



“Clothe Yourselves in Christ”

1 Peter 5:5

WEEKLY NEWS – January 5, 2015

School News

*The **new Scrip dates** are listed below. Families are encouraged to take advantage of this voluntary tuition-reducing program. Please contact Terri Tigges to learn more.

***Grand Gala invitations have been mailed!** If you have not received yours, please contact the Main Office. Seating is limited for this incredible Valentine’s Night on the Town!

***Parents** – PLEASE help us by turning in the missing paperwork!!! The forms have been handed out numerous times.

The following students have still not handed in their RLHS **Technology Acceptable Use** forms after numerous attempts. Please contact the Main Office ASAP: Joshua Brouillette, April Malvasio, Kierra Martin, Drew Metz, Brent Ogden, Cytia Romero-Gomez, and Caleb Verbeten.

Several students are still missing the **Emergency Medical Form**. Please submit this form immediately. Joshua Brouillette, Luis Garcia, Noah Jackson, Savontae Underwood, Savana Tcheordikian, and Alexia Mikic.

***RLHS Academic Night** will be held on **Monday, January 19**. This is a **MANDATORY** meeting for **students in grades 9, 10 and 11 and their parents**. Please mark your calendars! Details are forthcoming.

***Parents of SENIORS** – please read the attached information regarding **SENIOR PHOTOS**. The seniors received this information at school, and we ask that parents please follow up with them. Thank you.

***Private school tuition is now tax deductible**. Please plan to take advantage of this tax break. Ask your tax preparer for more details. This is just another benefit of investing in Christian education!

*If you are reading the **Weekly News** on the website rather than through your **RacineLutheran.org email** account, please contact the school. We need all families to be connected to the school email system, which is different than PowerSchool updates.

*If you would like to have the **emails** from your *RacineLutheran.org* account automatically forwarded to a different or more convenient email account, please follow the instructions:

<http://support.google.com/mail/bin/answer.py?hl=en&ctx=mail&answer=10957&authuser=1>

*The RLHS **Board of Directors** will be available to meet with current parents, prospective and applying parents, and other supporters of RLHS, in accordance with DPI requirements. Please mark your calendar for the remaining meeting on Monday, **January 12, at 6 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the RLHS Learning Center and will include a question-and-answer opportunity about RPCP and other topics.

*Be sure to “like” Racine Lutheran High School on **Facebook**.

News from the Admissions Office – Susie Drummond

***Current families** – Please contact the Admissions Office as soon as possible if you have an **8th grade child** who plans to attend RLHS next year. Many of you have already spoken to Mrs. Drummond, but if you haven't, please contact her promptly to ensure space is reserved for your child. (sdrummond@RacineLutheran.org or 637-6538) Thanks!

*We are now scheduling **Shadow Days** for prospective students. If you know of a family that is interested in learning more about RLHS, please encourage them to contact the Admissions Office at 637-6538, or share their name and number with Mrs. Drummond.

*Please visit and “like” our recruitment **Facebook** page: **Racine Lutheran High School Class of 2019**. We post information, announcements and pictures for all to enjoy.

News from the Athletic Office – Jason Block

*The **Trapshooting Team** will hold a meeting and registration on **Thursday, January 29, at 7 p.m.** at RLHS. Those who are interested in being part of the team need to attend with a parent so they can fill out the paperwork. If you cannot make the meeting, please feel free to contact Gene Roeder at 939-1027 or via email groeder6@aol.com. Information on the cost and when the season begins and ends will be discussed.

*The **Athletic Department** requires many **volunteers** to keep our home athletic events up and running smoothly! Hours served may be used toward the service-hour requirement. **WE ESPECIALLY NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO RUN THE SCOREBOARD.** More than 75 percent of the volunteer slots for the basketball season are filled! Funds raised support all athletic programs at the school. All signups are done online at VolunteerSpot using the following instructions:

We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

Please sign up for Basketball 2014-2015 – here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/Xu22yJ>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots – VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

***Get ready for spring sports!** Now is the time to make sure all your paperwork and fees are in for the upcoming season. All athletes must present an athletic clearance card at the first practice to be able to participate. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLEARANCE CARD TO GIVE TO THE COACH AT THE FIRST PRACTICE, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.**

To receive a clearance card, athletes must turn in the following to the athletic office:

- 1) Physical clearance form for grades 9 and 11, or alternate year permission card for grades 10 and 12;
- 2) RLHS Athletics Agreement;
- 3) Parent/Athlete Concussion Acknowledgement Form;
- 4) \$100 athletic fee

All forms are found on the school website under the “Athletics” tab and then under “Participation”.

