



Prairie Catholic Weekly Newsletter September 27, 2012

Messages from Principal:

Due to the confusion regarding electronic communication, everyone will be receiving an envelope this week. The e-communication sign-up form was part of the packet you received at registration. Some parents have decided to receive all of their communication via email. This saves the school a LOT of paper. This also allows for communications to be delivered instantly. However, certain correspondence needs to be returned. (Example: permission slips.) We cannot accept e-signatures so parents receiving email communications need to print, sign and return permission slips. Gathering signed slips has become an issue for the schools.

To combat this, the school will offer our families multiple options for receiving communications. We can send all, some or none of our weekly envelope home in paper copy. The families can decide what pieces they would like in each format. Some families might decide they would like all of the permission slips in paper format. Some families will try the emails but find their software cannot open the monthly lunch calendar and decide to receive them in paper. Either way you can choose how you want your communication. Please complete and return the slip in this envelope so we can help. Thank you.

➤ **Patron's Day is tomorrow!** Here is an abbreviated schedule of events:

All students will be dropped off at St. Gabriel's school. We will celebrate an All School Mass from 8:20-9:05am. The students will listen to speakers covering different topics from 9:15-11:25am. The students will then eat lunch and we will begin the walk to Villa Louis grounds. There the students will play games at the Villa from 12:45-2:00pm. After the students walk back to the school they will end the day playing Bingo from 2:15-3:00. All students will be dismissed from St. Gabriel's School at 3:20. If there is rain, we will not walk to the Villa but have a movie at the school. Students should dress for activity. They can wear mesh shorts, even at Mass.

- Prairie Catholic students will again participate in Farm to School this year. The students learn about healthy choices for meals and snacks while also learning how locally grown foods go from the earth to the table. Ask your student about some of the foods that were discussed last year.
- Picture re-take day will be Wednesday, October 3rd for both schools. The photographer will start at St. John's at 8:30am and will finish at St. Gabriel's afterward.
- Mid-Term 1 is tomorrow, Friday, September, 28th. Parents please check your student's progress on Skyward. There is more information than just their letter grade so spend time reviewing your child's education. The paper copy will go home in Thursday, October 4ths envelope.
- Prairie Catholic will be receiving about \$5,500 from the magazine sale. We would like to say thank you to all the participating families. This is a valuable fundraiser for the schools and we appreciate your diligence.
- The Home and School Association will host its first meeting on Wednesday, October 10th at 5:30pm in St. Gabriel's Cafeteria.

- The 6th grade Chicken Q will be on 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: All-powerful God, we pray for all people who have power over others, for political rulers, business leaders, and religious leaders. Give them wisdom, compassion and respect for your power. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mark Your Calendars

September 28th – Patrons Day – All students spend the day at St. Gabriel's

September 28th – Mid Term One

October 3rd – Picture Retake Day, St. John's 8:00am, St. Gabe's to follow

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 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

