



RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Love one another as I have loved you. John 15:12

Weekly News – November 25, 2019

***Lunch Program** – Thank you to everyone who is taking advantage of our lunch payment program. Please be advised the account balance report and transaction list are **only** available in the PowerSchool **browser**. The account balance report and transaction list are **NOT** available in the PowerSchool app.

Please continue to monitor this information to make sure your child always has money on the account.

Payment methods:

- Online (E-check is better value than credit card)
- Check or cash at school (Best value, no extra fees)

Please contact Kari Adams at kadams@RacineLutheran.org if you need assistance.

***RLHS Alumni Basketball Tournament is Saturday, November 30, at 3 p.m.**

All are invited to come and cheer on our alumni basketball players as they return to the court for some spirited competition and great camaraderie! No admission will be charged, and concessions will be available for purchase. All kids in the crowd are invited to participate in a fun game of Lightning in between games. Come one, come all! Once a Crusader, always a Crusader! If you are looking for **Volunteer Hours**, there are spots available to work in the Concession Stand during this event. Click this link [SignUp.com](http://signup.com/go/s47kiA):

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***Grade School Fan Night for Boys Basketball** – Future Crusaders are invited to help us tip off the boys basketball season on **Tuesday, December 3, at 7 p.m.**

***The Racine Lutheran High School Ladies Guild** will meet on **Tuesday, December 3, at 7 p.m.** in the RLHS cafeteria. We invite you to join us and get involved in activities to support our high school. The Guild only meets four times a year, on the first Tuesday of September, October, December, and April. All women are invited, and the hours count toward your family service hours.

***The RLHS Music Program** proudly presents its annual **Christmas Concert**, a service of lessons and carols. The concert, titled "Good News of Great Joy" from Luke 2:10, is at **7 p.m. on Friday, December 13**. 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.

***Volunteer Hours Opportunity:** Volunteers are needed to sort and mark clothing items. This can be done in the comfort of your own home. Both the Douglas and Lathrop stores are looking for people to stop at the stores, pick up bags of clothes that need sorting and marking, and then return them so they can be put out on the floor for sale. If you can help or would like more information, please call:

Lathrop Store: Pat Hellenberg at 639-2528 or Judy Lamers at 321-4095

Douglas Store: Roy Hagen at 331-0261

***HELP!!! The Thrift Shops need you!!!!** Thrift Shop volunteer hours count toward required **family service hours** (a minimum of 20 hours per year). Friends, alums and grandparents can volunteer! Typical shifts are 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 until 4 p.m. with weekday or Saturday openings. To help at the Lathrop Avenue store, call Barb at 632-1070. To help at the Douglas Avenue store, call Roy at 331-0261.

***Photographers** – If you take any awesome photos at an RLHS event, including athletic games/meets, feel free to send a few of your favorites to sdrummond@RacineLutheran.org. We don't need thousands of pictures, but we would appreciate getting a few great shots to share. Thanks!

*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 16, and Monday, January 13, 2020** 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 Academic Office

***College Representative Visits at RLHS** – The season is upon us when Admissions Counselors from area colleges, as well as Armed Forces recruiters, come to visit with our students. Representatives from **U.S. National Guard and U.S. Navy** are coming. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are encouraged to sign up in the Learning Center to start hearing about their college options. Other schools are scheduled to visit soon.

***Youth in Governance** – Nominations are open for this year's Racine County Youth in Governance program. Youth in Governance is a youth development program that empowers Racine County high school students with a voice about myriad issues affecting Racine County residents through direct participation in local government. Youth in Governance representatives learn how local government operates while building their self-confidence and life skills such as motivation, initiative, independence and effective communication. Because of their participation in the Youth in Governance program, youth are better prepared to participate in political and civic life. To learn more, see Mr. Jones.

***FAFSA – Filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is open!** All seniors going to college need to file a FAFSA. Items needed include your FAFSA ID, social security number, federal income tax returns, W-2s and other records of money earned, plus bank statements and records of investments. You can create your FAFSA ID by visiting fsaid.ed.gov. More information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa>

***ACT Boot Camps** are offered through Racine Unified to help prepare for the ACT. Dates are **December 7, February 1, 22 and 29, and March 28**. Boot Camp runs from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. See Mr. Jones to sign up.

