



RACINE LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL



CRUSADER CONNECTION

■ FALL 2020 ■



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Psalm 27:1

DID YOU KNOW?



At RLHS, our core values are reflected in all we do, including our programs and curriculum.

Faith

- Daily devotions
- Weekly Chapel
- Theology classes
- Bible study

Learning

- College-prep curriculum
- Dual-credit partnerships with colleges and universities
- Advanced Placement courses
- Innovated, caring, committed faculty

Character

- Comprehensive athletic program
- Fine arts program includes visual arts, drama productions and music opportunities
- Clubs and extracurricular activities
- Service opportunities

Leadership

- Senior Leadership Retreat
- Teaching assistant opportunities
- National Honor Society
- Student Council

GREETINGS!

Our marketing team's recent social media post referred to me as a "fearless leader." We laughed about that unofficial title. We know the reality and uncertainty of the past several months. Everyday decisions that used to be mundane, now require extensive discussion, proven data, health department approval, and time in prayer. As I lead Racine Lutheran High School during a worldwide pandemic, there are very few moments when I feel "fearless."

Our students and staff also carry the burden of fear during this unusual time in history. The school year theme is Psalm 27:1 which reads:

**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?**

When that fear creeps in, we are drawn back to our Lord and His strength, guidance, and understanding. He knows our fears; He hears our prayers.

When we face major decisions during 2020, we are reminded to place our trust in the Lord through prayer. When we launched our 4-1 Plan to allow in-person learning, we prayed. When our athletes started their seasons, we prayed. When we celebrated Homecoming Week, we prayed. When we saw smiles return to the faces of anxious students, we prayed.

Each day brings new challenges to which we respond. And yet, the blessings continue to outnumber the fears during this memorable year.

Our new 4-1 Plan requires modifications that utilize an on-campus block schedule plus remote learning, mandated face coverings, minimal passing times, social distancing, increased sanitation, improved technology with additional equipment, and countless other adjustments. Our students are thriving!

Allow me to publicly thank you – our students and parents, our teachers, staff and coaches, our pastors and congregants, our alumni, our supporters! Thank you for the confidence you have in us; thank you for the contributions you share with us. Please continue to pray for Racine Lutheran High school and support all we are working to accomplish.

God's Peace,

David S. Burgess

Executive Director-Principal



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(Left) Sarah Seils achieved a new school record (and a new look) in Cross Country.

(Center) Things are looking up for the Crusader Soccer team.

(Right) Cross Country runner Brady Baranowski sprinted toward the finish line.

FALL ATHLETICS

New guidelines for athletes and fans were implemented this fall. The Crusaders competed in football, volleyball, tennis, and cross country. We are grateful for understanding and cooperative parents, coaches, officials, and athletes. Go Crusaders!



(Left) Drew Schoneman passed the ball to a Volleyball teammate. Photo by Gregory Shaver. (Right) Morgann Gardner powered through a kill for the Volleyball team.



(Left) Kirsten Habeck returned a shot for the Tennis team. (Right) Quarterback Camdin Jansen scrambled to set up a score for the Football team.

DID YOU KNOW?



RLHS offers a comprehensive athletic program for all to enjoy.

- Baseball – Boys
- Basketball – Girls and Boys
- Cheerleading – Coed
- Cross Country – Girls and Boys
- Football – Boys
- Golf – Boys
- Soccer – Girls and Boys
- Softball – Girls
- Strength and Conditioning – Coed
- Tennis – Girls and Boys
- Track and Field – Girls and Boys
- Trapshooting – Coed
- Volleyball – Girls and Boys
- Wrestling – Coed

DID YOU KNOW?



RLHS families save time and money with the dual-credit partnerships we have with post-secondary institutions.

- Concordia University Wisconsin – Concordia Promise
- Gateway Technical College – Criminal Justice, Industry 4.0, CNC Operator, Welding Academy, CNA and more!
- Grand Canyon University
- University of Wisconsin system



(Left) Adarian Freeman stayed cozy and warm on PJ Day. (Right) Heaven Villarreal was a superhero on Hollywood Day.

HOMEcoming WEEK

A Hollywood Homecoming Week included PJ Day, Nerd vs Jock Day, Spirit Day, and Hollywood Day. The coveted Spirit Stick was awarded to the seniors, but all the students donated to the food drive, dressed up, attended sporting events, and made the best of an unusual Homecoming Week.



Ramiyah Wilson shows her school spirit during Homecoming Week.



