



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

**Ephesians 4:32**

## **Weekly News – December 3, 2018**

### **School News**

**\*TONIGHT! Grand Gala committee meeting is at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 3,** in the Learning Center. All are welcome, and your Gala volunteer hours count toward your family service hours.

**\*The RLHS Ladies Guild** invites you to join us and become involved in activities to support our high school on **Tuesday, December 4, at 7 p.m.** in the cafeteria. New ideas welcome! The Guild meets four times a year, on the first Tuesday of September, October, December, and April. It's a great way to meet other RLHS moms!



**\*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.

### **\*Homerooms 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 believe that our students will be very generous and creative, we are also 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 their 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/craft 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)

\*\* Since 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 school office, marked to the attention of Student Council, **by Friday, December 14.**

Any questions? Please contact Nick Gasau at [ngasau@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:ngasau@RacineLutheran.org) or Stephanie Schulz at [sschulz@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:sschulz@RacineLutheran.org).

**\*Attention: Parents of Seniors!** If your senior student has not had his/her **senior picture** taken yet, please refer to the information page at the end of this newsletter. For the yearbook, we also need a few childhood or candid pictures of each senior.



**\*Families that have 8<sup>th</sup> graders** are encouraged to begin the enrollment process now. The RLHS Class of 2023 is growing! Contact Susie Drummond at [sdrummond@RacineLutheran.org](mailto: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.

**\*Finals Study Day:** To help everyone prepare for and prioritize finals, National Honor Society will be hosting Finals Study Day on **Wednesday, December 12, from 2:45 until 5:45 p.m.** NHS members and some teachers will be available to assist students as they prepare for finals. Students may attend all or part of the study session. The purpose of the event is to study, so students should come prepared and plan to stay on task.



**\*RLHS Grand Gala – Student Donations:** The annual Grand Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and its financial success relies on your generosity. Thank you to those who have already turned in their student donation of \$10 or more! Donations are due to the school office **by Friday, December 14**. Feel free to mail your contribution, hand deliver it to the Main Office, or send it online by clicking this link:  
[http://weblink.donorperfect.com/RLHS\\_Simple\\_Donation](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/RLHS_Simple_Donation).

When combined, the donations from our students allow us to purchase a big-ticket item to offer our guests during the LIVE auction portion of the evening. All proceeds will provide tuition assistance to eligible families and will assist with capital improvements planned for our facility. Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at the Grand Gala on February 9!

**\*RLHS Grand Gala – Auction Items:** Our committee is working hard to secure great items for the auction, but we need your help. We are hosting a **VIRTUAL GIFT GATHERING PARTY** through the end of January! Please visit our Wish List at Amazon.com and purchase an item for our silent auction (it can be delivered directly to the school). Select 'find a list' under the drop-down menu, and search for 'Racine Lutheran High School' and our 2019 GRAND GALA WISH LIST.  
<https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1R5L4OPNI7QV1>

Other donations are also welcome and can be dropped off at RLHS. Think about items to which you may have access or connections:

- condominium, time share, cabin on a lake
- services such as limousine rides, home improvements, landscaping
- items manufactured, distributed or sold by your company or employer
- experiences such as fishing charters, golf outings, girls' weekends, hot air balloon rides, brewery tour
- gift certificates to restaurants or events or themed gift baskets
- tickets for professional or college sporting events.

Contact Krista at 637-6538 or [klong@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:klong@RacineLutheran.org) if you need assistance. Thank you!

**\*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](mailto:ptuskowski@RacineLutheran.org) or Mrs. Bensen at [cbensen@RacineLutheran.org](mailto: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](http://www.eftours.com/2099872VH) or email Mr. Hasseldahl at [khasseldahl@RacineLutheran.org](mailto: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 **football banquet** will be on **Sunday, December 9, at Infusino's at 6 p.m.** Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Elaine Wilson by Wednesday, December 5.

