

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

Ephesians 4:32

Weekly News – February 11, 2019

- *The Grand Gala was a grand success! So many people supported this fundraising event, and we are very grateful for your help.
- *Student Council is hosting a **sweats day on Thursday**, **February 14**. We will use funds raised to assemble care packages for local police officers to show our support. The students can wear sweatpants with a minimum \$2 donation.
- *Calendar Change The cancellation of classes for weather-related issues during this school year will require us to make up hours of instruction. Therefore, we will make Monday, February 18, a full day of school. It was originally scheduled as a day off for Presidents' Day. We will run a regular 1-8 schedule.

Note – Students will be **off** on **Friday**, **February 15**, so we can complete our professional development meetings. **Classes resume on Monday**, **February 18**, **at 7:20 a.m.**

- *Re-enrollment materials are due by February 20. Tuition discount is available through February 15. Please submit all re-enrollment paperwork promptly.
- *The RLHS varsity boys basketball team plays at the Fiserv Forum on Thursday, February 21, at 2 p.m. Since the Milwaukee Bucks game that evening is a sellout, admission to the high school game is free.

It is a full day of school at RLHS.

If a student intends to attend the game, written and signed parental permission needs to be submitted to the Main Office by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19.

Students who attend the high school basketball game will be required to check in with admistration upon arriving at the game. Transportation to and from the game is not provided by the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

- *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. You are late! For the yearbook, we also need a few childhood or candid pictures of each senior.
- *SENIORS: Graduation information To keep things simple and allow you more time to place your orders, we are offering ONLINE ORDERING for your Graduation products, including your Cap & Gown, custom graduation announcements, accessories, senior apparel, and class rings. At your convenience, please use the link below or visit www.ringsandgowns.com, to place your order.

Since Racine Lutheran High School is covering the cost of the Cap & Gown unit for you, you will still want to order one online (so we can make sure we have the correct size), and then just use the Promo Code

2019GRAD during checkout, which will make the cost of the Cap & Gown Unit completely FREE to you. You will only pay for the additional items that you want to purchase to help celebrate this milestone in your life.

You can place your order anytime, but please be aware that some prices do go up towards the end of January. So please place your order soon to keep your costs down. Depending on the items you order, most products will be delivered to you at the school (and some custom products will be shipped directly to your home). The direct ordering link: www.ringsandgowns.com/RacineLutheran. See Mr. Gasau with concerns.

*The **Douglas Avenue Thrift Shop** <u>needs</u> the following items which customers are looking for: men's coats, shoes, boots, heavy socks/sweat socks, long underwear, and hooded sweatshirts; children's coats; winter hats and gloves of all kinds; toasters, coffee pots and small kitchen appliances in working condition; cookware. All items need to be in very good re-salable condition. Please drop off at the Douglas Avenue Thrift Shop as soon as possible. As always, we also really need volunteers to help with sorting, stocking, and sales.

*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!

*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

*Congratulations to Jeff Christensen on his 500thcareer victory as varsity basketball coach. He has served as head coach since 1988 and is one of only 29 coaches in the history of Wisconsin high school basketball to achieve that milestone. Coach Christensen has a 500-238 career record and has also won 11 conference championships, 13 regional championships, made 9 state appearances, and won 4 state championships.

*Dan Geyer has been awarded the Wisconsin Athletic Service Award from the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. Dan has been a faithful and reliable scoreboard operator for many years for both the boys and girls programs. Thank you, Dan, for your many hours of dedicated service for Racine Lutheran Athletics.

*Congratulations to Caroline Strande for breaking her own single season records in points scored and field goals made. She also broke the single season record for steals in last Friday night's game.

*We will be **celebrating our seniors** at home games this week--boys basketball and cheer on Tuesday night, and girls basketball on Friday night.

*Spring sports are right around the corner. 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 coop: \$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.

Parent meeting--March 4 at 7 p.m.
Track begins--March 4
Softball begins--March 11
Baseball and girls soccer begin--March 18
Boys golf and tennis begin--March 25

PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT PRACTICES OCCUR DURING SPRING BREAK.

