



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 17, 2013

Messages from Principal:

Winter Sports Sign-Up for Fund 80 activities are on Monday, October 21st at 6:30pm in the Bluffview Cafeteria. Any student interested in wrestling or basketball needs to sign up. Even the students that will be on Prairie Catholic's basketball teams need to sign up for Fund 80. There are many positives for our students and teams to be involved in Fund 80. We have access to larger gyms, earlier gym times, more tournaments and coaching resources. Prairie Catholic will still have their own 5th, 6th and 7th boys and girls teams. Please make time to sign up your students next Monday.

- There is **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, October 18th.
- Parent - Teacher Conferences are Tuesday, November 5th and Thursday, November 7th from 4:00 to 8:00 both days. This year, all parents are required to log into their Skyward account and schedule a time slot for each student in the family. An information sheet was sent home in the brown envelopes last week. Time slots fill up quickly. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact either school office.
- Parents and students please remember that the last day students could have worn shorts was Tuesday, October 15th. The students will be able to wear shorts again after April 15th.
- Prairie Catholic students will again participate in the Farm to School program this year. The students learn about healthy choices for meals and snacks while also learning how locally grown foods go from the earth to the table. Ask your student about some of the foods that were tasted last year. Our first date will be on Thursday, October 17th.
- Both Prairie Catholic School buildings will be a drop off location for the Knights of Columbus winter clothing drive. If anyone would like to donate clothing to this great cause, you can bring them to school. Coats are always welcome but the Knights would like to remind families that other cold gear is also needed. Hats, gloves and boots are also needed by local families.
- The end of the First Quarter is Friday, October 25th. ***Parents please remember to remind students to finish all of their Accelerated Reader Points before the term ends.***
- Each school will host their Halloween parties on Thursday, October 31st. The parties will occur in the afternoon with games and dancing.
- As November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, all Prairie Catholic students will attend Mass on All Saints Day. The students will attend the daily 8:15am St. Gabriel's Mass. The St. John's students will need to be dropped off at St. Gabriel's. Also, Prairie du Chien Public Schools are not in session that Friday. **Parents will be responsible** for drop off (all at St. Gabriel's) and pick up (at their normal school) on Friday, November 1st.

- Math Counts is starting! This group will meet on Thursday's from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. This is a great way for students to have fun with creative problem solving strategies. This year the coach will be Mrs. Igou and representatives from 3M. Come join the fun October 24th.
- Legacy Tours will be in Prairie du Chien on Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria to speak with the 8th grade class. All 8th grade students going on the trip are required to attend. The administration also encourages any parents or community members that are interested in traveling to attend.
- Mrs. Steiner's Pre-Kindergarten classroom will be taking a field trip on Tuesday, October 22nd.
- Parents please remember that the Iowa Tests will be administered in November.
- The 8th grade is selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your favorite 8th grader when purchasing sweets.
- The 5th Grade will be hosting a Soup Supper on Wednesday, November 20 at St. Gabe's school cafeteria as a Washington DC fundraiser. They will also be taking pre-orders for quarts of soup so be on the lookout for order forms soon. Also, if anyone would like to donate any quart jars to the class, they can be dropped off at the St. John's school office.

Job well done: Last year's Prairie Catholic fifth grade students (this year's sixth grade) scored a Grade Equivalency of 7.8 on the Language Total of The Iowa Tests. This was good for a **99th** percentile rank of National School Norms. Great Job!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you angered many in positions of power because you spoke the truth. Help us to remain focused on your simple rules of truth and love. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

October 17th – Farm to School, St. Gabriel's, PM
 October 17th – 1st Grade Apple/Fall Projects, St. Gabriel's
 October 18th – NO SCHOOL
 October 21st – Fund 80 Winter Sport Sign Up, Bluffview Cafeteria, 6:30pm
 October 22nd – Pre Kindergarten to AmericInn
 October 23rd – Basketball Coaches Meeting is CANCELLED
 October 24th – Math Counts at St. John's, 3-4:00pm
 October 25th – End of First Term
 October 25th – Road Rally for 7th grade, evening
 October 30th – Mix it up day at lunch to promote tolerance, both schools
 October 30th – 8th Grade Washington DC meeting, St. Gabriel's, 6:30pm
 October 31st – Halloween Parties in PM at both schools
 October 31st – Report Cards go home
 November 1st – All Saints Day, All School Mass at St. Gabriel's, 8:15am
 November 1st – Parent Transportation Day
 November 5th – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8:00pm
 November 7th – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4-8:00pm
 November 8th – NO SCHOOL

