



*“Be kind and compassionate to one another,
forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.”*

Ephesians 4:32

Weekly News – November 26, 2018

School News



*The RLHS Music Program proudly presents its annual **Christmas Concert, a service of lessons and carols**. The concert is at **7 p.m. on Friday, December 7**, at the school. The RLHS Brass Ensemble will provide pre-concert music beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons area.

The concert will feature the RLHS Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, Concert Band, and Handbell Ensemble plus the grade school Beginner and Symphonic bands. After the service, a time of fellowship and refreshments will be shared in the Dining Hall.

Admission is free, with a goodwill offering at the end of the service.



*Please see below to **order your poinsettia plants** and benefit our music department.

***GIVING TUESDAY is almost here!** We invite you to join with our Environmental Club and participate in #GivingTuesday on **November 27** and support Racine Lutheran High School's War on Waste.

WHAT IS #GIVINGTUESDAY? Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. #GivingTuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy and inspires people to collaborate in improving their local communities and give back in impactful ways.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE? Waste reduction is an essential aspect of a sustainable building. We are launching the War on Waste program and wish to provide better waste and recycle bins that are customized to our space and waste streams. Consistent graphics and verbiage used throughout the building will lead to proper use and long-term success. This improvement to our aesthetics will enhance our hallways, the Commons and cafeteria. Involving students in this waste minimization program will open their eyes to the impact their actions make on both the environment and their community, and it will also help them develop and encourage pride in their school.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE? Join us by donating on #GivingTuesday and help us provide the resources we need to win our War on Waste and achieve our waste reduction goal. You can either donate online at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/rlhsgivingtuesday> or send a check to Racine Lutheran High School, 251 Luedtke Ave., Racine, WI 53405.

Racine Lutheran High School is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations to the school are tax deductible. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



***Families that have 8th graders** are encouraged to begin the enrollment process now. The RLHS Class of 2023 is starting to grow! Contact Susie Drummond at sdrummond@RacineLutheran.org to learn more.

*The **Finals schedule** for first semester exams is listed at the end of the newsletter. The Finals are culminating activities that students have prepared for throughout the semester and, in some cases, will impact their grades significantly. We believe a student being absent on these days causes complications and unneeded stress for the child. We strongly recommend a student is present for Finals and only absent in the case of an emergency. If an absence cannot be avoided, a **special pre-planned absence sheet** MUST be filled out completely by **Friday, December 7**, or a failing grade on the final may be given. This form can be picked up from Mr. Bickel.

***Visit Europe in 2020** with Racine Lutheran! Do like traveling, trying new food, and experiencing new cultures? Then come with RLHS to gain a deeper understanding of the British Isles' fascinating geographical, political, and social history by exploring four renowned capital cities: **Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh, and London with an added European capital, Paris!** To learn more about this exciting opportunity, contact Mr. Tuskowski at ptuskowski@RacineLutheran.org or Mrs. Bensen at cbensen@RacineLutheran.org.

***Explore Costa Rica in the summer of 2019!** RLHS is offering students the unique opportunity to experience an international educational experience like no other. For more information about this amazing opportunity, visit the tour website at www.eftours.com/2099872VH or email Mr. Hasseldahl at khasseldahl@RacineLutheran.org.

***Thrift Shop volunteer hours** count toward required **family service hours** (a minimum of 20 hours per year). Friends, alums and grandparents are welcome to volunteer! To help at the Douglas Avenue store, call Roy at 331-0261. To help at the Lathrop Avenue store, call Barb at 632-1070. Thank you!

*As required by the Department of Public Instruction, members of our **Board of Directors** will be available to meet with parents, prospective parents, and other stakeholders at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, and Monday, January 28**, at the school.

*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
Racine Lutheran High Thrift Shop at 1455 Douglas Avenue.



And follow us on **Twitter**:

@rlhscrusader
@rlhsathletics
@RLHSmusic



News from the Athletic Office

*The **boys soccer banquet** will be on **Sunday, December 2, at Infusino's at 6 p.m.** Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Coach LaBoda by Wednesday.

*The **football banquet** will be on **Sunday, December 9, at Infusino's at 6 p.m.** Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Mr. Block by Wednesday, December 5.

***Congratulations to Caroline Strande for reaching 1,000 career points** on November 20.

*There are still some **state football t-shirts** available--from youth to XL--\$10 each. Medium **hoodies** only are also available for \$25.

