



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter November 1, 2012

Messages from Principal:

I would like to take this time to personally thank the individuals who hosted the Halloween parties for our students yesterday. At St. Gabriel's Mrs. Kirschbaum and Mrs. Hager provided entertainment for our students. The younger students danced and played games lead by the adults. At St. John's, the student council led by Mrs. Pattison, provided entertainment and snacks for our older students. I would like to thank all of our hosts for the time they put into making these experiences fantastic memories our students will remember for a lifetime.

- Prairie Catholic would like to thank all the parents that were prompt during conferences. The teachers were very complimentary of the families due to their punctuality and understanding of Skyward. The conference can get to the important topics when the parents already know their child's grades. All of the staff would like to thank the Home and School Association for the snacks they provided last week during conferences.
- Prairie Catholic would like to thank all the volunteers that will be coaching basketball this year. It is a lot of work and the school appreciates the coaches that give of their time so willingly.
5th Grade Girls: Rick Peterson and Duane Rogers 5th Grade Boys: Lisa and Tom Dyer
6th Grade Girls: Sheri Kennedy and Holly Nicholson 6th Boys: Keith Hill and Keith Neisius
8th Grade Boys: Bruce Waller, Lisa and Tom Dyer
Good Luck Coaches!
- 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.
- For all students out for basketball all forms need to be signed and returned to the office. 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 tomorrow. Parents, as your students are working on final projects, please remind your students to take Accelerated Reader tests. Grades will go home in next week's envelope.
- 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.

- The 8th grade will be hosting a Soup Supper on Wednesday, November 14th in St. Gabriel's cafeteria from 4:30-6:45pm. They will also be taking orders for \$4 quarts of Soups (which are nice for deer hunting!) The soups offered are Chicken Noodle, Chicken Dumpling and Chili with grilled cheese sandwiches and dessert available. Please contact Ken or Mary Stoeffler if you have any jars with lids you could donate.
- The Prairie Catholic Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 12th at St. Gabriel's Church with a make-up date of Wednesday, December 19th.
- 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.
- As in the past, the 5th graders are selling Advent Calendars as a Washington DC Fundraiser. The calendars are \$4.00 and when they are gone, they are gone. So get yours early!
- 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).

Prayer: Holy God, may the example and prayers of the saints help us to live as children of light. Bless us in all we do and make us a blessing for others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

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

November 12th – Farm to School at St. Gabriel's

November 22nd & 23rd – NO SCHOOL

November 27th – Wellness Committee meeting, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 4:00pm

December 2nd – Holy Family Youth Group offered breakfast, St. Gabriel's cafeteria, 8:00am-12:00pm

Basketball Calendar

November 10th – 5/6 Girls, 5/6 Boys & 8 Boys South West Basketball League

Fundraising

October 31st – 5th Grade Advent Calendars

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