- *Thank you to all who have volunteered during basketball season! We currently have volunteer spots available for the makeup games on February 15 and 26. Please sign up online if interested.
- *Our **spirit wear** page is on the school website. Look for the spirit wear link on the top of the homepage
- *There are still some **state football t-shirts** available--from youth to XL--\$10 each. Medium **hoodies** only are also available for \$25.
- *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 <u>here</u>. 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. Follow us on Twitter: @rlhsathletics

News from the Guidance Office

*All young men need to register with **Selective Service** within 20 days of their 18th birthdays. Register online at *www.sss.gov.*

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

Noah Kidd – UW-Parkside.

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 total).

Lexi Thomas – Marquette University (Père Marquette Scholarship \$16,000 annually/\$64,000 total); Loyola University Chicago (Presidential Scholarship \$22,000 annually/\$88,000 total); Lewis University (Presidential Scholarship \$17,500 annually/\$70,000).

Sarah Troop – UW-Stevens Point, UW-Whitewater, Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC Scholarship \$13,000 annually/\$52,000 total).

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

Educators Credit Union Scholarship – Thirty-five high school seniors will be selected to receive \$2,000. **Deadline is March 1**. Visit *ecuscholarships.com* for more information.

WIESA Youth Scholarships – Applicants must be sons or daughters of active-duty police and fire personnel. **Deadline is March 1.**

Gateway Technical College Foundation Scholarship – Applicants must have a 2.0+ GPA. Visit *gtc.edu/foundation-scholarships*. Deadline is **March 15**.

The Community Women's Club Scholarship is \$1,000 each for male or female students who graduate from a Racine-area high school and plan to attend a four-year college or university. Selection is based on applicant's grade point average, recommendations, written expression, financial need and involvement in school and community activities. Application, essay, letters of reference and transcript are due by **March 20**.

Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp Scholarship – Applicants must have been a participant in camp for two summers, be accepted to an accredited college or university, technical or community college, be in the upper 75 percentile of graduating class, have participated in extracurricular and community activities, and demonstrate financial need. **Deadline is April 9.**

Bud and Mary Androff Scholarship is for students showing interest in the study of education, physical education or the human relations area. **Deadline is April 9.**

Lutheran Women in Mission of the South Wisconsin District Scholarship is for women who are preparing for church work in the LCMS. Visit *www.lwml-swd.org/Resources/Scholarships*. **Deadline is April 30.**

- *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/

Yearbook Information

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 <u>MARCH 1</u>**. 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 (<u>as an attachment</u> not an inline photo) to <u>iporter@RacineLutheran.org</u>. Make sure the picture is high-resolution, <u>at least 300 dpi</u>.

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 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.

Also needed for the 2019 Yearbook... DID YOU DO THIS YET?????

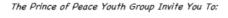
By February 1, every senior needs to submit baby/childhood/casual pictures for his/her page in the senior section.

- 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. 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, <u>no ballpoint ink</u> since it smudges permanently onto your pictures). Turn them in to the school office in an envelope or plastic bag, also <u>labeled with your name</u>. 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.

Other Opportunities

*Inspired by Ryan Arts Fair in memory of Ryan Luxem and to benefit the MACC Fund is on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Union Grove Elementary School. Art donations are accepted until March 22. Visit http://inspiredbyryan.webs.com or contact Debbie at 880-0464.





Sunday, February 24th

Games Begin - 1 pm Program - 1:30 pm Bonus Round - 2:45 Final Round - 3:15 pm

Location: Prince of Peace - 4340 Six Mile Road, Racine, WI

Join us for a fun filled afternoon. Complete crazy tasks in less than 60 seconds, then make it to the bonus rounds. If you are really fast, compete in the final round for the glory and gift card prizes.

Games – \$1 each Event Tickets – \$10, covers unlimited tries

Bring your friends and families

The Prince of Peace Youth are about halfway to raising \$13,000 for their July 2019 trip to Minneapolis for the National Youth Gathering. Help the POP Youth cross the fundraising finish line!

Call Mollie at 414-899-4221 with questions