Sisters Amelia and Eliza Hansing donned masks and gowns at the dance.



Brothers Hayden and Caleb Carranza celebrated Homecoming Week together.



Senior Shayla Schaff added a big smile to her Hollywood outfit.



Freshman Lea Austin picked the Packers on Jock vs Nerd Day.



Sisters Ella and Faith Harris represented both sides on Jock vs Nerd Day.



HOME COMING COURT

Congratulations to our Homecoming Queen Camille Juga and King Tim Nelson and their court, who were recognized at halftime of the football game.



Megan Lichter



Scooter Molbeck



Morgann Gardner



Noah Schoff



Amy Donaldson



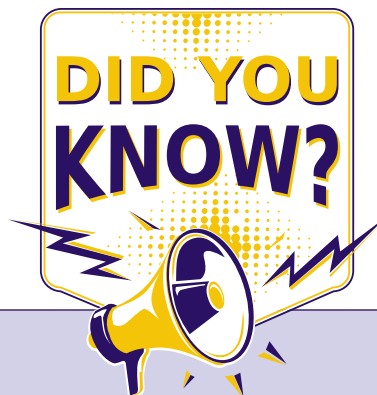
Ben Hornak



Mya Seitz



Nolan Kraus



A great selection of clubs provides many ways for students to get involved in RLHS.

- Art Club
- Bible Study
- Crusader Future Leaders
- Drama Club
- National Honor Society
- Quiz Bowl
- Service Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Travel Club
- Woodworking Club
- Yearbook Club





PHYSICS PHUN

Under Mr. Christian Lindau's watch, the Physics students are experiencing unconventional lessons. Highlights include a watermelon drop to measure the height of the school, mousetrap cars to enhance their engineering prowess, and potato ammunition in a pneumatic cannon to test their algebra and geometry skills. Senior Jonathan Rosborough is pictured during two of the experiments.



TEACHING THE TRADES

Our Industrial Arts lab is buzzing, grinding, and whirring with activity. Students learn about tools and prepare for future occupations. The Introduction to Construction Trades course launched this year. Megan Farrey uses the scroll saw in Woodcrafting class.



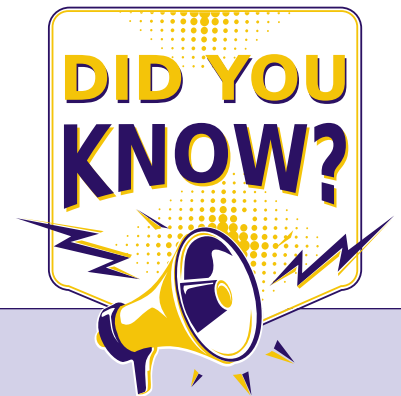
COLLEGE VISITS

College admissions representatives continue to recruit our students. Some visit in-person; others interact virtually. Mrs. Tracey Juga, pictured here with Serenity Ford and Sarah Seils, coordinates this step on the journey to post-secondary opportunities.



SCIENCE SEPARATION

Barriers of space and plexiglass cannot keep our young technicians from researching, collaborating, and solving science problems. Exploring theories are freshmen Donaven Parra, Cameron Mitchell, and Aniyah Shaw.



RLHS prepares our students for their post-secondary journeys and careers with extensive academic offerings.

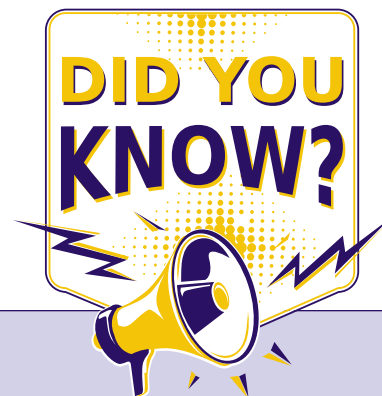
- 14 science classes
- 10 English classes
- 10 social studies classes
- 9 math classes
- 7 art classes
- 7 industrial arts classes
- 6 technology/business classes
- 5 physical education classes
- 4 theology classes
- 4 Spanish classes
- 4 music classes
- Advanced Placement classes in Biology, Calculus AB, Literature and Composition, United States History



AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

Making music while masked is a monumental task. In spite of restrictions, Mr. Tim Gullicksrud raised the bar, lifted his voice, and elevated the expectations of the RLHS musicians. Our vast Music Room allows students to spread out, yet join their voices and instruments, to create melodious sounds. The RLHS Fall Concert showcased their talents. Dedicated volunteers created band-friendly face coverings to protect the students during these unprecedented times.