*The **boys basketball team** will be playing Oostburg at the new Fiserv Forum on **February 21**. To make this happen we are selling tickets to the Bucks game against the Boston Celtics that evening. Upper level seats cost \$33 each, and lower level cost \$101 each. You may purchase tickets at the following link:
www.bucksgroups.com/lutheran

Basketball tickets are in limited supply as the game is expected to be a sellout and are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. **ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY JANUARY 21.**

*Any parent not in attendance at the **winter sports meeting** need to complete an alternate activity. Please contact Mr. Block to get this activity. Your child is not able to participate in a game until this is completed.

***Winter sports have begun.** Athletes cannot begin participation in practice until all the following are turned in to the Athletic Office:

1) A physical exam is required of all student-athletes for the first and third year of high school participation.
OR

1a) An alternate year card is required of all student-athletes for the second and fourth year of high school participation.

2) Sign and return the Lutheran High Athletics Agreement and the Concussion Information and Acknowledgement Form which includes the Lutheran High Athletics Policies, WIAA Policies, the Metro Classic Conference Sportsmanship guidelines, the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Athletic Training Consent for Care and Treatment, and student/parent concussion information. Please read the Athletic Handbook prior to signing this form.

3) Pay Participation Fee – These fees are used to offset some of the cost for transportation, officials, and equipment. The participation fee is \$125 per season with a cap of \$375 per year for a family (Wrestling co-op: \$200). This fee does not cover the cost of hats, socks, etc. Trapshooting fees are separate and do not apply to the family maximum.

AGAIN, PLAYERS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN PRACTICE UNTIL ALL FORMS AND FEES HAVE BEEN TURNED IN TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE.

All forms can be found on the Racine Lutheran website at RacineLutheran.org. Click "Athletics" and print out the appropriate forms.

***Thank you** to all who have volunteered during basketball season! Our spots are about 75% filled, but there are yet about **70 spots that need a volunteer**. Funds raised during these events benefit all activities, not just basketball. Your help counts toward your yearly required service hours. Please follow the steps below to sign up:

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/s47kiA>

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 SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com 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.

***Our spirit wear** page is on the school website. Look for the spirit wear link on the top of the homepage. New apparel is available featuring Nike as well as other brands. Customization is available. Use coupon code Holiday18 to get 15% off any order of \$75 or more through December 29.

***All 2018-19 winter and spring game schedules** are on the online school calendar which can be found [here](#). Most of the spring sports schedule is now completed as well. Or click on the "Calendar" link on the school website. Bus departure times are also listed. You may also sign up for notifications from the calendar site which will alert you to upcoming contests and schedule changes. **Coaches' contact information is also found on the calendar site.**

A user guide for the school calendar website can be found [here](#). There is also a free mobile app to access the school calendar. Search "Activity Scheduler" in your app store.

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

***RLHS is looking for an assistant track and field coach.** The candidate should be positive and passionate about teaching athletes the skills and techniques necessary to maximize talents and lead to success in high school athletics. The primary duties for this position are to coach the jumps and assist with sprints and relays. Experience with the horizontal and vertical jumps and understanding of fundamental techniques is required. Previous coaching experience is not required but preferred. Good communication skills are also critical for success. This is a paid position based on experience and FTE.

If you have questions or would like to discuss the position further, please contact the head coach, Paul Tuskowski, at ptuskowski@RacineLutheran.org.

News from the Guidance Office

***College Representatives at RLHS:**

In the coming weeks, representatives from UW-Milwaukee and the National Guard will be here. See Mrs. Juga in the Learning Center to schedule an appointment.

***College acceptance letters are arriving, and scholarships are being awarded!** Be sure to let Mr. Jones know your good news! **Congratulations** to:

Jillian Rosborough – University of Iowa (National Scholar Award \$7,400 annually/\$29,600 total, Wisconsin Access Award \$3,000 annually/\$12,000 total); Marquette University (Père Marquette Scholarship \$14,000 annually/\$56,000).

