



# RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

## "Live in Peace"

II Corinthians 13:11

### WEEKLY NEWS – December 14, 2015

#### School News

**\*Homeroom for the Holidays –** *Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:13*

For the holidays this year, each of our 12 homerooms will be “adopting” a local family to help make Christmas a little more special for their children. While we are positive that our students will be very generous and creative, we are extending an invitation to you to help us make their holiday even more extraordinary!

Each homeroom will be given information regarding the children’s names, ages, and interests. The following is a list of suggested items that would be useful to any child/family:

- gift cards
- movie passes
- books of all kinds!
- board games, puzzles, etc
- toys
- school/art supplies
- winter accessories (hats, mittens, scarves, etc.)
- Christmas stockings (to personalize for each child)
- individually wrapped snacks/candy
- diapers
- batteries (for games, toys, etc.)
- monetary donations (to help purchase extra items for each family)

**\*\*As these will be given as gifts, we ask that the items be new/unopened.\*\***

We sincerely appreciate your generosity. Please bring any donations to the Main Office, marked to the attention of Student Council. Please direct questions to Nick Gasau at [ngasau@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:ngasau@RacineLutheran.org).

**\*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](http://RacineLutheran.org). Spectators are encouraged to attend.

**\*Inclement weather/school closing reminder –** please listen to Channel 4, 6, 8 or 12 on your television or go to the radio or internet address of any of those four stations for information on school closings. Any RLHS closings will be posted on our website ([RacineLutheran.org](http://RacineLutheran.org)) and on the school Facebook page. We will NOT automatically follow Racine Unified’s decisions. Please adhere to the announcements for Racine Lutheran High School. Thanks!

**\*The RLHS Grand Gala**, our annual dinner, dance and auction fund-raising event, will be held **Saturday, February 13**. We are seeking **committee members and volunteers**. The next meeting is **Monday, January 4, at 6 p.m.** in the Learning Center. All are welcome!

The Grand Gala is also in need of donations, especially for our **voice auction**. **Do you have connections that could help us secure items** such as: vacation home/condo rentals, unique art, time shares, airline tickets, adventure packages, recreational vehicles and equipment (boat, motorcycle, grill, etc.), jewelry, pampering experiences, and weekend/day excursions? Special needs include: a large picture frame (approximately 50" x 50") and baskets/decorative boxes to use for gift baskets. Please contact Krista Long at 637-6538 or [klong@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:klong@RacineLutheran.org).

**\*Parents** – Do you regularly check **PowerSchool**? Do you use your **RacineLutheran.org** email? Do you receive the **Weekly News** via email from Susie Drummond every Monday? (Note – this is *different* than the PowerSchool updates or Daily Bulletin.) All families received access information for both PowerSchool and the **RacineLutheran.org** email system at Back-to-School Night. If you have not utilized these communication tools, please contact Mrs. Phillips in the Main Office at 637-6538 or [sphillips@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:sphillips@RacineLutheran.org). You are expected to stay informed, and we have these tools in place to benefit your family. Thank you for your cooperation.

\*The **RLHS Board of Directors** will be available to meet with current parents, prospective and applying parents, and other supporters of RLHS on two dates this school year, in accordance with DPI requirements. Please mark your calendar for Monday, **December 21, 2015**, at 6 p.m. and Monday, **January 11, 2016**, at 6 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the RLHS Learning Center.

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

### **News from the Athletic Office – Jason Block**

\*A **reminder to all parents** that childcare or supervision is not provided after 3:15 p.m. unless students are in the weight room or with a teacher. It is not acceptable for students to just hang out at school while waiting to attend an event. If your child is attending a basketball game or has a late practice, he/she should be going home and then returning later at the start time. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep your child safe.

\***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**. 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. This is considered a lettering club sport. 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](mailto:groeder6@aol.com).

\*Now is the time to prepare for **Spring Sports**. You will need a clearance card from the Athletic Office 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 IN TRYOUTS.**

TO RECEIVE A CLEARANCE CARD, athletes must turn in the following to the athletic office prior to the first practice:

- 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) \$110 athletic fee

All forms can be accessed from the Athletics tab on the school website or are available at the athletic office.

**Start dates:**

Track--March 7  
Spring Sport Parent Meeting--March 8  
Softball--March 14  
Girls Soccer--March 21  
Baseball--March 21  
Golf--March 28

\*If you need a **physical for the 2016-17** school year, it needs to be scheduled **after April 1** to be valid for two years.