\***Football equipment is past due.** It was to be turned in November 27. Players turning in equipment late may need to pay to have it reconditioned on their own which normally costs \$75-\$100.

\*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](http://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.**

\***It is time to get ready for spring sports.** 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](http://RacineLutheran.org). Click "Athletics" and print out the appropriate forms.

Track begins--**March 4**

Softball begins--**March 11**

Baseball and girls soccer begin--**March 18**

Boys golf and tennis begin--**March 25**

**\*Thank you** to all who have volunteered during basketball season! Our spots are about 75% filled, but there are yet about **50 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. **SPECIAL FLASH SALE--use code FLASH18 to get 20% off until midnight TONIGHT!**

**\*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](mailto:ptuskowski@RacineLutheran.org).

## **News from the Guidance Office**

**\*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/](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 email [sdrummond@RacineLutheran.org](mailto: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](mailto:pamling@trinityracine.com) or leave a message at the school 632-1766.

## **FINALS 2018-19**

### **1<sup>st</sup> 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

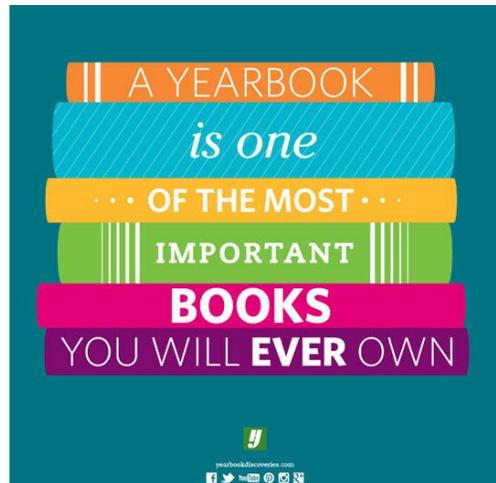
7:20 – 7:30	Announcements and Devotions
7:30 - 8:45am	Period 7
8:55 -10:10am	Period 8 (Study Hall students may go home, or must remain in LC till end of period)

- 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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# Yearbooks make great Christmas gifts!

If you haven't already ordered  
a 2019 RLHS yearbook,  
consider making it a gift  
for your student this Christmas.



Every student really would like to have a yearbook. It is a gift that is treasured for a lifetime.

If you would like to give the 2019 RLHS yearbook as a gift for Christmas, you may print and use the attached gift certificate to give to your student this Christmas. Then send your payment to the school office in an envelope marked "2019 Yearbook Order" and include your student's name.

The cost of the yearbook is \$60. The **Citadel** contains more than 2,000 pictures, 160 pages of full-color photo memories of all students, teachers, friends, teams, activities, classes, and events – all put together through hundreds of hours of work by the publications staff for YOU.

We hope you will order your copy of this wonderful book, if you have not already done so.

Questions? Email [jporter@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:jporter@RacineLutheran.org) or contact the school office.

*Merry  
Christmas*

As a gift for you, one copy of the  
Racine Lutheran High School yearbook,  
the **2019 CITADEL**,  
has been ordered in your name.

From \_\_\_\_\_



## IMPORTANT SENIOR PICTURE INFO

TO: **SENIORS** and PARENTS of the **Class of 2019**

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 plan for senior pictures if you have not already done so.** Traditionally, these photos are taken early in 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" wide x 3" high) is needed **by MARCH 1**. Your photographer should send these to RLHS at no charge, or you can bring the photo 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 not an inline photo) 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-feet 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 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](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 ID picture taken this fall so that every senior is included in the 2019 yearbook. Thanks for your cooperation.

>>> More info on next page >>>

## *Also needed for the 2019 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) and unharmed.
- You may also choose to scan your own pictures and submit the digital JPEG 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. If you email through your phone, choose the largest file size (highest resolution).
- 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 permanent 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](mailto:jporter@RacineLutheran.org)) or call me or text me (Julie Porter) at 262.498.5919.

