



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter October 4, 2012

Messages from Principal:

Prairie Catholic would like to start a wellness committee involving parents, students and staff members. This group would like to meet and review the wellness policy at Prairie Catholic and address any issues that they find. The administration believes that this is an important step in insuring the overall health of our students. We also believe that the benefits of healthy eating and regular activity will raise student achievement. If you are interested in joining the wellness committee please contact Mr. Marlow at either office or Angie Kramer. The committee will meet on October 16th at 4:00pm at St. Gabriel's Cafeteria.

- Prairie Catholic would like to ask for prayers regarding Mrs. Atkins due to a fall that occurred over the weekend. She received a fractured bone in her shoulder and will need to take time off to heal. In her absence Prairie Catholic has asked Mrs. Pedretti and Mrs. Antoine to fill in as long term substitute. Due to her injury, some of Mrs. Atkins' grades are not up to date at this time. Her substitutes will work on correcting and posting grades very soon. The administration will inform parents when they can view the updated grades online. Mrs. Atkins will attend parent/teacher conferences to visit with anyone who wishes.
In Mrs. Atkins absence, the discipline officer role will be taken on by a few individuals. Since she has been gone different students have been disciplined. If your student receives a detention note in the upcoming days, please read the date of offense. We apologize for any confusion this may cause.
- Patron's Day was a fantastic day for our students. They were able to pray together and play together. I would like to thank all of the talented individuals that came to St. Gabriel's for the presentations. I would also like to send a special thank you to Mrs. Pattison for all of the work she put in finding the speakers, organizing the games and coordinating helpers.
- The next time you drive by St. Gabriel's school, you may notice something new. Universal Forest Products has donated two large planter boxes to Prairie Catholic. The boxes will be used next spring to grow vegetables in conjunction with our Farm to School program.
- Parents please stop by the office when picking up children during the day for appointments. There are times when a student will run out the door and our staff doesn't know they have gone.
- The paper copy of your middle school student's Progress Report will go home today in the envelope. A reminder that parents can check Skyward anytime for your child's grades. If you have lost your login information, please contact either office. Please note that the bottom of the Progress Report needs to be signed and returned by **Monday, October 8th**.
- 8th grade parents, please respond to Mr. Marlow's inquiry if you have not already.
- The Home and School Association will host its first meeting next week on Wednesday, October 10th at 5:30pm in St. Gabriel's Cafeteria.

- The 6th grade Chicken Q will be tomorrow Friday, October 5th. The meals are fantastic and the class delivers to large employers. Please order your lunch through one of the hard working 6th grade students.
- November 7th through the 13th is National Fire Prevention Week. Prairie Catholic will have two separate groups in to discuss themes.
 - The Fourth grade students will again experience the traveling Smokehouse at 10:00am on Wednesday, October 10th. This program teaches students valuable lessons that they need if they are ever in a situation where they need to think fast.
 - The Prairie du Chien Fire Department will be at St. Gabriel's on Thursday, October 11th at 1:45pm for an all school presentation. The fire department puts in a lot of time preparing a play to entertain the students and we would like to thank them for their work.
- 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: Holy God, your servant Francis shows us how to care for all of your creation. Help us to rejoice in the beauty of the earth and to protect it from needless destruction. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

- October 10th – Home and School Meeting, 5:30pm, St. Gabe's Cafeteria
- October 10th – Smokehouse for 4th Grade, 10:00am, St. Gabe's
- October 11th – Fire Prevention Assembly, 1:45pm, St. Gabe's
- October 17th – Pre-Kindergarten trip to Americ-Inn
- 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 31st – Halloween Parties at both schools

Fundraising

- September 21st – 8th Grade Candy bar sale
- October 5th – 6th Grade Chicken Q