\***Thanks** to all of our wonderful volunteers, 78% of our basketball season worker list has been filled! There are some openings still to help out. THE FOLLOWING LINK IS TO THE WINTER PAGE. Links from the Fall or last year will not work. Please follow the instructions below to sign up, or click the Volunteer Spot button on the Athletic Page of the school website. **Please help out your school during basketball season!**

We're using **VolunteerSpot** (the leading online Sign-up and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming sign-ups.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our sign-up on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/pFCgR8>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

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

\*All **athletic schedules** are posted on the online calendar site. It can be accessed through the school website at [RacineLutheran.org](http://RacineLutheran.org) by clicking "**Calendar**" on the top right hand corner or at [metroclassicwi.org](http://metroclassicwi.org).

\***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. **A \$10 gift card can be activated by using promo code XrT8jX7m at checkout (no expiration date).**

\*Like us on **Facebook**: [facebook.com/rlhsathletics](https://www.facebook.com/rlhsathletics). Follow us on **Twitter**: [@rlhsathletics](https://twitter.com/rlhsathletics)

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

(Note – Students should inform Mr. Jensen when they are accepted to colleges and/or offered scholarships.)

\*The official **college acceptances** have begun! **Congratulations!**

Rachel Hasko: Lakeland College.

Brittany Hoover: UW-Oshkosh.

Zach Knudtson: UW-Whitewater, Carthage College, Cardinal Stritch University, UW-Parkside.

Peter Meinert: Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Madeline Michael: Wisconsin Lutheran College, Indiana University, Concordia University Wisconsin, UW-LaCrosse, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Butler University.

Mikhala Milow: Concordia University Wisconsin.

Kylie Rivers: Carthage College, UW-Green Bay.

Sam Theuer: Carthage College, Valparaiso University.

\***Scholarships** have been offered to our students:

Zach Knudtson: UW-Whitewater (\$2,000 per year), Carthage College (\$17,500).

Madeline Michael: Indiana University-Bloomington Dean's Scholarship (\$10,000 per year), Concordia University Wisconsin Presidential Scholarship (\$11,000 per year), Butler University Academic Scholarship (\$17,000 per year), UW-LaCrosse Soaring Eagle Scholarship (\$3,000).

Kylie Rivers: Carthage College Springfield Scholarship, Alumni Grant, Tri-County Grant (\$15,500 per year).  
Sam Theuer: Valparaiso University Presidential Scholarship (\$21,000 per year), Award for Excellence Scholarship (\$2,000 per year).

\***Gateway Technical College (GTC)** is providing a New Student Specialist to RLHS. **Mr. A.J. Laird** will have **office hours two days each month**. His services will augment those of our guidance and academic counselors. Our students are encouraged to meet with him to discuss their future college and career opportunities, even if they are not planning to attend GTC. Mr. Laird will be here on December 16, January 6 and 20, February 3 and 17, March 2 and 16, April 13 and 27, May 11 and 25, and June 8, if needed.

\*Students interested in improving their **ACT scores** may want to consider taking a **Wisconsin Test Prep Class**. The fee is \$155 for a 7-week, 16-hour course. Courses will be offered at Case, Shoreland, Union Grove, Burlington, and Wilmot high schools. Contact Leann Pomeroy at 498-4113 or go to [www.WisconsinTestPrep.com](http://www.WisconsinTestPrep.com). Interested students can also pick up a pamphlet from Mr. Jensen for more information.

\*A **Navy Recruiter** will visit RLHS during the lunch hours on January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12 and May 10.

\*The **Concordia Promise** is an incredible **dual-credit program** which partners RLHS with Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW). Eligible students have the opportunity to earn up to 45 college credits at a nearly unheard of cost of only \$50 per credit! CUW just announced the addition of a summer school course. Honors-level students should discuss the dual-credit opportunity with their counselors when scheduling classes for junior and senior years to learn if they are eligible.

\*The **Engineers Foundation of Wisconsin** has announced they will be offering nine \$2,000 scholarships to students in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties. The scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors who plan to study engineering at a four-year ABET accredited program leading to a baccalaureate degree in engineering and shall intend to enter the profession of engineering upon graduation. Applications must be downloaded from the WSPE website at <http://www.wspe.org/efwi.shtml>. Deadline is **Monday, December 21**. If you any questions, please contact Mr. Al Lindner at (414) 259-1500.

\*The **Foundation of the Wisconsin Automobile & Truck Dealers** is pleased to announce that scholarships will be available in 2016 for graduating high school seniors, adult students and continuing technical college students who are pursuing a career in the auto and truck industry. Current technical college students must be in their first year of a two-year program to be eligible. There are four eligible programs: **Automotive, Diesel, Auto Collision and Motorcycle**. Scholarships will be awarded in the spring and summer of 2016 with funding to begin with the 2016 fall semester. The application form and sample test questions are available on our website at: <http://www.watda.org/Scholarship>. The application and testing deadline for all scholarships is **January 15, 2016**.

