



# 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 – December 7, 2020**

### **\*Schedules:**

**For the week of December 7**, our schedule stays the same:

Monday-Purple, Tuesday-Gold, Wednesday-Purple w/Chapel, Thursday-Gold w/Homeroom, Friday 1-8 schedule. Bell schedules remain identical. Attendance will be taken each period, each day as usual.

If a student is not able to participate in class, the parent must report the absence to the school office by calling 637-6538 or emailing [office@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:office@RacineLutheran.org), which is the same process we have always used.

#### **Mondays**

1<sup>st</sup> period- 7:20AM-8:57AM

2<sup>nd</sup> period - 9:01AM-11:12AM (lunch is at the end of 2nd hour)

3<sup>rd</sup> period - 11:16AM-12:49AM

4<sup>th</sup> period - 12:53-2:28PM

#### **Tuesdays**

5<sup>th</sup> period - 7:20AM-8:57AM

6<sup>th</sup> period - 9:01AM-11:12AM (lunch is at the end of 6th hour)

7<sup>th</sup> period - 11:16AM-12:49PM

8<sup>th</sup> period - 12:53PM-2:28PM

#### **Wednesdays**

1<sup>st</sup> period - 7:20AM-8:47AM

CHAPEL - 8:51AM-9:23AM(students remain in 1st hour to hear Chapel)

2<sup>nd</sup> period - 9:27AM-11:29AM (lunch is at the end of 2nd hour)

3<sup>rd</sup> period - 11:33AM-12:57PM

4<sup>th</sup> period - 1:01PM-2:28PM

#### **Thursdays**

5<sup>th</sup> period - 7:20AM-9:23AM

Home Room - 8:51AM-9:23AM

6<sup>th</sup> period - 9:27AM-11:29AM (lunch is at the end of 6th hour)

7<sup>th</sup> period - 11:33AM-12:57PM

8<sup>th</sup> period - 1:01PM-2:28PM

#### **Fridays**

1<sup>st</sup> period - 7:30AM-8:15AM

2<sup>nd</sup> period - 8:20AM-9:05AM

3<sup>rd</sup> period - 9:10AM-9:55AM

4<sup>th</sup> period - 10AM-10:45AM

5<sup>th</sup> period - 10:50AM-11:35AM

6<sup>th</sup> period - 11:40AM-12:25PM

7<sup>th</sup> period - 12:30PM-1:15PM

8<sup>th</sup> period - 1:20PM-2:05PM

**For the week of December 14**, our schedule will be Monday-Purple and Tuesday-Gold.

We move to our **Finals schedule** for the remainder of that week. The following schedule will be used Wednesday, December 16, Thursday, December 17, and Friday, December 18, whether we are virtual or in-person:

**Wednesday, December 16:**

1<sup>st</sup> hour – 7:30-8:45  
2<sup>nd</sup> hour – 8:55-10:10  
3<sup>rd</sup> hour – 10:20-11:35

**Thursday, December 17:**

4<sup>th</sup> hour – 7:30-8:45  
5<sup>th</sup> hour – 8:55-10:10  
6<sup>th</sup> hour – 10:20-11:35

**Friday, December 18:**

7<sup>th</sup> hour – 7:30-8:45  
8<sup>th</sup> hour – 8:55-10:10



\***Grand Gala** – RLHS is hosting its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Grand Gala on **Saturday, February 6**, at Roma Lodge. This is the school's largest fundraiser, and this year's theme is ***Growing Together: Celebrating our Past, Securing our Future***. This vital fundraiser is a wonderful evening during which alumni, parents, friends, and community leaders come together to lift up, showcase, and support our students. Guests are welcomed with complimentary beverages as they enjoy the silent auction, followed by a delightful dinner and voice auction. The remainder of the evening is spent dancing to the live music of Chicago's High Society Orchestra. Proceeds provide tuition assistance to eligible families and assist with the school's enrollment-driven expansion plans. *\*If a live event is unable to take place due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will hold a virtual auction instead.*

This event's financial success relies on your generosity. We are asking each student to donate **at least \$10**. The combined donations allow us to purchase a big-ticket item to offer our guests during the LIVE auction portion of the evening. Last year, with our student donations, we were able to purchase a "Teen Dream" package that included Apple air-pods, a mini-fridge, waterproof Bluetooth speakers, a design your own pair of Nike's gift card and a variety of fast-food gift cards!

Please donate quickly and securely online: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/StudentGalaDonation> by Friday, December 11.

Thank you for your continued support of your child and our school. We appreciate your efforts and hope that you will continue to make a difference. Watch your mailbox the first week of the New Year for your Grand Gala invitation. We look forward to seeing you there!



