

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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Mission Statement: Concordia Lutheran School exists to bring Christ and excellence in academics to our children for life and forever.

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IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

*Wednesday, December 16 - Book fair continues until Dec. 21st - Lunch orders & Child Care payments due *Thursday, December 17th - SOAR Enrichment, Gr. K-3/3:50 – 5:00 p.m. *Friday. December 18th - Dress Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m. - Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m. *Monday, December 21st - Book fair closes (a.m.) - NO SOAR *Tuesday, December 22nd - Last day of classes (full day gr. K-8) - Classroom Christmas celebrations - NO SOAR *Wednesday, Dec. 23 – January 3rd - Christmas Break * Monday, January 4th - School resumes - NO SOAR until January 18th * Thursday, January 7th - Early Release @ 1:30 p.m. *Tuesday, January 12th - PTL Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE! Books will be available for purchase through the opening of the school day December 21st. You can even pick up a few items the eve of the Christmas program on December 18th. Shop now!

DECEMBER ABOVE & BEYOND The academic focus for the month is in the area of music. If your child is interested in going "above and beyond" in this area, please be sure to read the material sent from your child's teacher

IT'S COMING! Our school Christmas musical, *Christmas is Jesus*, will be held this Friday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Children may proceed to their classroom at 6:15 p.m. A set of offering envelopes for this service is coming home in today's folder. Please consider using one and sharing one with a relative that may be joining you.

VOLUNTEER HOURS – QUICK 'N EASY!! This Friday we will be in need of a handful of people that are willing to help put away chairs and staging after our Christmas program. Please help! If you can let the office know in advance that you are able, please do so!

BILLS FOR BUILDING/FUNDS FOR FURNISHINGS The completion of our building project in nearing the end with turnover targeted for the end of January. We have raised approximately 40% of the \$140,000 needed toward the downpayment. *Additional donors and gifts are greatly needed.* As we prepare to occupy the new classrooms there are a large number of furnishings that will be necessary as well. Please consider designating a Christmas gift to Concordia to assist us.

In your child's folder today you will find a **special student decorated envelope** that can be returned to school or placed in the offering basket the evening of our program. You are encouraged to designate how you would like your gift to be used. Our thanks to you!

PLEASE NOTE: NO SOAR PROGRAM next week. Assistance will not resume until the week of January 18th, 2016.

YOU ARE NEEDED! The Finance Committee for our building project is seeking individuals with interest or expertise in fundraising projects. Your assistance and ideas are needed and appreciated. Please contact Mrs. Klein at 262-884-0991 if you can offer assistance in this way.

DECEMBER CANS Our second grade students brought in 27 lbs. of cans for the classroom high this month! These students will receive a certificate for a free item of their choice at our next Fab Food Friday on 1/8/16. Keep saving your cans please!

JUST A REMINDER We will be mailing in Box Tops this month so please bring yours in before the Christmas break. We currently have about \$210 worth of Box Tops and we'd love to increase that amount! Remember to have the student's name on your submission so they receive their little treat/prize. **REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR WILL BEGIN** on January 14th. Families who are currently enrolled in the school will receive two weeks to register their children before registration is opened to new families. You will receive a registration form on Wednesday, January 13th in your child's folder. **Please return the form with the deposit prior to February** 1st **to secure your child's seat.** If your child attends as part of the Racine Parental Choice Program this enrollment form AND the Continuing Eligibility application for a voucher must be completed to secure a seat. Don't delay!

THE 2016 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE at CLS will be held on Thursday, January 14. Our contestants this year are: Sebastian Rivera and Hunter Rouse, grade 4; Trevor Hansen and Ian Voss, grade 5; Justin Allen and Ethan Song, grade 6; Kaitlynn Gelmi and Ean Klemme, grade 7; and Camren Solis and Sully Stanke, grade 8. You are welcome to join us for the final rounds to be held at 2 p.m.

ATHLETIC UPDATES...

Due to stage set up for the Christmas program there will be **NO PRACTICES in the gym Weds. – Fri. of THIS week (Dec. 16 – 18).**

Please be sure to follow your individual coach's direction as to practice times. Usual schedules are:

Basketball Practices:

B-Squad boys - NO PRACTICE UNTIL JAN. 4
Coaches: Steve Marcinkowski & Natalie Scott *contact #: 262-496-4510 (Steve) or Email: <u>slcmars@hotmail.com</u>
B-Squad girls are Tues. & Thurs.: 5:30-7:00PM.