Freshman Elenna Garrett safely plays her saxophone while sporting her new face covering.



Many opportunities are available for students to develop and share their musical talents at RLHS. Performances at in-house and community concerts receive standing ovations, while music tours and competitions provide further opportunities to shine and share their musical gifts with the community.

- Band
- Chamber Choir
- Choir
- Handbell Ensemble
- Jazz Band
- Pep Band
- Praise Team



INTRO TO ART

Students are exposed to the basic elements and principles of art and design while they explore a wide range of media including graphite, acrylics, sculpture, and printmaking. Grace Hansen (left front), Aniyah Shaw (left back), and Mario Garcia (right) create keepsakes during an Intro to Art class.



DID YOU KNOW?



Here are some fast facts about Racine Lutheran High School:

- Year established: 1944
- Team name: Crusaders
- School colors: Purple and Gold
- Student-to-teacher ratio: 11:1
- Average class size: 18 students
- Current enrollment: 315 students
- School day hours: 7:20 a.m. to 2:28 p.m.
- 4-1 Plan: Fours days in-person block schedule, one day remote learning
- Required credits to graduate: 25.5
- Website: RacineLutheran.org
- Facebook: Racine Lutheran High School Admissions
- Campus: Conveniently located on the bank of the Root River and surrounded by parks
- Conference: Metro Classic Conference

HALL OF FAME 2022 NOMINATIONS

RLHS is currently seeking nominations for the 2022 Hall of Fame. Criteria for selection include displaying fine character and a commitment to the mission of RLHS. All nominated alumni must have graduated at least 10 years prior to selection and had noteworthy achievement during their high school careers and/or contributions in their chosen field. All nominated teachers, coaches or staff members must have an elapsed time of 5 years after active tenure at RLHS prior to selection. Nominees may be inducted in the areas of athletics, academics, humanitarianism, the arts, or service to the church. If you know of an individual who should be considered for induction, please visit the About Us section at RacineLutheran.org and use the nomination form provided. Any questions may be directed to Jason Block at jblock@RacineLutheran.org.



The Racine Lutheran Hall of Fame recognizes former students, athletes and faculty members who have shown a commitment to the school's mission and have made outstanding contributions with their God-given gifts. The 2021 Hall of Fame induction ceremony is tentatively set for Sat., Jan. 16, before the boys' varsity basketball game.



REUNIONS

If you graduated in a year that ends in a 1 or 6, then 2021 is your reunion year! Whether you are planning a simple family picnic or a formal event, your best chance for success is early planning. Please visit our website and click on REUNIONS, under the ALUMNI tab, for suggestions and things to consider. Contact klong@RacineLutheran.org for your graduating class list, and for help getting started with planning your special celebration.

OBITUARIES

We pay tribute to the following alumni who have recently passed away.

Class of:

1949 – Joan Connor Lee	1960 – Sandra Floyd Christensen
1951 – Delores Edelburg Mahnke	1961 – Margaret Schulz Marcrander
1951 – Lois Phillips Liebenow	1961 – Cynthia Andis Turner
1952 – George Lindeman	1967 – Marie Hartwig Cole
1955 – Marge Martin Demuth	1969 – Roger Hougard
1955 – Ruth Pifer Gapp	1977 – Jeffrey Wegner
1956 – Jean Jacoby Caspers	1985 – Blythe Salmon
1957 – Judy Jensen Damaschke	1987 – Marna Myer Moolla
1957 – Richard Mikkelsen	2010 – Braiden Moriarity

BIRTHS & NUPTIALS



Olivia Ordiway Fleming '08 and husband, Ryan, welcomed their second daughter, Poppy, on Feb. 16.



Ashlyn Hanson Saal '10 and husband, Cody, welcomed their daughter, Winslow Rose, on June 1.



Cassi Malko Engibous '12 and husband, Kyle, welcomed a daughter, Harper Rose, on June 10.



Nicholas Naegeli '13 married Haley Lynam on Oct. 10 at The Ivy House in Milwaukee.



Heather Scott '13 married Caleb Gillis on Sept. 12 at Racine Country Club.



Pete Drummond '12 married Baylee Gross on Aug. 29 at The Bog in Saukville.



Aaron Palmer '15 married Megan Taleck '16 on Oct. 3 at Faithbridge Church in Racine.