***Scholarship opportunity for seniors:** (See Mr. Jones for details and applications.)

Mary E. Hamilton Scholarship – Seniors should have a B average or better, be enrolling in an accredited college in a health-related field and demonstrate economic need. (\$1,500 annually/\$6,000) **Deadline is January 7.**

Ed and Rose DeMeulenaere Respiratory/Pulmonary Educational Scholarship – Candidates should wish to advance their education in the field of respiratory or pulmonary care or healthcare. References are required. **Deadline is January 7.**

James M. Wunsch Memorial Scholarship – Seniors should have a B average or better, be a resident of Racine County, and demonstrate economic need. (\$500) **Deadline is January 7.**

Racine Local Businesses' Scholarship – Seniors must demonstrate a positive impact and motivation for growth. The committee will review grades, involvement in the community and school plus financial need. A letter of recommendation, proof of college acceptance, transcript and an essay are required. **Deadline is January 21.**

Lutheran Church Extension Fund – Candidates must be members of LCMS congregation and have a 3.0+ GPA. Letters of recommendation and essay are required. **Deadline is January 31.**

***Juniors** have been given a copy of the “**ACT Preparation**” booklet. This has valuable information that will help your child do his/her best on the ACT test. It includes strategies for test taking, what to expect on testing day and information and practice questions on all parts of the ACT test.

***The “Guide to College Admissions and Financial Aid”** is available for you in the Guidance Office. This will be a big help in gathering valuable information on the colleges in Wisconsin. Students and parents are welcome to stop in to pick up a copy.

***Wisconsin Private Colleges Campus Visit Opportunities** – We recommend having at least one private college on your list of the top five colleges you are considering. Information about making a campus visit is listed on the attachment to your email or on our website.

***College Planning Center – Educators Credit Union** has teamed with **Invite Education** to offer a program that helps families prepare for college. Invite Education designed this program so parents can start college planning with their child before they even start school! It will walk you through many of the areas discussed in this guide, offer guidance and give information along the way.

Use the program to:

- Plan for the cost of college and track your saving progress.
- Compare schools and the cost of tuition.
- Search for scholarships based on your student's unique profile.

- And much more!

This program is a complementary tool from Educators Credit Union. The goal is to give you the information you need to help your family find success in life. Here's a link to the page:
https://www.ecu.com/financial_education/ecu-college-planning-center/

Other Opportunities

*One of the RLHS families is seeking help with **morning transportation** to school for one student two to three days each week. The family is willing to contribute for gas. They live near Johnson Park. If you would like to discuss this with the family, please contact Susie Drummond at sdrummond@RacineLutheran.org for contact information.

***Employment Opportunity:** Trinity Lutheran School has a part-time opportunity to join its team as a classroom assistant/TLC. Hours are 2:30 until 5:30 p.m., and applicants must be at least 18 years old.

If interested, please request a job application from the Trinity office or contact Mrs. Amling at pamling@trinityracine.com or leave a message at the school 632-1766.



[The Racine Lutheran High School Music Program and

Milaeger's

...are pleased to provide you with an opportunity to decorate for the Christmas season. Milaeger's is graciously providing the RLHS Music Program with poinsettias that can be purchased from any RLHS music student or grade school band student. The profits from the sales will benefit the RLHS Music Program.

The poinsettias will be used during the Christmas concert on December 7. You can take them home after the concert. The poinsettias will have 7-9 enormous red flowers. The plants are high quality and will last a very long time.

To purchase poinsettias, please fill out the information below and return this form to Mr. Gullicksrud at RLHS by Friday, November 30

Name (as you would like it recognized in the concert program)

Music student name _____

Student's School (Circle One) RLHS SJLS TLS RCS CLS

Poinsettia(s) ordered (\$15 each) _____

Total amount enclosed with order _____

FINALS 2018-19

1st SEMESTER

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

7:20 – 7:30 Announcements and Devotions
7:30 - 8:45am Period 1
8:55 -10:10am Period 2
10:20 - 11:35am Period 3

Thursday, December 20, 2018

7:20 – 7:30 Announcements and Devotions
7:30 - 8:45am Period 4
8:55 -10:10am Period 5
10:20 - 11:35am Period 6

Friday, December 21, 2018

7:20 – 7:30 Announcements and Devotions
7:30 - 8:45am Period 7
8:55 -10:10am Period 8 (Study Hall students may go home, or must remain in LC till end of period)

- Students should remain in their classroom for the duration of Final.
- No cellphones allowed in the classroom during Finals.
- All students must be present in their Study Hall except for Period 8.
- All students are asked to be out of the building by noon on Final days unless they have athletic practice or are working with a teacher.

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