



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter August 27, 2010

Messages from Principal:

The Prairie Catholic family would like to welcome all of our students back for another great year. This is an exciting time for our students, teachers and staff. This will also be an exciting time for me personally. I have taught in the Dubuque Community School District for the last four years and this is my first administration position. I am looking forward to working at Prairie Catholic and living in this beautiful community. However, as beautiful as this area is, I have seen too much red and white these last few weeks. As a proud Iowa boy I must say “Go Hawkeyes!”

Mass – We are beginning our year off with an ALL SCHOOL MASS on Friday, September 3rd at the 8:15 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 4th on Wednesdays and Fridays and students in grades 5th 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 should bring shorts to school in their book bag on Mass days. They may change into shorts after Mass.

Forms – this is a reminder that all forms should be turned in to the school office by September 1st. Below is a list of all required forms.

- Tuition payment plan
- Compliance Form
- Student Insurance

Skyward – We are so excited to have skyward available this year for both staff and parents, however, please remember the system is new to everyone and the staff is just learning how to use the different programs. Please be patience as we continue to learn and use the system.

School Schedule – Monday & Tuesday will be full days of school with no bus service. Wednesday, September 1st we will have a 1:00 dismiss, with bus service. Thursday & Friday will be regular days.

Handbooks – please read carefully – there are changes: Regarding non-prescription medication, the second bullet should read “Medication shall be purchased by the parent and brought to school in its original container. Also, please review the Dress Code on pages 12 and 13 in the Family Handbook.

Extra Vegetables – the kitchen staff is looking for green peppers, tomatoes, zucchini, and cucumbers. If you have any extras of these vegetables, please send these to the office.

Magazine Sale Kick-off – Was held on Thursday, August 26th at St. Gabriel’s cafeteria. The first turn in day will be Tuesday, August 31st. No coupons are accepted, and disregard the \$2.00 processing fee on the order form. 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. This would also include any 5th grade student riding the bus to and from St. Gabriel’s Daycare.

Book Sox – order must be turned in to the office no later than **Friday, September 3rd**.

Mark Your Calendars

August 30th – First Full Day of School

August 31st – First magazine turn in day

August 31st – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Band Parent Meeting 5:30 pm – St. John’s Conference Room

September 1st – 1:00 PM Dismissal-First day for bus service

September 2nd – First day for PreK

September 3rd – All School Mass – St. Gabriel’s – 8:15 am – All St. John’s Students report directly to St. Gab’s

September 6th – Labor Day NO SCHOOL

September 22nd – Magazine Sales “Party in the Park” – more information to come

September 24th – Patrons Day – more information to come

September 24th – Mid Quarter

September 29th – NO SCHOOL - Fall Teacher Regional in LaCrosse – Prairie Catholic Schools