Scholarship application forms should be sent to: The Foundation of WATDA, 150 East Gilman Street, Suite A, Madison, WI 53703. Do not wait until the application file is complete to send in the application form. Supporting documentation (transcripts, test scores, letter of recommendation and evaluation form) may be submitted separately and will be added to the students file as it is received. Contact Julie Olson, program director, at (608) 251-4631 or email: [jlolson@watda.org](mailto:jlolson@watda.org).

\*The **Racine Optimist Club** is offering two \$2,000 scholarships based on a student's personal essay, participation in school and/or community activities, financial need and academic record. The student must have a non-weighted GPA between 3.0 and 3.5 and be accepted into a four-year college at the time of the award. Students must fill out an application, type a personal essay, submit one letter of recommendation, and submit a transcript with 7 semesters of classwork. They are also awarding two \$1,000 scholarships to a students enrolled in an associate degree program at a technical college. Criteria are the same for this scholarship.

**\*Horatio Alger Scholarship** – The applicant must be a full-time senior with plans to pursue a bachelor's degree; demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income); involvement in co-curricular and community services or activities; display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity; minimum GPA of 2.0; and be a U.S. citizen. Student may apply at [scholars.horatioalger.org](http://scholars.horatioalger.org), and a copy of the first page of the applicant's parents' federal tax return is needed. See Mr. Jensen if you have additional questions.

**\*FAFSA Information:** Parents who will be filling out FAFSA should attend one of several professional workshops sponsored by College Goal Wisconsin 2016. Seniors will be given times and dates for these workshops so parents make sure you ask your senior for the handout. The workshop offers free and professional on-site assistance for the completion of the FAFSA. The closest sites for these workshops are Kenosha Gateway (2/17/16) Racine Gateway (2/24/16); Oak Creek MATC (2/13/16), and UW-Parkside (2/20/16).

**\*University of Wisconsin informational videos** are available at [uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/videos](http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/videos). These videos range from information on each campus to information on financial aid. You can also go to YouTube and look up *University of Wisconsin Journey to Financial Aid* for additional information.

**\*Parents of seniors:** Seniors can contact Mr. Jensen to **request transcripts for college applications**. Required forms are located in the outer area of the Guidance Office, and need to be completed and returned to him. Transcripts are usually mailed out within two days of receiving the proper form. Please be patient. UW schools may take up to six to eight weeks to make a decision. Private colleges and universities, and technical schools often take three to four weeks. Contact Mr. Jensen if you have additional questions.

**\*Parents of seniors:** Some **colleges and universities** have **early acceptance**, usually by December 1 of the school year, and offer special monies for those students. Please contact the admissions office of the colleges or universities your senior wants to attend and find out what advantages, if any, early acceptance offers.

### **2015-2016 SCRIP DATES**

Please use the envelope that was supplied by the SCRIP program when placing an order. Families interested in enrolling in this program should contact Terri Tigges at 637-6538 or [ttigges@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:ttigges@RacineLutheran.org).

#### **ORDER DROP OFF** **Mondays by 8 a.m.**

January 4  
January 25  
February 8  
February 22  
March 7  
March 21  
April 4  
April 18  
May 2  
May 16  
June 6

#### **ORDER PICK UP** **The following Friday**

January 8  
January 29  
February 12  
February 26  
March 11  
March 24 (Thursday)  
April 8  
April 22  
May 6  
May 20  
June 9 (Thursday)

#### **Please note the following:**

Be sure to have your orders to the school office no later than 8:00 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. Checks payable to: RLHS SCRIP.

**Have a great week! Go Crusaders!**

## **2015-16 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**

### **Day 1 – Monday, December 21**

7:20-7:30	Announcements/Devotions
7:30-8:50	Exam 1
8:50-9:05	Break/Study
9:05-10:25	Exam 2
10:29-10:52	HR/Study (Fr.,So.) Lunch (Jr., Sr.)
10:56-11:19	HR/ Study (Jr., Sr.) Lunch (Fr., So.)
11:23-12:43	Exam 3
12:43-12:58	Break/Study
12:58-2:18	Exam 4
2:18 - 2:22	Closing prayer/announcements

### **Day 2 – Tuesday, December 22**

7:20-7:30	Announcements/Devotions
7:30-8:50	Exam 5
8:50-9:05	Break/Study
9:05-10:25	Exam 6
10:29-10:52	HR/ Study (Fr.,So.) Lunch (Jr., Sr.)
10:56 -11:19	HR/ Study (Jr., Sr.) Lunch (Fr., So.)
11:23-12:43	Exam 7
12:43-12:58	Break/Study
12:58-2:18	*Exam 8
2:18 - 2:22	Closing prayer/announcements

\*Students in 8th hour study hall can be excused if they have a note from parent.

- 1) Students should not be in the hallway during exams.
- 2) Bathroom breaks should be taken during the Break/Study time.

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