



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 30, 2010

Messages from the Principal:

I would like to take this time to thank the 8th grade students for their leadership during Patron's Day. Our 8th graders were team captains for the activity portion of our day at Villa Louis Grounds. The older students cheered, coached and comforted all the younger students on their teams. I have only been at Prairie Catholic for a couple of weeks and I have been very impressed by our middle school students. Tell your children how proud they make you, because Friday they earned it.

Patron's Day Reflection - Thank you, Michele Pattison for all the time you put into making Patron's Day a success. Days like Friday don't just happen; they take a tremendous amount of work. We had a great time!

Mid – Quarter Reports – Students will receive a mid-quarter grade report in the Brown Envelope for students in Grades 5-8. Please contact your child's teacher if you have concerns about grades or other factors that may be influencing your child's performance at school. You may call the Middle School to set up a meeting with the teacher.

Fall Testing – The 4th and 8th grade students will be taking the Diocesan Religious Exam at the end of October. The Basic Skills Test will be administered at the beginning of November. Please ensure dependable testing conditions for your children: plenty of rest, a good breakfast and time outdoors to reduce stress afterward. The exact dates of the tests will be provided in the future.

Fire Prevention Week – Fire Prevention Week is October 4th through the 8th. Grade 4 will have the Smoke House at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th. Also, all St. Gabriel's students will view a presentation by the Prairie du Chien Fire Department on Thursday, October 7th in the cafeteria at 2:00pm.

Book Orders – Please return any book orders (in brown envelope) with the money to Mrs. Atkins by Tuesday, October 12th.

Volunteer Hours – I want to clarify some questions I am receiving regarding hours. Your Prairie Catholic student has personal volunteer hours for religion class. These hours are completed throughout the quarter. Each family has twenty hours. These hours are meant to get parents involved in their student's education. A Prairie Catholic student should not be completing family volunteer hours. Also any high school student who helps can be counted for family hours. If you have any questions or would like to inquire about possible volunteer ideas please call either office.

Fall Prayer:

The coolness in the air and the turning of the leaves reminds us of a new season. God, we ask you to renew our spirit. Let our family actions speak the truth of your love. Let those who see us know you a little better. This we ask through your Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

October 1st – 8th Grade to Ropes Course in Dubuque

October 6th – Smokehouse 10:00 at St. Gabriel's for Grade 4

October 7th – Fire Prevention Assembly at St. Gabriel's for grades Kindergarten through 4th.

October 11th – Coats for Kids Giveaway 8:00am-3:00pm St. Gabriel's

October 13th – 8th Grade Meeting with Dave Zimmer from Hawkeye Stages – 7:00 pm – St. Gabriel's

October 14th – St. Gabriel's Health Screening

October 22nd – 7th Grade Road Rally

October 27th – Athletic Pancake Supper – St. Gabriel's cafeteria – More information to come

October 28th & October 29th – NO SCHOOL – FALL BREAK

UPCOMING

Grade 4 and 8 – Diocesan Religious Assessment – October 18-October22

