



# RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

## "Live in Peace"

II Corinthians 13:11

### WEEKLY NEWS – February 22, 2016

#### School News

**\*Congratulations to the RLHS Cheer Squad!** The ladies are heading to Madison for the State Competition on Saturday. Good luck!

**\*Racine Lutheran High School Ladies Guild** will hold the spring meeting on **Tuesday, March 1, at 7 p.m.** in the school Dining Hall. Everyone is welcome! The Guild meets only four times a year (March, September, October, December). Join us in working together on projects in support of our school.

**\*Have you ordered your 2016 RLHS yearbook, the *Citadel*?** Every student would like a copy of our annual classic -- 160 pages of full-color pictures including all of the students and the year's activities from the first day of school to graduation. Just send an envelope to the Main Office with this information written on the front:

*Please order a 2016 Racine Lutheran High School yearbook for \_\_\_\_\_.*  
*(Student's Name)*

*Enclosed is payment of \$60. (Payable to RLHS.)*

**\*Re-enrollment paperwork** was mailed to your homes. Please complete and return all the paperwork ASAP.

**\*Props needed** for the spring drama production: many empty, plastic cough syrup bottles, and any small (ring box size) boxes that look like they could be part of an old West drug store. Please bring to the Main Office or give them to Mr. Bruening.

**\*RLHS Vehicle Decals** – We ordered decals to continue our efforts of keeping our name out in the community. Please stop by the office to pick up one for your car. Some are purple and gold; others are black and gold. If you know someone who wants to display the Crusaders' shield on his/her car, let's get them a decal!

**\*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*) 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!

\*Be sure to "like" us on **Facebook** – available pages are:

**Racine Lutheran High School**

**Racine Lutheran High School Admissions**

**Racine Lutheran High School Athletics**

**Racine Lutheran High School Music Program**

**Racine Lutheran Alumni.**

## News from the Athletic Office – Jason Block

\***Boys basketball and cheerleading Senior Night** will be **Monday, February 22**. Please join us as we honor the senior members of our boys basketball team and cheerleading program.

\*The **girls basketball team** will be hosting the first round of the WIAA **Regional** Tournament on **Tuesday, February 23**, as they take on Carmen Northwest. **Admission for all spectators is \$4**, and no passes are accepted.

\***Girls soccer open gym** will be this **Saturday, February 27, from 2 until 3:45 p.m.**

\*RLHS is looking for a **part-time long and triple jump coach** for the upcoming track season. Please contact Mr. Block if interested or with names of any good candidates.

\*The **RLHS Softball team** is holding a **Mostaccioli Dinner** on **Sunday, March 13, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.** at Buona Vita Italian Restaurant, 3701 Durand Avenue. Tickets are \$10 and available from the players or by calling 939-9777.

\*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**

All **game schedules** are posted for spring sports seasons. Please plan your calendars accordingly.

\*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.

**\*A big thank you to all of our volunteers throughout the fall and winter sports seasons!** THESE ARE THE LAST OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP FOR ATHLETIC VOLUNTEER HOURS THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

Friday, **March 4**: Varsity Scoreboard, Concessions 6:30-8:30, Gate 6:15-7:45.

Please follow the instructions below to sign up, or click the Volunteer Spot button on the Athletic Page of the school website, or contact Mr. Block to sign up for one of the slots.

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* by clicking "**Calendar**" on the top right hand corner or at *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*. Follow us on **Twitter**: *@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!**

Kim Dahl: Silver Lake College, Ripon College, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Cardinal Stritch University.

Alyssa Goroski: UW-Whitewater, Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Ty Haarsma: UW-Milwaukee.

Rachel Hasko: Lakeland College, Concordia University Chicago, Concordia University Wisconsin, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Carthage College.

Madison Hogard: Concordia University Wisconsin.

Brittany Hoover: UW-Oshkosh, UW-Whitewater.

Collin Klimek: UW-Madison, Marquette University, Carthage College, Wisconsin Lutheran College, Purdue University, Concordia University Wisconsin.

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

Andrea Mares: Wisconsin Lutheran College, St. Louis University, Concordia University Wisconsin.

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, UW-Madison.

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:

Madison Hogard: Concordia University Wisconsin Merit Scholarship (\$8,000 per year).

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 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*. 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 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.

\***Camp Neuro** and **Cardiac Camp** are interesting opportunities for students interested in careers in medicine. See Mr. Jones or Mr. Jensen for details.

\*Students applying to the **University of Michigan** have an opportunity to earn a full room-and-board scholarship. Please see Mr. Jensen for details. Deadline is **February 29**.

\***Educator's Credit Union** is offering 25 scholarships at \$2,000 each to graduating seniors. Visit the website at <https://www.ecu.com/community/student-scholarships/application/>. Deadline is **March 14**.

\***Lutheran Women's Missionary League South Wisconsin District Scholarship** is available for female members of congregations in the District who are preparing for full-time service in the LCMS. Applications and references must be postmarked by **April 30**. Visit [www.swd-lwml.org](http://www.swd-lwml.org) to learn more.

\*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 may attend a professional workshop sponsored by College Goal Wisconsin 2016. The workshop offers free and professional on-site assistance for the completion of the FAFSA. The workshop will be held at Racine Gateway (**2/24/16**);

\***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.

## Special Opportunities

**\*THRIFT SHOP – STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Students, remember to see Mrs. Christensen if you can help at the Thrift Store. Your parents and grandparents are welcome to help, too. All family volunteer hours count toward your school service hours. Your community service looks great on college applications!

The **Douglas Avenue Thrift Shop** is in need of helpers for the seasonal changeover on **Saturday, April 9, from 12:30 until approximately 3:30 p.m.** You will be putting together and moving boxes. Contact Dawn at 939-4710.

**\*Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints** has **summer volunteer opportunities** available for students age 14 years or older. Register for an upcoming information session **by February 24**. Call 687-8070 or email [carole.albertini@wfhc.org](mailto:carole.albertini@wfhc.org).

**\*Cops N Kids Reading Center** is looking for volunteers who can help them sort through warehouse inventory. Shifts are **March 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., March 16, 23 and 30 from 4 until 6 p.m. and March 19 and 26 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** Please commit to your preferred shifts by calling 939-0107 or email [bstmartin@cops-n-kids.org](mailto:bstmartin@cops-n-kids.org) by February 24.

**\*Racine Country Club**, 2801 Northwestern Avenue, is seeking caddies. Prospective caddies must be at least 14 years of age by June 1, 2016. Two informational sessions are set for Tuesday, **March 8**, and Wednesday, **March 9, at 6 p.m.** RSVP to 637-4200.

### 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.**

March 7  
March 21  
April 4  
April 18  
May 2  
May 16  
June 6

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

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.

## **IMPORTANT SENIOR PICTURE INFO**

**TO: SENIORS of the Class of 2016**



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 15**. 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](mailto: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 498-5919, or email [jporter@racinelutheran.org](mailto: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 2016 yearbook. Thanks for your cooperation.

### ***Also needed for the 2016 Yearbook...***



By **FEBRUARY 22**, every senior needs to submit **baby/childhood/casual** pictures for his/her page in the senior section. **THIS DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED.**

- 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](mailto: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 manager 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](mailto:jporter@racinelutheran.org)) or call me or text me (Julie Porter) at 498-5919.

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