***ACT Prep Course** – Students should consider taking a course to help prepare for and do better on the ACT test. RLHS is not affiliated with this organization, but it is a resource you can investigate. Visit <http://www.wisconsintestprep.com/>

***Sheet Metal Apprenticeship and Environmental Service Technician (EST) Apprenticeship training programs** are accepting applications. See Mr. Jones for details.

***The Racine Local Businesses' Scholarship** is worth \$1,000. Transcript, recommendation, essay and proof of college acceptance required. **Deadline is January 21, 2020.** Winners must attend banquet on February 15, 2020.

***Halpin Staffing Services Technical Scholarship** – Seniors pursuing technical school, apprenticeships or the trades can apply for \$1,000 scholarship. Must have a 2.5+ GPA. **Deadline April 27, 2020.** See Mr. Jones for details.

News from the Athletic Office

*The **boys varsity basketball team** will, once again, play at Fiserv Forum this year. This time, the game will be on **Saturday, February 22.** In order to play at the facility, we need to sell an amount of Bucks tickets for that night's game. The Bucks take on the Philadelphia 76ers that night. As the game is expected to be a sellout, you are urged to get your tickets now! It is unlikely they will be available later. The deadline to get tickets is January 22. These tickets are simultaneously available to the general public, so they are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Here is the link to buy tickets: www.bucksgroups.com/Lutheran

***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 made out to St. Catherine's). This fee does not cover the cost of hats, socks, etc.

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.

***The basketball volunteer signup is open!** Please follow the steps below to sign up to volunteer to help our athletic events run smoothly. Funds raised through these activities support all athletic programs. We have about 60 spots that are looking for a volunteer. We're using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

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

- 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.

***NOMO' FOMO-- is the Fear of Missing Out.** Our emphasis this year for our athletic parents is to recognize and try to control that fear when it comes to their child's athletic experience. This fear can make us behave irrationally and have irrational thoughts like "Even though I have little to no experience coaching, I have beliefs about the way things ought to be done and my opinion is more valid than those with the experience." (Part 2) Sometimes I hear parents say things like: "The coach only plays favorites." "The coach has it in for my kid." "My kid never has a chance."

Yes, coaches do play favorites. Their favorites are generally players that come to practice, get there on time, work hard, listen to instructions, and give their team the best chance to win. I have sat in many conversations with coaches about players, their strengths and weaknesses, and playing time. Never in those conversations have I ever heard coaches conspire against certain kids or talk about never giving them a chance. Coaches consistently try to put their best team on the court or field and very often adjust make that happen. While playing time is not guaranteed and is not equal, all players are given an equal chance in practice to show they belong in the coaches' plans. While parents can have their opinion of who those players will be (usually biased in favor of their own child), it is the coaching staff who makes those decisions, whether parents agree or not.

*Our **spirit wear** page is on the school website. Look for the spirit wear link on the top of the homepage. Enter code NOV19 for this month's discount.

*All **fall and winter 2019-20 schedules** are on the online school calendar which can be found [here](#). 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.** Please note that practices and games continue through both **Christmas Break** and **Spring Break**.

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.

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IMPORTANT SENIOR PICTURE INFO

TO: **SENIORS** and PARENTS of the **Class of 2020**

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 1 everyone has chosen proofs and has the pictures back to exchange with friends.

For our yearbook, one **color** wallet-size print or digital file (approximately 2" wide x 3" high or larger) 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 or dmenk@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 standing 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 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 questions, please call or text Julie Porter at 262-498-5919 or email jporter@racinelutheran.org, or email new advisor Deb Menk at dmenk@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 2020 yearbook. Thanks for your cooperation.

Also needed for the 2020 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 dmenk@racinelutheran.org or 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 scanned and reprinted. Send the original 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, we will be glad to explain -- contact either Mrs. Menk or Mrs. Porter.

