



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 18, 2012

Messages from Principal:

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills testing window runs from October 29th through November 16th. Students in second through eighth grade participate. St. John's students will test on November 6th in the morning, November 7th in the afternoon and November 8th in the morning. Students at St. Gabriel's will test in the mornings and will take as much time as they need to complete the tests. Please help your student by ensuring they are prepared with enough sleep and a good breakfast. Also, please schedule any student appointments around the testing periods.

- Yesterday the Pre-Kindergarten took their first field trip to the Americ-Inn. Mrs. Steiner reported that all the students were on their best behavior and that the staff at the inn was very impressed with our students.
- The Wellness Committee met on Tuesday to discuss topics relating to student nutrition, activity and education. There was a great turn out for the opening meeting. If you would like to be involved with this group please contact Mr. Marlow or attend the next meeting on Tuesday, October 30th at 4:00 in St. Gabriel's cafeteria.
- Prairie Catholic's **will have school** tomorrow Friday, October 19th. This is the last time families will have to find transportation for students this year. Prairie Catholic will not have school on Friday, October 26th after parent/teacher conferences.
- Parents please remember that this is that time of year where the temperatures start to drop, especially in the morning when students are waiting outside before school. Please remind students to dress for the cold.
- To all basketball players, in today's envelope you will find the Athletic Eligibility Policy Form. This form needs to be signed and returned to the office by Monday, October 22nd. 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.**
- The administration would like to remind parents that the church bulletin is available on the Prairie Catholic website. Please check it out if you missed Mass and are wondering if next week is your turn to sell Scrip or work Bingo.
- The 8th grade will have their Road Rally on Friday, October 19th. Contact Mary Stoeffler with any questions.
- Dave Zimmer will be in Prairie du Chien on Monday, October 29th at 7:00 in St. John's cafeteria to speak with the 8th grade class. All 8th grade students going on the trip are required to attend. The administration also encourages any parents that plan on traveling to attend.

- Halloween parties are scheduled for Wednesday, October 31st. At St. Gabriel's, the students will have an all school dance and party followed by individual parties in their classrooms. St. John's students will have a dance sponsored by the student council in St. John's church basement. Prairie Catholic would like to thank Molly Kirschbaum, Trisha Hager and Mrs. Pattison for their work organizing these events.
- There is a 4H sign-up sheet in St. Gabriel's office for students interested in becoming a member.
- To celebrate All Saints Day, there will be an All School Mass on Thursday, November 1st at St. Gabriel's Church at 8:20am.
- The end of Term One is Friday, November 2nd.
- Prairie Catholic will gladly accept used ink cartridges; milk caps from Swiss Valley, and Milk Moola; Box Tops for Education; Campbell's soup labels and now Sunny D labels (16oz or larger).
- The 8th grade is selling candy bars for their Washington DC fundraiser. They have many different varieties of chocolate so please find your favorite 8th grader when purchasing sweets.

Prayer: All knowing God, you love us as we are. Help us to love ourselves and others as they are, without pretending, gossiping, or hiding. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.

Mark Your Calendars

October 19th – 8th Grade Road Rally

October 23rd – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00pm

October 25th – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00pm

October 26th – **NO SCHOOL**

October 29th – Washington DC Trip Meeting, 8th Grade, 7:00pm, St. John's School Cafeteria

October 30th – Mix it up day, St. John's School, Lunch

October 31st – Halloween Parties at both schools

November 1st – All School Mass, St. Gabriel's Church, 8:30am

November 2nd – End of Term 1

Fundraising

September 21st – 8th Grade Candy bar sale