*If your child needs a **physical examination for next school year**, it is to your advantage to wait until **after April 1, 2015**, to have it scheduled. Physicals done after that date are valid for two years. Physicals done before that date are good for only one year.

***Head coach contact information** is found on the school calendar site. Click the Coaches tab on the top left or scroll down on the main page to find their phone number and email address.

***The Crusader spirit wear store** is found on the school calendar site. Click the purple sweatshirt on the bottom right corner to enter our school store. There is also a link to spirit wear on the front page of *RacineLutheran.org*

*Like us on **Facebook**: *facebook.com/rlhsathletics*. Follow us on **Twitter**: *@rlhsathletics*

News from the Academic/Guidance Office – Dan Jensen and Mark Jones

*The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** is the form you must complete to be considered for grants and loans to help pay for college. **Free professional assistance** is available to complete the FAFSA. Many dates and times are available, including **Saturday, February 7, at 2 p.m.** at Gateway Technical College, 3520 – 30th Ave. in Kenosha or Milwaukee Area Technical College, 6665 S. Howell Ave. in Oak Creek, and **Wednesday, February 25, at 6 p.m.** at Gateway Technical College, 1001 Main St. in Racine. Visit <http://collegegoalwi.org/locations/> to learn more.

***Congratulations to the following seniors who have been accepted to college:**

Dan Hasko – Wisconsin Lutheran College, Concordia University-Chicago

Christopher Kanetzke – West Virginia University

Jordan Keller – Carthage College, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Concordia University-Chicago, Concordia University-Wisconsin, UW-Whitewater

Aaron Palmer – UW-Whitewater

Anthony Reinders – UW-Oshkosh, UW-Platteville, UW-Whitewater, Wisconsin Lutheran College

Jacob Rusch – Milwaukee School of Engineering, UW-LaCrosse, UW-Milwaukee

Morgan Scanlon – Wisconsin Lutheran College

Bobby Tate – UW-Milwaukee

Cameron Wagner – Carthage College, Champlain College

J.R. Zold – Milwaukee School of Engineering

***Seniors**, please inform Mr. Jensen as your acceptance letters arrive. **If you need guidance about testing, applications and/or choosing colleges, please see Mr. Jensen or Mr. Jones.**

***A scholarship opportunity is listed below. See Mr. Jensen for more details.**

The **Foundation of the Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers** is pleased to announce that scholarships will be available in 2015 for graduating high school seniors, who are pursuing a career in the auto and truck industry. Four types of scholarships are available: Automotive, Diesel, Auto Collision and Motorcycle. Scholarships will be awarded in the spring and summer of 2015 with funding to begin with the 2015 fall semester. The application form, sample test questions and promotional posters are available at: <http://www.watda.org/Scholarship>. Deadline is January 15, 2015.

The guidelines for the **Contest on Sanctity of Life** have been released. The life-affirming essays are due by February 28, 2015. The contest is **open to students in grades 6 through 12**. For more details, visit lutheransforlife.org.

Special Opportunities

***CALLING ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS:** Both of the **Thrift Shops** have **Saturday** shifts that need volunteers! Please do not wait until the end of the school year to get your **required service hours**. **Call us now!** Douglas Store (Dawn Dahms) 939-4710. Lathrop Store (Barbara Tertel) 632-1070. Thank you!

Have a great week! Go Crusaders!

2015 SCRIP DATES

Checks payable to: RLHS SCRIP

Please use the envelope that was supplied by the SCRIP program when placing an order.

ORDER DROP OFF

Mondays by 8 a.m.