## END OF YEAR INCENTIVES FOR GIVING TO RLHS

### Tax benefits:

From an income tax perspective, the CARES Act has expanded charitable contribution deductions on your 2020 federal tax return. Individual taxpayers who don't itemize can take advantage of a new above-the-line \$300 deduction for cash contributions to qualified charities in 2020. "Above-the-line" means the deduction reduces adjusted gross income (AGI). You can take this in addition to your standard deduction.

For larger donors, the CARES Act has eased the limitation on charitable deductions for cash contributions made to public charities in 2020, boosting it from 60% to 100% of AGI. There's no requirement that your contributions be related to COVID-19.

### IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD):

The CARES Act did not change the rules around the QCD, which allows individuals over 70½ years old to donate up to \$100,000 in IRA assets directly to charity annually, without taking the distribution into taxable income. However, remember that under the CARES Act an individual can elect to deduct 100% of their AGI for cash charitable contributions. This effectively affords individuals over 59½ years old the benefits similar to a QCD; that is, they can take a cash distribution from their IRA, contribute the cash to charity, and may completely offset the taxes attributable to the distribution by taking a charitable deduction in an amount up to 100% of their AGI for the tax year. If you're considering leaving a large portion of your IRA to charity in your estate, this may be a year to consider a large gift especially if you are expecting to have a taxable estate. You could benefit from tax savings and also see the benefits your charitable donation produces during your lifetime.

Now is a good time of the year to consider these opportunities. The window for taking advantage of these changes closes on December 31, 2020. It's a Win-Win for everyone! Please contact your financial advisor to further explore the possibility of a gift to RLHS from your IRA, benefitting both donor and the school!

**\*New/updated information** – Have you moved? Do you have a new phone number or email address? Are your emergency contacts up to date? Please make sure you login to your JMC account and update your family's information when it changes. If you need assistance, please call the Main Office at 637-6538.

### **\*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.** If you have questions, please email [dmenk@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:dmenk@RacineLutheran.org) or [jporter@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:jporter@RacineLutheran.org).

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 mail in a check.

**\*Thrift Shop – Volunteers are needed to keep the store 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 Wednesdays, 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](mailto: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.

**\*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

\*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**

### **\*Some important notes:**

**Practices and games** are not currently allowed in the city of Racine. We plan to hold practices at alternate locations and playing games on the road. Consult the school calendar for specific times and locations.

**Spectator policies** for winter sports will vary based on the location of the game. Updates will be made on school announcements and on the @RLHSAthletics Twitter feed.

**Masks** will be required for all athletes and spectators. Medical exemptions will not be honored at any of our conference events.

**This Tuesday's basketball games versus St. Catherine's will be held at the Gallo Center.**

No fans will be allowed for these games. We plan on streaming the games through Facebook Live from the Athletics Facebook page. We are thankful to the Gallo Center for allowing these games to be played.

\*Our **spirit wear** page is on the school website. Look for the spirit wear link on the top of the homepage. Get 20% off any order of \$85 or more through December using **promo code DEC20**.

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

## **News from the Guidance Office**

\***Racine County Youth in Governance Program** encourages youth to serve on County Board committees alongside County Board supervisors. Youth who are selected to serve will gain instrumental leadership skills and knowledge that will help them succeed in their academic and personal careers as a result of engaging in public service. To learn more, please contact Ms. Stephenson at [sstephenson@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:sstephenson@RacineLutheran.org). **Nominations are due by December 18.**

\***Parents of Seniors** – Please complete the **FAFSA process** at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov). Your student's college application cannot be completed until the FAFSA is completed. Contact Mr. Jones at [mjones@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:mjones@RacineLutheran.org) with questions.

\***College acceptances and scholarships** – Please let Mr. Jones know when you are accepted to college(s) and/or you are awarded any scholarships. Send details to [mjones@RacineLutheran.org](mailto:mjones@RacineLutheran.org).

\***Scholarship resource** – Many online sites can help Seniors identify college scholarship opportunities. Here is one site you may wish to review. <https://studentscholarships.org/> Contact Mr. Jones with questions.

\***Mary E. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship** – Offered through the Volunteers in Partnership with Ascension-All Saints Hospital, this \$4,000 scholarship is broken out to \$1,000 each year. Applicants should be from the Class of 2021, be a resident of Racine County, have a B average or better, demonstrate economic need, be enrolled in an accredited college in a health-related field, and not be a family member of an officer of Ascension-All Saints Hospital. **Deadline is January 10.** Contact Mr. Jones for application materials.

\***Halpin Staffing Services 2021 Technical Scholarship Program** will award three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Students must be pursuing their degrees in technical programs to be eligible. For an application, contact Mr. Jones or Erica Jensen at [erica@halpinservices.com](mailto:erica@halpinservices.com). **Deadline is April 26.**

\*The **Southeastern Wisconsin Sheet Metal Joint Apprenticeship Training program** is available. It is a 5-year program. Students who are interested in learning more should contact Mr. Jones.



## **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](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 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](mailto:jporter@racinelutheran.org), or email 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 2021 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](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 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.