie Catholic community would like to thank Mrs. Michele Pattison for all of her work organizing the Patron's Day Celebration. There are many moving parts that need to be addressed weeks in advance and Mrs. Pattison works very hard to ensure the day is memorable for the students. We would also like to thank all of the guest speakers that visited our school to work with our students.
- Prairie Catholic is looking for a talented individual to work in the lunch program. This person will be working as an assistant cook for a year then will be elevated to head cook next year. Our head cook, Elaine Moris, wants to groom her successor for a year and then stay on one more year as an assistant. This will be a fantastic opportunity for someone who loves working with children, is very organized and can follow state mandated laws. Of course, the person will love to cook, believe in Christian values and enjoy a clean work space. The schedule is flexible for the first year as we have people on staff who can work part time. If you are interested please contact Fr. Weighner or Mr. Marlow.
- This is a reminder to parents: if you are altering your child's field trip plans (picking them up early or having them ride home with a third party) you must have this approved by the office prior to leaving for the trip. Due to liability issues, we cannot make snap judgments on the fly regarding student safety. Cell phone confirmation does not satisfy legal requirements. Please plan ahead.
- Brown Envelope Reminder - Each week many forms are sent home in the brown envelopes which are needed so that students can take part in many different activities. Unlike in past years, without these signed consent forms it will be impossible for your son or daughter to participate with his class or school. ***Please remember at the Middle School students have two days to return their envelope. If not returned they will receive a detention. This means if the envelope goes home on Thursday it must be signed and returned by Monday.***
- We would like to thank all of the St. Gabriel's students for their work selling magazine subscriptions. This fundraiser procured over \$15,000.00 for our schools. THANK YOU!!!
- Fire Prevention Week is October 9<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. Grade 4 will have the Smoke House at 10:00am on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, all St. Gabriel's students will view a presentation by the Prairie du Chien Fire Department on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria at 1:30pm.
- The Halloween Party Committee at St. Gabriel's is still looking for individuals to help organize the celebration on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in fulfilling some volunteer hours while providing an experience for the kids should contact the school office.

- Picture Retake Day will be on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The photographers will be at St. Gabriel's at 9:30 and will go to St. John's afterward. If you do want retakes, you will need to bring in your photo packet from the first time. Also, if you did not have your picture taken during registration you will be having them done at this time.
- Prairie Catholic will again allow students to get the flu vaccination at both schools on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The nurses will be at St. John's at 12:30pm and will travel to St. Gabriel's afterward.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your favorite 8<sup>th</sup> grader when purchasing sweets.
- Prairie Catholic Parent Carrie Nolan did an interview with "Dairy Star" Newspaper for Farm Safety Week. Her interview centered on ATV safety. The web link to the article is:  
<http://dairystar.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=6552&TM=59991.72>
- Prairie Catholic will gladly accept used ink cartridges; milk caps from Swiss Valley, Kemps and Milk Moola; Box Tops for Education; Campbell's soup labels and now Sunny D labels (16oz or larger).

*Prayer: Holy God, help us to listen to you as we study the words of scripture, to see you in the beauty of nature, art and music. Send us people to guide us and help us understand what you are trying to say to us in our thoughts and in our dreams. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.*

### **Mark Your Calendars**

October 5<sup>th</sup> – Picture Retake Day  
 October 8<sup>th</sup> – Burgers & Fries Supper – St. John's Church Hall  
 October 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Fire Prevention Week  
 October 12<sup>th</sup> – Smokehouse for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> – Health Screening 8:30am – St. Gabriel's  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> – Fire Prevention Program – St. Gabriel's  
 October 18<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations – 12:30pm St. John's, St. Gabriel's to follow  
 October 19<sup>th</sup> – Farm to School at St. Gabriel's  
 October 25<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Parties at St. Gabriel's and St. John's  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-7pm – NO SCHOOL  
 October 27<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL  
 October 28<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL  
 October 28<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Road Rally

### **Fundraising Events**

Ongoing – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Candy bars Sales  
 October 7<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Chicken Q  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pasta Supper

