



RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

***The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***

Psalm 27:1

Weekly News – October 19, 2020

***Parents – We need you to continue to monitor your children’s health.** Please take their temperatures every morning. Do not allow them to come to school if they have a fever or if they are exhibiting symptoms of any illness. Err on the side of caution as we do our best to keep everyone healthy. Thank you!

***If a student is absent,** the parent/guardian should contact the Main Office no later than 8 a.m. Call 637-6538 or email office@RacineLutheran.org. A message can be left when the office is closed. Students are responsible for contacting teachers for any missed work.

***Parent-Teacher Conferences are Tuesday, October 27.** Conferences will be held online via Zoom meeting. To facilitate this, parents are required to sign up online to meet with specific teachers. Conferences will be limited to 15 minutes each between 4 and 8 p.m. All signups must be completed by Thursday, October 22, so we can schedule all the meetings. We are asking you to schedule conferences at this time only if there is a concern with your child’s progress. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eadab2aa6f5cf8-fall>

If a teacher’s signup is filled or is in conflict with other meetings you have scheduled, please reach out to those teachers directly. There are no signups listed for Ms. Storm or Mr. Schultz. Please reach out to those teachers individually for a conference as well.

***Face coverings** – Students are required to wear their masks every day. When wearing a face covering/mask, students need to cover their noses at all times. These steps are required by the health department. The students’ compliance is critical to our ability to continue to provide in-person instruction.

***Dress Code reminders** – With the weather changing, we remind the students to continue to adhere to dress code rules. A few common reminders: no ripped or frayed jeans, no sweat pants, no hoods, no hats. Girls who wear leggings must also wear long tops or skirts that extend 2 inches beyond fingertips when hands are at their sides. The top should cover all the way around (not a cardigan). The complete dress code document is on the website. <http://www.racinelutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-2021-Dress-Code-PDF.pdf>

*In case you missed it. **The following email was sent from Mr. Burgess on October 14.**

Thank you for your cooperation during this historic school year. As we approach the end of the first quarter, I want to clarify a few things.

Our goal is to provide your child with the best educational opportunity. To do so, we believe in-person learning is a priority. In most cases, students who participate in our in-person classes achieve better results than their peers who are utilizing only virtual lessons.

As you know, we currently operate through the 4-1 Plan. This schedule allows for on-campus, block days four times a week and remote learning one time a week.

When we offer in-person learning days, your child is expected to attend classes here at Racine Lutheran. All students learn remotely on days designated as Virtual Fridays.

Full-time virtual learning is an option only for students whose families have medical concerns. A family that needs this option must discuss the situation with our administration before approval is granted. It may take a day or two to complete the transition.

A student who stays home for a day or two is not automatically a virtual student. As in the past, it is the student's responsibility to contact his/her teachers for missed work. Depending on the course, the daily lesson, and the timing of the contact, a student may or may not be able to view, join or login to class during an unplanned absence. Our teachers will do their best to engage with all learners; however, communication and cooperation are vital.

Students who are not feeling well should err on the side of caution and stay home. Parents should continue to take their children's temperatures every morning. Do not allow them to come to school if they have a fever or if they are exhibiting symptoms of any illness.

Families that are experiencing COVID-related testing or quarantine should contact me directly at dburgess@RacineLutheran.org or 262.637.6538. We will work with you throughout your process. Documentation from your provider or the health department will be required before your child returns to school.

I commend our students and our faculty! Their extra efforts have allowed us to maintain a safe learning environment. Please continue to maintain social distance, practice thorough hand washing and wear face coverings/masks.

Your cooperation is critical to our ability to continue to provide the best educational opportunity to our Crusaders!

God's Peace,
Dave Burgess
Executive Director-Principal

***Summer school transcripts** – Students who successfully completed summer school classes and received credit are responsible for providing official transcripts to RLHS. See Ms. Stephenson with questions.

***Do you have an 8th grader?** If so, please email the Admissions Office at sdrummond@RacineLutheran.org so we can add your child to our list of students for the RLHS Class of 2025.

***Lunch account** – Funds can be added to a student's lunch account via JMC or by placing a check or cash in a labeled envelope in the box near the Main Office. Login to the JMC portal. Select Lunch from the left side menu bar. Then select the blue bar in the center. You will then proceed to enter your credit card or banking information. Contact daumann@RacineLutheran.org for assistance.

***RLHS masks** – Racine Lutheran face masks are available for \$10 each. Envelopes are on the rack in the Commons. Write down your information, enclose your payment, and drop it in the payment box outside the Main Office. Your mask will be delivered during your lunch hour. If you forget your mask and need to purchase one immediately, please stop at the Main Office as soon as you enter the building. White masks can be purchased for \$5.



***RLHS vehicle decals** – Crusader decals are available in the Main Office for families who want to share their school spirit on their vehicles.



***Action shots** – We encourage parents to share awesome pictures they capture at RLHS events or athletic competitions. Pick out a few of your best shots, and email them to sdrummond@RacineLutheran.org.

2021 RLHS Yearbook Order Alert

Now is the time to order your yearbook!

Students and parents agree: Racine Lutheran has a great yearbook. *Every student really would like to have a yearbook, and it is something they will treasure for a lifetime.* There usually are no extra copies available, since we can only order the number of books that are prepaid. **If you want a 2021 Citadel, you must order one.** You may want to present this yearbook as a very special gift to your son/daughter. **Please order online through your JMC account.**

Yearbooks will not be shipped to your home; they will be picked up at school. The cost of the yearbook is \$60. It is a one-of-a-kind full-color publication filled with over two-thousand pictures. The *Citadel* contains 160 pages of photo memories of all students, teachers, friends, teams, activities, classes, and special events -- all put together with care through hundreds of hours of work by the publications staff. Almost every student orders a yearbook, so do not be left out. Order your copy of this great book today!

