



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter August 29, 2013

Messages from Principal:

I would like to thank all our families for their continued patience as the weather forces changes to our schedule. I understand that some parents are questioning why we start school before Labor Day. Since the first time day I started working at Prairie Catholic, the parents have talked about ending our calendar before Memorial Day. I've been told the time between our release and public schools release is perfect for family vacations. Also, people are able to spend time with their children before summer school, ball games and swimming lessons begin.

With that in mind, a school year needs some days off through the schedule for the sanity of both the students and the staff members. As a Catholic school we also like to take some days off around important liturgical dates including Easter and Christmas. Every year our calendar adds up to 180 days but our start date changes based on when certain holidays are celebrated.

Again I thank you for your understanding and want to remind all families that after Labor Day, we will follow the public schools release schedule.

- **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.
- Due to St. John's Church undergoing interior painting, St. John's students will not have Tuesday/Thursday daily Mass until September 10th.
- **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

- 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.
- On Tuesday 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 busses are late that morning or early that afternoon, we will be riding them.
- Prairie Catholic was very proud to present the Tiller Award to Evan Boisvert at yesterday's All School Mass. The Tiller Award is given to the 8th grade student with the highest GPA in the 7th grade. Congrats Evan!

- The Washington DC fundraising meetings will be on Wednesday, September 18th in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. The 8th grade meeting will be at 5:00pm, 7th at 5:30pm, 6th at 6:00pm and 5th at 6:30pm.
- The student council nomination paperwork will be due in St. John's office on Thursday, September 5th.
- The 8th grade **Safety Patrol** ceremony was cancelled on Wednesday but will be rescheduled soon.
- 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.
- 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: Lord Jesus, you sent your servant Paul to bring good news to people in distant lands. Help us to be courageous with our missionaries of hope: our parents, teachers, coaches, helpers and friends. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

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

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

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

September 18th – Washington DC Fundraising Meetings, 5:00; 5:30; 6:00; 6:30 St. Gabriel's Cafeteria

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

