



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter August 22, 2013

Messages from Principal:

I would like to welcome all of our families back for another great year. Parents, we are honored that you choose Prairie Catholic to educate your children. The staff has worked very hard over the summer to clean and polish our school buildings, our teachers have developed new and exciting curriculum that we will implement throughout the year. It is an exciting time for our Prairie Catholic community.

Again, thank you for choosing Prairie Catholic Schools!

- **Mass** – Our First Student Mass will be an ALL SCHOOL MASS on Wednesday, August 28th, at the 8:15 am service at St. Gabriel's Church. All St. John's students should be dropped off at St. Gabriel's by 8:05 a.m. The middle school students will be transported back to school after mass. **Reminder** – Our students attend Mass twice a week: students in grades 1st through 5th on Wednesdays and Fridays and students in grades 6th through 8th on Tuesdays and Thursday. **The dress code will be enforced.** 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.

*** **Note: Due to St. John's Church undergoing interior painting, St. John's students will not have Tuesday/Thursday daily Mass until September 10th. They will, however, still attend the All School Mass on August 28th at St. Gabriel's.** ***

- **Forms** – this is a reminder that all forms should be turned in to the school office by September 5th. Below is a list of all required forms.

Tuition payment plan
Compliance Form
Student Insurance
Safe Environment

- We are thankful to use the **Skyward** program again this year for staff, students and parents. Please contact the office if you have lost your username or password. It is important to view your child's information on Skyward at regular intervals.
- This year **Patron's Day** will be at Wyalusing Park on September 20th. The teachers have put in a lot of work organizing and preparing activities and presenters the students will enjoy. The day will be a new adventure for our students. There will be more information coming home in subsequent newsletters but mark your calendars now if you would like to attend.
- The 8th grade students will be sworn in as **Safety Patrol** on Wednesday, August 28th at St. John's Cafeteria.
- I would like to thank parents for transporting their children before Labor Day. Bus service will start on Tuesday, September 3rd.

- Please read your **Handbooks** if you have any questions regarding school policy.
- Please read the attachment about Middle School Service Hours. Thank you.
- Make sure that you get your Prairie Catholic gear. The 8th graders are offering tee shirts as a fundraiser for their Washington DC trip. Attached is the order form in case you have misplaced the one that came in the registration packets. The turn-in deadline for orders is August 29th. Orders can be turned into either school office and checks should be made out to: PCS - Class of 2014. The shirts should be sent to us within three weeks of placing the order and will then go home with your child. Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Tesar at lisa@theappraisalcompany.biz.
- We will have the **Magazine Sale Kick-off** Friday, August 30th in St. Gabriel's cafeteria at 9:00am. This is a valuable fundraiser for the school. Good Luck to all Elementary Students.
- **Bussing For In Town Students** – REMINDER to all any student using the in town bus service. 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.
- Book Sox must be ordered from the office no later than **Friday, August 30th**.

Prayer: Loving Father, as your sons and daughters, we are grateful to feast among family and friends. Your Spirit calls to us here on earth, serving as a reminder of your great celebration with the saints of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

August 23rd – Early Dismissal, 1:00pm

August 26th – First Day for Pre-Kindergarten

August 27th – No St. John's Student Mass

August 28th – ALL SCHOOL Mas, St. Gabriel's, 8:15am, All students report directly to St. Gabe's

August 28th – Tiller Award presented at All School Mass

August 28th – St. John's Safety Patrol Ceremony, 3:00pm

August 29th – No St. John's Student Mass

August 30th – Magazine Kick Off

September 2nd – Labor Day NO SCHOOL

September 3rd – First day for bus service

September 3rd – No St. John's Student Mass

September 5th – No St. John's Student Mass

September 4th – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Band Parent Meeting 5:30 pm – St. John's Cafeteria

September 13th – Cannons and Redcoats at Fort Crawford Museum – Grades 4, 5 and 8

September 18th – Washington DC Fundraising Meetings, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, more information to come.

September 20th – Patrons Day at Wyalusing Park

September 22nd – Birthday Party pot luck for Fr. Jack, St. Gabriel's basement after 10:00am Mass

September 23rd – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL

Welcome Back Students!!!