Coach: Jason Eckman *contact #: 321-223-2440 or Email: jasoneckman@yahoo.com

A-Squad boys are Tues. & Thurs.: 6:30- 8:15PM. Coaches: Mike Stanke and Josh Driver

*contact #: 262-945-7671 (Mike) **A-Squad girls – typically Mon & Tues. 4 – 5:30 pm** Coach: Robert Pearson and Robert Barclay *contact #: 262-902-9246 (Mr. Pearson)

<u>Cheerleading Practices</u>: **B squad: Tues. & Thurs.: 4:00 – 5:20PM** Coach: Melany Stanke *contact #: 262-945-7672

GO EAGLES!

Our next night of games is Tues. Jan. 5th at home!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOVEMBER EAGLE AWARD RECIPIENTS! The following students were recognized in chapel last week for their outstanding Christian character during the month of November: Madelyn Kramer, Payton Lopez, Kylie Kramer, Grant Usher, Kellen Lewandowski, Elliana Lopez, Madelyn Sadowski, Silas Stockman, Cullen Lisowski, Brooke Bosak, Ellie Michel, Oscar Rosales, Naomi Pedersen, Ian Voss, Dorian Solis, Ean Klemme, and Hannah Argstatter.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS Our mission project for the months of November and December (**Food for the Poor**) will help provide starving families in other parts of the world with much needed food. Last week we collected a total of **\$92.00** bringing out total thus far to **\$440.25.** Our collection goal is \$600. Today was our final chapel collection. If you would like to make a donation to support this project, please send your gift to the school office by December 22nd.

VERSE TO REMEMBER Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right. ~ Proverbs 20:11 NIV

Thought for the day: Although God causes all things to work together for good for His children, He still holds us accountable for our behavior. ~ Kay Arthur

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RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS FOR YOU...

*Attention 7th and 8th graders – Trapshooting Team Announcement! The RLHS Trapshooting team is starting to plan for the Spring Season. There will be a meeting for any prospective new members. Students in 7th and 8th grade may participate, and this is a co-ed team. This will be an opportunity to learn about the sport, the practice schedule, dates of competition, cost and commitment. There will be opportunities to compete in the three disciplines of trap, skeet and sporting clays. Students who are interested should plan to attend the meeting with a parent or guardian.

INFORMATION ONLY MEETING! **Thursday**, **January 7, at 6 p.m.** at RLHS. **SIGN UP** for NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS! **Thursday**, **January 28, at 6 p.m.** at RLHS.

Questions or concerns should be directed to Coach Gene Roeder at 939-0127 or groeder6@aol.com. ***Artwork** was created by many 7th and 8th graders during their recent visitation time at Racine Lutheran High School. To finish the creations, please:

Flip the paper over so that the back is facing upward and iron flat on a medium setting.

Note - these were marbled using oil paints. Though they are mostly dry, they will take some time before they are not "dusty" to the touch. A light spray with hairspray may help.

Some students did not put their names on the papers so we have no way of returning the works.

Many pictures from the Grade School Visitation Day are posted on Facebook. Please "Like" **Racine Lutheran High School Admissions** on **Facebook**. Keep up on the latest news, photos and fun!

*RLHS Alumni – Check out your special Facebook page: Racine Lutheran Alumni. Please "Like" us, share it with your friends and get reconnected with your alma mater. An Alumni Basketball Tournament is planned for December 28. Registration information is available under Alumni on *RacineLutheran.org*. Spectators are encouraged to attend.

*Save the Dates:

Monday, **January 11**, 7:30 p.m. – Grade School Fan Night – Boys Basketball

Friday, **January 15**, 7:30 p.m. – RLHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Inductees for 2016 are John Bleeke, Tim Naegeli, and Julie (Grant) Strande.

Friday, **January 22**, 7:30 p.m. – Grade School Fan Night – Girls Basketball

Monday, **January 25**, 5-7 p.m. – Open House for Prospective Students.

Saturday, **February 13** – Fire and Ice Grand Gala (adult-only event).





A Very Merry Christmas & Blessed New Year to each one of you! God's Blessings in 2016!

