



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 25, 2012

Messages from Principal:

St. John's students will participate in "Mix It Up at Lunch Day" on Tuesday, October 30th sponsored by Teaching Tolerance. The day is intended to encourage students to identify, question and cross social boundaries. Surveys have shown that the lunch room is an obvious place where social boundaries are formed. This action of mixing students with groups they may not know will help students form friendships with other peers.

- As today is our second day of Parent/Teacher Conferences, I would like to remind all of the parents that the Prairie Catholic teaching staff is always available for consultation via phone, email or Skyward. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student, please contact us.
- Prairie Catholic would like to congratulate all the students that completed the fire safety route for the Prairie du Chien Fire Department's Fire Prevention Week festivities. With special recognition to Makayla Steger and Thomas Mara who each won a bike for their hard work. Prairie Catholic would like to thank the fire department for their great program and Wal-Mart for donating the bikes.
- Prairie Catholic's **will NOT have school** tomorrow Friday, October 26th. The school staff has earned a day to rest following conferences!
- 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.
- To celebrate All Saints Day, there will be an All School Mass on Thursday, November 1st at St. Gabriel's Church at 8:20am. All students will report to St. Gabriel's and the middle school students will be transported to St. John's afterward.
- For all students out for basketball all forms need to be signed and returned to the office by Monday, October 29th. Reminder to get your physicals. The school offices 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 end of Term One is Friday, November 2nd. Parents, as your students are working on final projects, please remind your students to take Accelerated Reader tests.
- 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.

- The Wellness Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 30th at 4:00pm in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. If you have thoughts regarding student wellness, you are welcome to attend.
- The Prairie Catholic Student Council will sponsor a food drive with all of the donations benefiting Operation Santa Claus. There will be a prize for two classes (one at each school) for the highest ratio of donated items.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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: Heavenly Father, may the Holy Spirit living in our hearts, show us your love for us, and the immensity of the love of Christ. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

October 26th – **NO SCHOOL**

October 29th – November 16th – ITBS Testing window

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

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

October 30th – Wellness Committee Meeting, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 4:00pm

October 31st – Halloween Parties at both schools

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

November 2nd – End of Term 1

November 6th, 7th, and 8th – ITBS Testing at St. John's

November 10th – Burgers and Fries at St. John's

Fundraising

September 21st – 8th Grade Candy bar sale

November 14th – 8th Grade Soup Supper and Raffle, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 4:30-6:45pm

