



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter August 30, 2012

Messages from Principal:

I would like to welcome all of our families back for another great year. Parents, we are honored that you choose Prairie Catholic to educate your children. The staff has worked very hard over the summer to clean and polish our school buildings, our teachers have developed ideas that we will implement throughout the year. It is an exciting time for our Prairie Catholic community.

I enjoyed observing the families at open house. The students were walking in behind their parents, dragging their feet and looking down at the floor. The parents however, were smiling from ear to ear, carrying all the supplies required with a little extra bounce in their step! Perspective is a gift.

- **Mass** – We are beginning our year off with an ALL SCHOOL MASS on Friday, August 31st, at the 8:15 am service at St. Gabriel's Church. All St. John's students should be dropped off at St. Gabriel's by 8:05 a.m. The middle school students will be transported back to school after mass. **Reminder** – Our students attend Mass twice a week: students in grades 1st through 5th on Wednesdays and Fridays and students in grades 6th through 8th on Tuesdays and Thursday. **The dress code will be enforced.** Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend Mass with their child's class anytime. Just a reminder, students may bring shorts to school in their book bag on Mass days. They may change into appropriate shorts after Mass.
- **Forms** – this is a reminder that all forms should be turned in to the school office by September 4th. Below is a list of all required forms.

Tuition payment plan
Compliance Form
Student Insurance
Safe Environment
Information Form

- We are thankful to use the Skyward program again this year for staff, students and parents. Please contact the office if you have lost your username or password. It is important to view your child's information on Skyward at regular intervals.
- I would like to thank parents for transporting their children this week. Bus service will start on Tuesday, September 4th.
- Please read your **Handbooks** if you have any questions regarding school policy.
- The annual Magazine Sale Kick-off was held today in St. Gabriel's cafeteria. The first turn in day will be Wednesday, September 5th. This is a valuable fundraiser for the school. Good Luck to all Elementary Students.

- **Bussing For In Town Students** – REMINDER to all any student using the in town bus service. You must have filled out this information when doing your students on-line registration. If you did not do so, please contact the office immediately.
- Book Sox must be ordered from the office no later than **Friday, August 31st** by 10:00 am.
- The first couple of weeks we will continue to send information home in the weekly envelope. As soon as all email addresses have been verified will we start sending information electronically to the families that requested it that way. Thank you for your patience.

Prayer: Almighty God, we await Jesus' coming with eager hearts. Help us not to be indifferent or self-centered. When we are tired, refresh us with hope. When we are discouraged, revive us with love. When we have doubts, give us faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

August 30th – Magazine Kick Off

August 31st – ALL SCHOOL Mas, St. Gabriel's, 8:15am, All students report directly to St. Gabe's

August 31st – Tiller Award presented at All School Mass

September 3rd – Labor Day NO SCHOOL

September 4th – First day for bus service

September 5th – First magazine turn in day

September 6th – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Band Parent Meeting 5:30 pm – St. John's Cafeteria

September 12th – Second magazine turn in day

September 14th – Cannons and Redcoats at Fort Crawford Museum – Grades 4, 5 and 8

September 19th – Third magazine turn in day

September 26th – Fall Teacher Regionals in La Crosse – NO SCHOOL

September 28th – Patrons Day – more information to come

Welcome Back Students!!!

