



# Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 21, 2010

## Messages from the Principal:

Back by popular demand: FANTastic Friday! And just in time for the football game between Wisconsin and Iowa. To remind everyone, on FANTastic Fridays students are encouraged to wear apparel displaying their favorite college team. I will be wearing something black and gold. I am, however, nervous because last week Wisconsin beat the #1 team in the country. If the Badgers could beat the Buckeyes, what can my lowly Hawkeyes do to keep the score respectable? (Did you notice the reverse jinx?) I can just hope for a good game. I'm kidding; I want Iowa to pound Wisconsin! But know that if Iowa wins, I wouldn't think of using next week's newsletter to "rub it in." Good luck and GO HAWKS!

## News Items:

- The Student Council will be sponsoring a food drive in both buildings. Each class will participate by bringing in non-perishable food items. The drive will run from November 8<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. The class that collects the most items will win a very NICE, CREAM surprise.
- Prairie Catholic students in Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to participate in "Creative Connections" a 4H after school program. Students will be able to ride the bus to Bluff View to participate. Please see flier in envelope.
- To all basketball players, in today's brown envelope you will find the Athletic Eligibility Policy Form. This form need to be signed and returned to the office by Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Reminder to get your physicals. St. John's office must have a copy of the physical or alternate card before your student will be allowed to practice for the upcoming basketball season. **If you played a fall sport, we need a copy of that card here at our school.**
- Parent Teacher conferences are right around the corner – Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you have not done so, please return the sheet indicating your preference for conference times. Times have filled up quickly, so return your slip A.S.A.P. We will notify you of your time through the brown envelope.
- Prairie Catholic School Athletic Committee will be hosting a pancake supper on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 7:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. All money raised helps offset cost of the use of the local facilities used. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may contact a member of any basketball team or either school office.
- Prairie Catholic will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at each building. That afternoon, the Student Council will host a dance in St. John's church basement for the middle school. The elementary students will enjoy a party in the cafeteria at 1:00pm. I would like to send out a special "Thank You" to all the parents who will be hosting the party at St. Gabriel's. Reminder on costumes. Costumes cannot be bloody, gory, or in poor taste. The dress code still applies for the costumes. Also, no hair dye or spray will be allowed.
- Mrs. Weber would like to remind any third through eighth grade student who would like to sing at the 11:00am Mass on October 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John's to arrive at church at 10:30am. This is another easy way for a student to earn volunteer service hours!

- Student Council will sponsor a “Penny-war” at the middle school. For those of you who may be wondering what a Penny-war consists of: students bring pennies to school to collect as a class. The class with the highest total wins. However, students in other classes can put nickels, dimes and quarters in your collection and those will subtract from your total. All money earned will be given to help build the new Veterans Memorial. The “Penny-war” will run from November 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to each class and I encourage any visitors to St. John’s to throw change in the canisters also.
- The requirements for Student Service Hours have been on my mind a lot lately. Actually I’ve had a lot of questions regarding service hours and believe that I have not explained the parameters very clearly. Students whom attend Prairie Catholic are required to volunteer service hours to the community and church. Service hours begin for students in fifth grade. These hours are split into two categories: community and church. Anything a student does for another person or persons can be considered, but the student can’t be otherwise compensated for the work. One example may be serving at Mass on weekends will count for one hour. The volunteer hours are reflected in their religion grade so if you have any questions please contact Mrs. Jozefowicz or Mr. Marlow.
- Fantastic News – Both St. Gabe’s and St. John’s have Accelerated Reader in their buildings. The program allows students to take online tests and quizzes over books they are reading. The software will keep records for individual students that can be examined periodically. We have set these goals for students at St. John’s: 8<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – 20 points, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 15, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12. I understand that students have just started taking tests last week and our quarter ends next Wednesday. However, students have been reading all quarter long and they can take a test over a book they read this summer and entire first quarter. We will require St. John’s students to have a single point scored before next Wednesday with the goal listed above. If a student hasn’t met their goal their grade will not be affected. If a student has 40 or more points, extra credit will be given in reading class. Parents, please remember that this is new technology for us also and we are setting goals to find a baseline for realistic requirements moving forward.
- NO SCHOOL – October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous, teach me to serve you as I should, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and ask not for reward, save that of knowing that I do your most holy will. Amen.*

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Road Rally
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Osborne Nature Center
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Parties at both schools
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – End of Quarter
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Pancake Supper – St. Gabriel’s cafeteria – More information to come
- October 28<sup>th</sup> & October 29<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK
- November 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> – Penny-war at St. John’s for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Gabe’s Fall Festival
- November 8<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> – Food drive at St. Gabe’s and St. John’s
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8am-8pm
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL
- November 12<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL

