



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 – February 22, 2021

***Reminders** – Parents must continue to monitor their children’s health. If the student and/or a member of the household is under quarantine due to positive COVID testing or exposure, he/she should not come to school. Documentation will be required. If a student has symptoms of illness, he/she should not come to school. Contact your healthcare provider for guidance.

*We continue to maintain social distance, wear face coverings, and follow the lunch procedures in place this fall. It is important to be rigorous in our safety measures to ensure we can continue to offer on-site, in-person classes.

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

***On days when we offer in-person instruction**, students are expected to be in school. Virtual learning is not a day-by-day choice.

***Due to last week’s snow day, we made modifications to the schedule. Please see below for updates on the Purple/Gold rotation, as well as the 9th Hour breakdown.**

Monday (22) – Purple – 9th Hour – Math

Tuesday (23) – Gold – 9th Hour – Science

Wednesday (24) – Purple – 9th Hour – English/Spanish

Thursday (25) – Gold – 9th Hour – Social Studies or any other courses

Friday (26) – Purple (in-person day)

***ACT Testing** – All 11th graders will take part in statewide ACT testing on Tuesday, March 9. It is important all juniors (including remote students) are present, in-person, on that date promptly at 7:20 a.m. There are some pre-test items that students will need to complete online on their own. These activities take approximately one hour to complete. This information will be sent home soon and should be done prior to test day. Please help your student take the time to complete this important activity (including which schools should receive each student’s score).

***SNOW PHOTOS?** Students and parents -- The yearbook staff would like to do a couple of pages on the historic snowfall. We are looking for pictures of students in the snow. They could be shoveling, snow blowing, cleaning off a car, sledding, skiing, walking, building a snowman, etc. If you have a picture you could share, please email it to dmenk@RacineLutheran.org or text to Mrs. Porter at 262.498.5919. Thank you.

***Lunch money** – Students must put lunch money into the box by the Main Office **by 8 a.m.** for it to be credited before lunch orders are taken. Please provide a check or the correct amount of cash. Change will not be made. Thanks for your cooperation.

***The 9th Hour runs from 2:30 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.** If a student is on a teacher’s F list, **he/she will be required to attend 9th Hour** on the appropriate day the following week.

If a student is required to attend, the family is responsible for transportation home. The student should leave the building promptly at **3:15 p.m.** If a student is involved in an after-school activity or sport, he/she may not attend that activity until the help session is over. When the student achieves a passing grade, he/she will no longer be required to attend the **9th Hour.**

If you have any concerns, you may contact Mr. Haun, Dean of Students, at jhaun@RacineLutheran.org.

***To order your yearbook** – Books are received in June, but must be purchased in advance. The cost of the yearbook is \$60. 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. If you are unsure if you have already purchased a yearbook, check your JMC parent portal under Tuition/Fees for your purchase history.

*** 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.

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

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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

***Cheer practice starts Tuesday.** The following paperwork and fee are required before cheerleaders may begin practice.

***Spring sports** calendars are different this year due to the WIAA alternate fall season. Regardless, it is never too early to prepare your paperwork for the upcoming season. Athletes cannot begin participation in practice until students are registered for their sport. 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 (Boys tennis 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. Please note that the forms only need to be turned in once each school year.

April 12--Baseball pitcher/catcher practice begins.

April 19--Baseball, softball, track and field, golf practices begin.

April 26--Girls soccer practice begins.

May 3--Boys tennis practice begins.

*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 \$80 or more through February using **promo code FEB21**.

***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

***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 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.

***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.

***Concordia University – St. Paul, Minnesota** – Starting in the 2021-22 school year, all CSP students in LCMS church work programs (Lutheran church teacher, pre-seminary, pre-deaconess, directors of Christian education, Christian outreach, or parish music) are guaranteed to pay no more than \$6,000 in tuition to CSP per year. This is about a 75% discount off tuition, before other scholarships are included. To learn more, see Mr. Jones or visit www.csp.edu.

***Educators Credit Union 2021 Scholarship** – \$2,000 scholarships to be awarded to 35 students. See Mr. Jones or visit <https://www.ecu.com/community/student-scholarships/application/> **Deadline is February 26.**

***Racine County Youth in Governance Sponsored Scholarship** – \$250, GPA 3.0+, Racine County resident. See Mr. Jones for details. **Deadline March 1.**

***Wisconsin Security Association (WISA) Scholarship** – Offered to seniors whose parents are full-time, active members of a Wisconsin police or fire department. \$1,500 each. **Deadline is March 5.** Visit <https://wiesa.org/about/youth-scholarship-information/>

***Kiwanis Club of West Racine Scholarship** – Members of the Class of 2021 who have placed in past Kiwanis competitions are eligible to apply for the \$1,500 scholarship. **Deadline is March 5.** See Mr. Jones or visit www.westracinekiwanis.org.

***Racine County Agricultural Society** is offering a total of \$3,500 to seniors who are members of 4H, FFA or similar youth groups. Minimum GPA 3.0. **Deadline March 12.** See Mr. Jones for details.

***Perkins Family Scholarship** – GPA of 2.5 to 3.25 and other guidelines. \$1,400. See Mr. Jones for details. **Deadline March 26.**

***Dennis Barry Strive Scholarship** – The Racine Founder’s Rotary Club is offering five \$2,000 one-year college scholarships to students graduating from Racine high schools. The Scholarship Committee will be awarding scholarships to students who score the highest in the categories below: active involvement in school and community activities, the quality and message of their essay –“Service Above Self” (limit to one page), significant academic improvement through four years in high school, have overcome adversity in their life, one letter of recommendation from a counselor, one letter of recommendation from a community leader. The Dennis Barry Strive Scholarship is intended for students who began their high school career with grades that did not reflect their potential but by their senior year have shown significant improvement in their academic

ability. Applicants should also be able to demonstrate their active involvement in school and community activities. See Mr. Jones for more details. **Deadline March 31.**

***Bud and Mary Androff Scholarship** – For Seniors planning to study in the area of education, physical education, or human relations. See Mr. Jones for more details. **Deadline April 16.**

***Racine ELCA Neighborhood Camp Scholarship** – Must be a past participant in the Camp. See Mr. Jones for details. **Deadline April 16.**

***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. **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 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-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 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 is 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 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 2021 yearbook. Thanks for your cooperation.

HAVE YOU DONE THIS????

DUE NOW – 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.