



# RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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

## Weekly News – January 6, 2020



**\*Grand Gala invitations were mailed. RSVP today!** Contact Krista at [klong@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:klong@RacineLutheran.org) with any questions or donation.

**\*Hall of Fame** – Join us as we induct the members of the RLHS 1980, 1981 and 1982 boys' track teams and celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their WISAA State Track & Field Championship titles. On **Friday, January 10**, a pre-game reception is at **6 p.m.**, followed by the induction ceremony at **6:30 p.m.** The varsity game tip-off is at 7:15 p.m.

**\*Students who see something, should say something.** If a student is not comfortable contacting a staff member with a serious concern, he/she can contact Crime Stoppers by Smartphone app or Webtip or phone  
Smartphone App: Get 'P3 Tips' app for iPhone or Android (Play Store)  
Webtip: Google: Racine Crimestoppers  
URL: [www.racine.crimestoppersweb.com](http://www.racine.crimestoppersweb.com)  
Click on 'Submit a Tip'  
Phone: 262.636.9330 or 888.636.9330

**\*Bus App** – Please see the information on First Student's new bus app at the end of this newsletter. Contact Kari Adams at [kadams@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:kadams@RacineLutheran.org) or 637-6538 ext. 214 with questions.

**\*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](mailto:kadams@RacineLutheran.org) if you need assistance.

**\*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](mailto: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, 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**

**\*Gateway Technical College** – Our students can simultaneously earn RLHS and Gateway credits through the college's **Security/Criminal Justice, Intro to Industry 4.0, Welding, and CNC Operator** programs. These opportunities prepare for career entry points or as stepping stones toward degrees. Fliers are available in the Guidance Office. Registration is due by May 1 for fall 2020 enrollment.

If you have questions about these or other dual-credit programs, please contact 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](https://studentaid.ed.gov). More information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

\***ACT Boot Camps** are offered through Racine Unified to help prepare for the ACT. Dates are **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**

\***Grade School Fan Night for Girls Basketball is Wednesday, January 8, at 7 p.m.**

\***Trap Team:** The RLHS Trap Team will have sign up for the team on **January 15 and January 29**. The meetings are at **6 p.m.** in Room 123 at the school. If you are interested in the program, come to the meeting to learn about when the season starts and what you need to know about the team.

\*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](http://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 40 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/GgnPDqN>
- 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. Parents, your only job is to support your kid's team. Cheer. Encourage. Applaud. Praise. Just stay in your own lane and keep it positive!

\*Our **spirit wear** page is on the school website. Look for the spirit wear link on the top of the homepage. Enter code HELLO2020 for 15% off any order of \$80 or more.

\*All **2019-20 game 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 **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.

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



## **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](mailto:jporter@racinelutheran.org) or [dmenk@racinelutheran.org](mailto: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](mailto:jporter@racinelutheran.org), or email new advisor Deb Menk at [dmenk@racinelutheran.org](mailto: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](mailto:dmenk@racinelutheran.org) or [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 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.



## FIRSTVIEW® PARENT APP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FirstView® by First Student is the industry's most comprehensive and secure bus tracking and parent communication app. FirstView® helps you better manage your time during the hectic before- and after-school rush by putting your student's up-to-the-minute bus information in your hands. Easy to download, set up and use, FirstView® is packed with helpful features to give you peace of mind, including estimated bus arrival time, opt-in district messaging regarding delays or issues, customizable alerts for when the bus is a chosen distance or number of minutes away, secure password protection and built-in customer support.

### WHERE CAN I FIND THE FIRSTVIEW® PARENT APP?

To download, go to [firstviewapp.com](http://firstviewapp.com). You also can find FirstView® in the App Store or Google Play.

### I DON'T HAVE A SMARTPHONE. CAN I STILL USE FIRSTVIEW®?

Yes! A desktop version of FirstView® is available at [firstviewapp.com](http://firstviewapp.com).

### HOW DO I SET IT UP?

FirstView® is quick and easy to set up – just follow the prompts! You can find step-by-step instructions at [firstviewapp.com](http://firstviewapp.com).

### WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW MY STUDENT'S ID NUMBER?

Your student's stop within FirstView® is based on the student ID number provided to us by your school district. For security reasons, we cannot share student ID numbers with anyone – not even parents. If you don't know your student's ID, please contact your school district office.







### HOW OFTEN DOES THE BUS MOVE ON THE MAP?

The bus moves about every 15-30 seconds. You can see that the app is working by the refresh timer in the upper right corner of the screen.



## How do I follow my student's stop?

Once you enter your student's stop into your Profile, it will automatically appear on the FirstView® map. Below is a quick explanation for each icon.

	Shows the location of your student's stop.
	Shows the location of your student's school.
	Shows the location of the vehicle (bus) and the direction of vehicle travel (arrow). Icon begins to appear on the map 15 minutes before your scheduled route and disappears 5 minutes after the bus arrives at its designated school.
	Provides an estimated time of arrival (ETA) of the bus to your student's stop once the route starts.
	Confirms the bus arrived at your student's stop and displays the time it did so. All AM stop information will drop off the map view list after noon each day. Similarly, all PM stops will drop off after midnight.
	Shows the time your student's bus arrived at the school in the morning or departed school in the afternoon.

## Can I follow more than one stop?

Yes! Buses for all your students can be tracked with FirstView®. Using individual colors for each student, every selected stop appears on the map simultaneously for easy viewing.

## Is it possible to send notifications to my childcare provider and my work email address?

Yes! Parents can allow up to three additional users to receive email notifications for the same time and distance alerts that the parents set on their own account.

## I need to change my student's bus stop or home address. Can I do that within the app?

No. If you have changes or questions about your student's bus stop or home address, please contact your school district office.

## How do I contact customer support?

There are many ways to contact our dedicated FirstView® customer support team Monday through Friday:

- Call toll-free 888-889-8820 from 7:00 a.m. ET to 5:00 p.m. ET;
- Email Customer Support at [support@firstviewapp.com](mailto:support@firstviewapp.com); or
- Use the in-app "!" button to provide feedback.

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