January 12
January 26
February 9
February 23
March 9
March 23
April 13
April 27
May 11
May 25*
June 15
July 13

ORDER PICK UP

The following Friday

January 16
January 30
February 13
February 27
March 13
March 23
April 17
May 1
May 15
May 29
June 18
July 17

Please note the following:

Be sure to have your orders to the school office no later than 8 a.m. on the drop off MONDAYS listed. Any order received after that time will not be processed. Please put a telephone number and email address (if you have one) on the order form so that you can be reached in case there are any questions. *If there is no school on the Monday listed, have orders to the office on the preceding Friday. Summer orders for June and July will be ready on the following Thursday (office is open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon)

Thank you,
Terri Tigges,
Scrip Coordinator

IMPORTANT SENIOR PICTURE INFO

TO: **SENIORS** of the **Class of 2015**



Senior year is one of the most memorable years in a person's life, and one involving many important decisions. One lasting memory of this year is the senior class portrait. **Now is the time to make arrangements for senior pictures if you have not already done so.** Traditionally, these photos are taken in the fall of senior year, so that by January everyone has chosen proofs and has the pictures back to exchange with friends.

For our yearbook, one **color** wallet-size print (approximately 2" x 3") is needed **by MARCH 1**. Your photographer should send these to RLHS at no charge, or you can bring them in yourself. **OR...** You (or the photographer) also may submit a digital picture on a disk or flash drive, or email it (as an attachment) to jporter@racinelutheran.org. Make sure the picture is high-resolution, at least 300 dpi.

You have many options. You may choose a professional photography studio or a family photographer, whatever you like best. There is a wide range of prices, picture quality, number of poses, changes of outfits, different settings, and other services. The cost will vary greatly for the senior-special packages, so compare, look at the samples on display, and ask a lot of questions.

Look at past yearbooks and write down the ideas you like best, otherwise you'll forget what to ask for! *Consider:* indoors/outdoors, what to wear, which backgrounds, clear or shadowy or fuzzy focus, different poses, casual with your dog or more formal with a tie? **(No sideways, no horizontal pictures or full body head-to-foot shots can be used in the yearbook. No very low-cut, revealing tops for the ladies.)** You might want props like a pet, car, or soccer ball. Beware of wearing clothes too trendy or loud, because this picture may hang on the wall in your home for many years, and some fashions look pretty silly after they go out of style. These are just a few points to consider. The photographer will have lots more tips for you. It is a really good idea to have at least one pose taken in which you are a little more dressed-up; more formal looks are back in, and when seniors are asked to submit photos for applications or announcements, it's good to have a more sophisticated look to submit. It's up to you. Casual is fine, too.

The choices are yours, and the responsibility of having your picture taken is yours, too. If you have any questions, call or text Julie Porter, advisor, at 262-498-5919, or email jporter@racinelutheran.org If you are not going to have a senior portrait done, please let us know, and we will make other arrangements or use the school picture taken this fall so that every senior is included in the 2015 yearbook. Thanks for your cooperation.

>>> More info on next page >>>

Also needed for the 2015 Yearbook...



By **February 1**, every senior needs to submit **baby/childhood/casual** pictures for his/her page in the senior section.

- You may submit from 3 to 8 pictures (any size – we can resize).
- We would like at least one baby/toddler picture, at least one childhood picture, and at least one candid picture. (The candid could be you with friends, family, pet, in a sport, on vacation, etc.)
- These pictures will be scanned, and the original photos will be returned to you quickly (usually within a week).
- You may also choose to scan your own pictures and submit the digital files on a disk or flash drive, or you may email them to jporter@racinelutheran.org. If you scan your own, set the resolution to 300 dpi. If you send photos by email, please send them as attachments. First open your email, click the attachment icon, then select your photo files and send them as attachments.
- Please do not turn in computer printouts of pictures or photocopies-- they will be blurry when reprinted. Send the digital file rather than a print unless it is a high-quality print.
- Please label your pictures on the back (use marker or pencil, no ballpoint ink since it smudges permanently onto your pictures). Turn them in to the school office in an envelope or plastic bag, also labeled with your name. The office secretaries will record the number of pictures and date when you turn them in.
- You will have an opportunity to make changes before the final pages are sent to the publisher -- if you turn in your photos on time.



If you have any questions about these pictures, I will be glad to explain -- send me an email (jporter@racinelutheran.org) or call me or text me (Julie Porter) at 262-498-5919.

