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IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

* **Wednesday, January 15th**

- Enrollment for current students begins

- Hot lunch order forms for February come home

* **Friday, January 17th**

- Second Quarter ends

* **Monday, January 20th**

- NO SCHOOL

- Records & Staff Development Day

- Child Care available (preregister by 1/15)

* **Tuesday, January 21st**

- Scrip orders due, 10:00 a.m.

* **Wednesday, January 22nd**

- Hot lunch order forms DUE!

* **Thursday, January 23rd**

- Open School Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

CONCORDIA SUNDAY COMING UP – On Sunday, January 26th we will kick off National Lutheran School's Week in worship together at Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served immediately following worship in the multipurpose room. Please plan to join us and indicate such by returning the response sheet to school promptly. The students will raise a special anthem especially for Lutheran Schools Week, entitled, "*Sharing the Caring Christ*".

ATTENDANCE Regular attendance is vital to ensure academic success. Please make every effort to have your child in school and on time each day. It is important to be reminded that per school policy *parents of students absent 10 or more days will be notified of their absenteeism by letter. At fifteen days absence a meeting will be required with the parents, principal and teacher. After 18 days (more than 10% of the school year) there will be a strong consideration of retention.*

CHILD CARE STATEMENTS for December services will be sent out this week and are due by January 22nd.

NEW WAYS TO JUMP INTO IT! Our annual **Jump Rope for Heart** event is just a couple short weeks away. Please review the materials your child is bringing home today and begin collecting donations for this important cause. Jump into it! Our event is **Friday, January 31st** – start collecting now. This is Concordia's 20th year participating in this program and Jump Rope for Heart's 35th birthday. We hope to reach beyond our total of \$4322.00 from 2013 – but will need everyone to help! Some special incentives will be introduced this year to mark the occasion. After the students raise their first \$5.00 each will receive "Quacky" the red camouflage duck and his matching lanyard! Every student awarded a "Quacky" will put add their name to our special Duck Pond posted in the hall. In addition, any students with online donations will receive "Sneaky" the ninja duck. Once hitting \$75 in online donations, "Mr. Cool" will be awarded. Additional ducks and other fun incentives may be earned as well. Check out all the info today!

OPEN HOUSE AHEAD Bring Grandma and Grandpa, the kids, and especially your neighbors to see what's been going on at Concordia at one of our upcoming Open House dates. Stop by Sunday, January 26th between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. or Monday evening, January 27 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Keep in mind that any family referred by you that enrolls receives their registration waived AND you receive a \$200 tuition credit! Referral forms are available in the school office and will be out at the Open House. We hope to see many new and familiar faces at this event.

WINTERIM 2014 COMING...PLEASE HELP! This special "mini-course" day is scheduled for Friday, February 28th. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to share a career, craft, hobby or special interest with a small group of students. Helpers are needed to assist in classes also. WE NEED YOUR HELP to make this a really special day for our students. Kindly review the information provided today and return your sign up sheet by Wednesday, January 29th. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs. Mortenson or Mrs. Frost, our event coordinators. We look forward to seeing you!

CANS FOR CLASSROOMS will be accepted for the remainder of this week due to the loss of a couple of school days at the front end of last week. Thank you for saving! We can't wait to see which class will top the charts this month!

HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS are in your child's folder today and are due no later than January 22nd.

PTL MEETING Please set aside Tuesday evening, January 28th for our winter PTL meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Information on an upcoming Sex Education week in February will be available to anyone with questions following a brief business meeting. Come, take part in the planning and fellowship of this meeting!

HOT LUNCH CREDIT will be issued to those families who had ordered lunch on Monday, January 6th. (This does not apply to grades 1 & 2 as they had not ordered for this date.) The credit will automatically be applied to the first Monday lunch in February. Please take note of this on the order form coming home next week.

FIRST SEMESTER will end this Friday, January 17th. It is vital that students that have been absent submit all missed work and are current on their assignments prior to this date. **REPORT CARDS** will be issued on Weds, Jan. 22nd to students whose financial accounts are current.

SINCEREST THANKS are extended to Mr. Chris Vollmer and Mr. Jeff Barth for installing our surveillance system & wiring for improved wireless capabilities during the Christmas break. We are grateful for this very much needed help!

SCRIP ORDERS The last order opportunity for this month will be on Tuesday, January 21st due to no classes on Monday. Please have your order to school no later than 10 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! With the basketball season underway, the athletic program is in need of volunteers. It can be a fun and exciting way to fulfill the volunteer hours for the school. PLEASE consider helping with one or more of the needed tasks. You do not need to have a child participating in the sports program to help. All that is needed is a willingness to have fun while supporting the school and teams through your help. The kids (and Athletic Director) will greatly appreciate your time!! For each home game we are in need of 2 people to assist with the scoreboard and completing the books, one person for each game to take admission at the door, and a few people for assisting with concessions. Home games for January are on Tuesday the 14th and Friday the 24th. February home games are on the 6th, 18th, 20th, 23rd and 27th. Please call Natalie Scott at 884-1004 or email to natalie.scott67@yahoo.com. Remember the Concordia Eagles B Squad tournament is coming up at the end of February – MANY people will be needed to make the tournament a success. Please join us!!

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COMING UP IN ATHLETICS...

***Weds, 1/15** Boys B practice, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

***Thurs, 1/16** Boys A Practice, 5:30- 7:00 p.m.

***Thurs, 1/16 – Sunday, 1/19**

B Tournament @ Trinity

*see brackets sent home for times

***Mon, 1/20** Boys B practice, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

***Tues, 1/21 GAMES @ St. John's**

Girls B – 5:00 p.m.

Boys B – 6:00 p.m.

Boys A – 7:00 p.m.