If you have questions, please email dmenk@RacineLutheran.org or jporter@RacineLutheran.org. We hope you will enjoy the 2021 *Citadel* for many years to come.

To order your yearbook – In the JMC parent Portal, select Tuition/Fees on the left and then Purchase Items in the blue box at the top. You can then choose yearbook. You are not able to make purchases from a phone, so you must login using a computer. You can also drop off a check or cash in the payment box by the Main Office.

***Individual pictures** – Individual pictures were sent home. Pictures can still be ordered online at <https://orders.schoolandsportpics.com/ordering> using the access key that was given to each student. If you cannot find your student's information, please contact the Main Office at 637-6538. **Picture re-take day is October 27.**

***Seniors** – Please see information about your senior pictures at the end of this newsletter.

***The Harvest Fair** sponsored by the RLHS Ladies Guild **will not be held this year** due to the pandemic. We look forward to the fair's return in November of 2021.

***Thrift Shop – Volunteers are needed to keep the stores open.** Students, parents, grandparents, and friends of RLHS are needed to sort, clean, price and display merchandise and work in the store. Please consider setting aside a morning or afternoon each month to help our faithful Thrift Shop volunteers serve RLHS.

Each **RLHS family is expected to serve at least six hours** (two complete shifts) of their total service hours (minimum 20 total) at the Thrift Shop. Currently, the **Thrift Shop is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays and is looking for help during morning shifts (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.) and afternoon shifts (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.).** One adult and one student, or two adults, are needed for each shift.

To schedule your Thrift Shop hours, please call the store schedulers listed below. **After you have worked your shift, you must log your hours in the JMC Parent Portal.** Click the link on the home page to enter your information. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Long at RLHS: 637-6538 or klong@RacineLutheran.org.

The Thrift Shop – 1222 Lathrop Avenue

Schedulers:

To sort, clean, price and/or help with incoming donations – call Pat Hellenberg 498-8851
To help with checkout/cashier – call Barb Tertel 632-1070

MORE Thrift Shop – 1228 Lathrop Avenue

Schedulers:

Peggy Groth 498-2161
Judy Lamers 321-4095

Please remember...

- Mark your calendar when you sign up to work.
- Show up on the day you signed up. Our Thrift Shops are counting on you.
- Be on time. Workers must be present to open the store.
- Sign in and out on the store log when you work.

***FREE ESTATE PLANNING – SIGN UP ONLINE, QUICKLY AND EASILY:**

<https://visibook.com/a646t8mdwxau3tm7k?back=applanding&fromIntro=true>

Virtual online meetings available: at 3:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 6 p.m., or 7:15 p.m.

- **Tuesday, October 20**
- **Wednesday, October 28**
- **Thursday, November 5**
- **Monday, November 16**

This is a FREE service of estate planning (also called a will or trust) for our school family and friends, courtesy of RLHS. Please visit our website for more information. <http://www.racinelutheran.org/estate-planning/>

***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
Click on 'Submit a Tip'
Phone: 262.636.9330 or 888.636.9330

*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



And follow us on **Twitter**:

@RLHScrusader
@RLHSathletics
@RLHSmusic



News from the Athletic Office



***RLHS is pleased to announce the addition of Mrs. Amber Krusza as our head cheer coach.** Coach Krusza has experience cheering collegiately at Augustana College, and she is currently the Director of Residence Life at Carthage College. She can be reached at *amberkrusza@gmail.com*.

***Want to get ready for winter sports?** Athletes cannot begin participation in practice until students are registered for their sport. In order to get a registration card, all the following must be 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.
OR

1b) The WIAA has granted relief for any student-athlete that is not able to get a physical this summer but has passed one within the past two years. This would typically apply to juniors who had a physical their freshman year or for incoming freshmen. The form for athletes in this situation is found here: <https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Health/WIAA-Physical-Extension.pdf> A copy of a passed physical exam is still required to be on file with the school.

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 Ascension All Saints 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 cop: \$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. Please note that the forms only need to be turned in once each school year.

*Our **spirit wear** page is on the school website. Look for the spirit wear link on the top of the homepage.

***Game schedules** are on the online school calendar which can be found [here](#). Or click on the “Calendar” link on the school website. 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. The online calendar, which is also available through our website, lists each day’s events, lunch menu and Purple/Gold/Virtual designation.

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

News from the Guidance Office

***Parents of Seniors** – Please complete the **FAFSA process** at www.FAFSA.gov. Your student’s college application cannot be completed until the FAFSA is completed. Contact Mr. Jones at mjones@RacineLutheran.org with questions.

***College Representatives** – The season is upon us when admissions counselors from area colleges will come to visit with our students. Some sessions will be in-person, and others will be virtual. This week, we will host reps from **George Williams College, UW-Platteville, and Wisconsin Lutheran College**. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are encouraged to sign up in the cafeteria to start hearing about your college options. Other schools are scheduled to visit in the coming weeks. See Mrs. Juga with questions.

*The **NACAC National College Fair** will pivot to virtual programming this fall on **Sunday, November 8**. More information can be found at www.nacacfairs.org

*The **Wisconsin Education Fairs** will be held virtually **from 3 until 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 8**. The fair will run from 3 until 5 p.m., followed by a variety of special optional presentations including an interactive financial aid and scholarship session. More information is available at www.gotocollegefairs.com

Have a great week! Stay safe!



IMPORTANT SENIOR PICTURE INFO

TO: **SENIORS** and PARENTS of the **Class of 2021**

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 arrange 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 will 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-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 pretty 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 is 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 2021 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 VERY 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.

