



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter May 19, 2011

Messages from the Principal:

I would like to thank the members of the Dress Code Committee for their work this spring. They spoke honestly when I inquired about new ideas or methodologies. Those members included Mary Stoeffler, Scott Kennedy, Teresa Jaynes, Stefanie Koenig and Mary Beth Specht. After a lot of thought and consulting with members of the community, I have decided to adapt the existing dress code and not implement a standard uniform. The following changes will be reflected in next year's Handbook.

Changes to the Dress Code stated in the Family Handbook (page 13):

1) All clothing worn to school should be in good condition, free of tears and holes. **(If you can see skin through the clothing, it is considered a hole and not appropriate.)**

7) The following clothing items are not allowed as a part of Prairie Catholic School's dress code: tank tops, muscle shirts, short crop tops, tops which reveal the midriff, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops that show cleavage, **sweatpants, running pants, mesh shorts**, short shorts, mini-skirts, clothing with any form of drug, alcohol, heavy metal, anti-Christian slogans or shirts with inflammatory or derogatory pictures (including skulls) or statements. No words on the back end of pants, shorts or skirts.

10) No outerwear is to be worn within the school building during the regular school day without special permission of the administration. This includes, but is not limited to jackets, wind-breakers, ponchos, **zippered hoodies** etc.

If a child is not appropriately attired, parents will be notified to bring the child another set of school clothing and a **detention** will be given to the student. Thank you in advance for taking responsibility for your child(ren)'s wearing of appropriate school clothing. Any other issues not covered in our Prairie Catholic Handbook will fall under the Diocesan guidelines adopted 1/27/02.

News Items:

- The Saint Scramble Golf Outing raised over \$6,000 for Prairie Catholic this year. We would like to thank the Home and School Association for putting in the time and effort to make this event a success. The outing is growing from year to year and the administration is very excited for the future of this fundraiser.
- Next Friday, May 27th is the last day of school. Our schedule will be adjusted. We will have **all** students meet at St. John's School for an All School Mass at 8:15. After Mass the students will walk to Lochner Park for games. The students will eat a pic-nick lunch starting at 11:00am and will be dismissed from the park at 12:00pm. **Please make arrangements to pick up your students at 12:00pm!** If we have rainy weather, all the students will still report to St. John's School, have Mass and the St. Gabriel's students will be bussed back to St. Gabe's for the remainder of the morning. The students will still be dismissed at 12:00pm. See enclosed permission slip and end of year form.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank Stacy Hendrix for volunteering to head the St. Gabriel's magazine fundraiser. Stacy is still looking for some help, so if you're interested contact Mr. Marlow at either of the schools.
- We will honor our "Hard Work Counts" students on Friday. St. John's will run a 1:00pm dismissal.

- Fr. Weighner will host a series of Town Hall meetings to discuss issues facing the parishes. The first will be held on Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00pm in St. Gabriel's School cafeteria. The second will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00pm in St. Gabriel's School cafeteria. The third will be held on Thursday, May 26th at 6:00pm in St. John's School cafeteria.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank all of our volunteers that give so generously. The administration, teachers, staff and students appreciate your time and talents. We could not be Prairie Catholic without our volunteer support.
- There will be a 5th grade Band meeting in the Bluff View Cafeteria on May 24th at 7:00pm. There will also be an instrument tryout at Bluff View on May 26th from 12:00-7:00pm.
- If you have a keen eye, you will have noticed that the last day of school (a Friday) is an All School Mass at **St. John's**. The parishes will flip hosting Mass the last two days of school. Thursday the 26th, Mass will be at St. Gabriel's and Friday the 27th, Mass will be at St. John's. Thank you for being flexible.
- The Pre-Kindergarten will host their end of the year programs on Friday, May 20th at 10:05am and 2:15pm.
- Pre-Kindergarten will have its last day of school on May 26th. It will be a regular scheduled day with groups split into AM and PM.
- Reminder that all outstanding tuition and fines must be paid. Final report cards will be held and 8th records will not be transferred to the High School until all fines and/or tuition is paid in full. Negative lunch balances, library fines, and book damage fines are to be paid in full by May 26th. If account is paid look for your student's report card on May 27th.
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass is at St. John's on May 22nd at 10:00am. All 8th Grade students are expected to attend Mass. The Graduation Ceremony will follow the Mass at 11:30am with reception to follow.
- Prairie Catholic 8th grade students are expected to participate in a technology assessment at Bluff View on June 9th from 8:00-9:30am.
- On Friday, May 27th the students will be allowed to wear shorts to the All School Mass due to activities later that morning at the park.
- Monday, May 23rd will be "Fly Up" day for the 4th grade students. On Monday, the 4th Grade students will walk from St. Gabriel's to St. John's during the late morning. The students will have a tour of the school, eat lunch and have recess. Then the students will follow the 8th graders around from class to class in the afternoon. As the day finishes, the 4th grade students will be dismissed from St. John's.
- Summertime is a great time to relax with a good book! Mrs. Nelson is always looking for reading suggestions. If you have any suggestions over the summer you can email them to sjlibrary@prairiecatholic.org. Have a great summer and read, read, read!!!

Prayer: *Holy God, help us to follow the example of Jesus and serve one another through good works and acts of kindness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Mark Your Calendars

May 20th – Pre-K Program

May 20th – Hard Work Counts at St. John's – 1:00pm dismissal schedule

May 22nd – 8th Grade Graduation – Mass at 10:00am and Graduation Ceremony at 11:30am.

May 25th – 8th Grade Last Day of School

May 26th – Pre-K Last Day of School

May 27th – Last Day of School for Grades K – 7, 12:00pm Dismissal from Lochner Park

Upcoming Field Trips

May 23rd – Kindergarten – Osborn Nature Center 8:20am-3:00pm

May 24th – 4th Grade to Mining Museum Platteville

May 25th – 1st Grade to Children's Museum in La Crosse

May 25th – 2nd Grade to National River Museum Dubuque

May 26th – 5th and 6th Grades to National River Museum Dubuque