Also: A Girls Game @ Brookfield Christian – 6:30 pm

GEOGRAPHY BEE NEWS Congratulations to Elizabeth Lisowski, grade 5, our 2014 National Geographic Geography Bee winner. Anthony Garduno, grade 5, was the runner up. ☺ Other participants include: Katie Eckman, Mya Matson, Jonathan Wolfe, David Voss, Sydney Schinkowitch, Seth Manchester, Joshua Wolfe and Bradley Bosak. We commend all of our participants who demonstrated special aptitude in this area. If you would like to test your skill or see the types of questions our contestants were up against, you can visit <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com>. New questions are posted regularly. What a great way to grow knowledge and prepare to be a future Geography Bee participant. Check it out!!

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK will begin Sunday, January 26th. Please consult your January school calendar for special spirit days and dress up opportunities. Grades 1-8 will travel to Racine Lutheran High School on Thursday, January 31st for worship and special activities. Please return the permission slip sent home promptly. More information on the events of this special day will be sent home for you next week.

MARKET DAY PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE

We are extremely grateful for the two ladies that have stepped forward to keep our Market Day program running next school year – Christine Michel and Susan Ritacco. THANK YOU!

SEND IN YOUR OLD CELL PHONES During the month of January we are collecting those old (or not so old) phones sitting around in the drawers of your home since your new purchases. We can receive cash for your trash. Please go through those drawers and forward all old phones to us this month!

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2014-2015 ENROLLMENT - In your child's folder today you will find enrollment information for next year. **Please return your enrollment form promptly to secure your child's place prior to open enrollment for new families beginning on February 1st.** As mentioned previously Concordia will continue to participate in the Racine Parental School Choice program and will begin accepting applications in February. A minimum \$100 deposit must accompany the enrollment form (\$70.00 for Preschool) for all non-voucher students. Your early enrollment saves you \$45.00 per child and allows us to retain a seat for your child. Please contact the office or Mrs. Klein directly with any questions. We look forward to serving you and our growing community.

IMPORTANT VOUCHER PROGRAM INFORMATION Applications to apply for a voucher for the 2014-15 school year will be accepted in the school office on February 7th and 14th between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. (or by special appointment with Lauran Sumner Coon). **Students currently in the program and desiring to continue must complete a simple application and provide proof of residency during one of these sessions, as well.** New families must provide income AND residency documentation when applying. For such families, a copy of their 2013 tax return is required – so get those taxes done promptly! Please keep in mind that families currently enrolled at Concordia (non-voucher students) are not eligible to apply unless the child is entering kindergarten or first grade. If you have ANY questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER – Now that the winter weather is truly upon us you are reminded that if the Racine Unified Schools close because of inclement weather, or go to a 2 hour delayed start, Concordia will be closed for the day. The Before/After School Programs will NOT operate on days school is closed. If the RUSD dismisses early, we will also close early. For up-to-date information on closings, tune to Channel 4, Fox 6, or Channel 12 or their corresponding radio broadcast. Typically notification is released by 6:00 am. If we are in school and conditions warrant early dismissal, you will be notified by phone.

“GOTCHAS” Do you have donations that we might use to recognize students through this program? Our winners this week received a chocolate bar of their choice. Those winners are: grades 2 to 4: Caiden Lewandowski, Connor Marcinkowski and Cody Vollmer; grades 5 & 6: Hannah Argstatter and Annalysa Boedecker; and in grades 7th and 8th grade: Rachel Van Ruden and Aly Tamez. Congratulations to all of our winners!

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CHAPEL OFFERINGS Our last offering collection for the Lutheran Special School totaled \$99.02 bringing our grand total to \$403.59. During the months of January and February our offerings will be directed in support of Lutherans for Life – a very special project called Owen's Mission. Both the North and South Districts of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod have adopted this project this year as their *Hearts for Jesus* directive. One objective of this project is to bring a set of Touch of Life fetal models to every Lutheran elementary and high school in the country. Concordia has received their set already and is excited to share in helping these wonderful teaching tools to get into all of our schools. You can read more about this project in the news let coming home today. Our collection this week brought forth \$25.25. We hope this amount will increase each week!!

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**VERSE TO REMEMBER**

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift the other up.

~ Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

**Thought for the day:** God's gift of community is a beautiful and purposeful design of interdependence – of helping and being helped. Since it is a gift, however, community will never happened unless we first reach out to receive it.

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**SAVE THE DATES –
GRADE SCHOOL EVENTS @ RACINE
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL...**

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FOURTH GRADE Join us for **Spirit Saturday with the Saders on Saturday, January 18th.** Experience a cheerleading clinic and other fun activities with the RLHS cheerleaders and cheer at the varsity boys basketball game!!! Check-in at 4:45 p.m. \$10 fee includes the clinic, 'Sader snacks, t-shirt, pompons and hair bow. Permission slips are coming home today and must be returned by January 13th.

FIFTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE It's time for the **January Jive Grade School Dance!** Join us on **Saturday, January 25th from 7 until 9 p.m.** Bring your friends and dance through the winter blues. The DJ's fun music will fill the gym. This is a casual dance and no couples dancing is allowed. Permission slips and \$5 admission fee are due by January 22.

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SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE The Winter **Open House for prospective students** will be held at Racine Lutheran High School on **Monday, January 27th from 6 until 8 p.m.** Tour the school, meet the teachers and receive your Enrollment Packet.

ALL GRADES Please come and cheer for your RLHS Lady 'Saders at the **Grade School Fan Night** for girls basketball on **Friday, January 31st**. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m. Applications for this process should be made in February. Signed copies of filed 2013 income tax returns, proof of residency and appropriate application forms must be submitted by eligible families.

Please contact Mrs. Drummond at 637-6538 or sdrummond@racinelutheran.org with any RLHS questions. Go Crusaders!

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