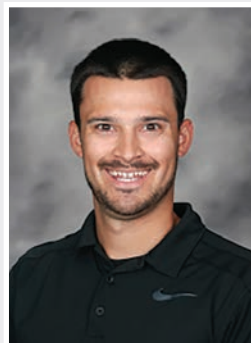


SHARE YOUR LIFE'S MILESTONES

As alumni, you are still part of our large, extended family. Please share your latest news, engagements, marriages, births, and other updates with us at klong@RacineLutheran.org. We will happily include it on our social media pages and/or in the next edition of the *Crusader Connection*.

STAY CONNECTED

We want to be sure our alumni contact information and communication preferences are correct, so you receive the latest school news, invitations to events and more. To notify us of any changes, please go to our website and click on the ALUMNI tab. Select UPDATE CONTACT INFO on the drop-down menu. We take precautions to protect your identity and do not share private information with any outside parties.



NEW FACULTY

God has blessed us with wonderful additions to our teaching staff. We welcome Lori Storm, Mackenzie Meyers, Rhonda Molbeck, Zach Schultz, and Randy Henderson, who has transitioned into the Industrial Arts arena.

DID YOU KNOW?



RLHS helps all students succeed through a variety of initiatives.

- Student-to-teacher ratio of 11:1
- Average class size of 18 students
- Schedule that includes 4 days in-person and 1 day remote learning per week
- Accomplished guidance counselors
- Resource Team
- College visit program
- ACT testing site
- Merit scholarships
- Need-based financial assistance
- Tax deductible tuition
- Operated by an association of Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations. Students from all denominations are welcome.



RICK WITH BRICKS

You can support the school and purchase a commemorative brick. Our new Head of Buildings and Grounds, Rick Ryddner, keeps the Walk of Faith looking fabulous! Contact the Development Office to learn more.



FUTURE CRUSADER

Congratulations to our new Dean of Students Justin Haun and his wife, Becca, who welcomed Aubrey Grace to the world in October.

STAFF SPIRIT

The faculty at RLHS is always eager to show their school spirit. Pictured here, Emma Dannehl participates in Homecoming PJ Day.



Donations gratefully accepted online, via mail, or in person.

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(Left) Ty Demuth '12, Tim Demuth '09, Mike Wilks '04, Sean Fogarty '03.



(Right) From the Class of '68: Duane Cziok, Sandy Heffel Johnson, Ken Dallman, Julie Roberts Hagen.

GOLF OUTING

We are grateful for the RLHS supporters who participated in the 32nd annual Golf Outing at Meadowbrook Country Club. More than 100 guests enjoyed the camaraderie, friendly competition, beautiful golf course and delicious food. Since its inception, this event has raised more than \$445,000, with 100 percent of the proceeds directly benefitting the RLHS Athletic Department. Mark your calendars for next year's outing on Aug. 2.



GRAND GALA

RLHS is hosting its 23rd annual Grand Gala on Sat., Feb. 6, at Racine's Roma Lodge. 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.

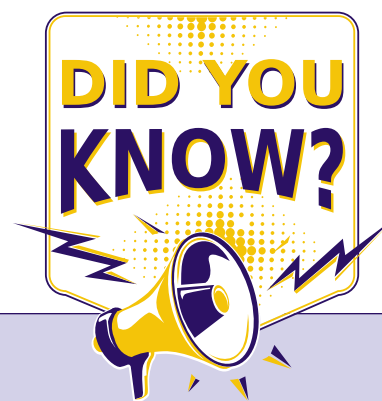
*If a live event is unable to take place due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will hold a virtual auction instead.



MORE THRIFT SHOP

Our Lathrop Avenue Thrift Shop has expanded and now offers even More Thrift Shop! Thank you to the countless volunteers who made this expansion happen, and to those who volunteer, donate, and shop throughout the year. Senior Nathan Janke and his mother, Gina, covered a weekend shift at the shop. To date, the Thrift Shop proceeds that directly benefit RLHS total more than \$4.3 million.

We continue to seek a new northside location to replace the Douglas Avenue building that was sold.



RLHS offers many events and other opportunities for the entire family to get involved.

- Parents as Partners Initiative
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Families commit to 20 hours of volunteer service annually.
- Grand Gala
- Golf Outing



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MISSION

Racine Lutheran High School's mission is to guide our youth in faith, learning, character, and leadership by nurturing their relationship with Jesus Christ and educating them for a life of service to God and man.

VALUES

Faith, Learning, Character, Leadership.

SCHOOL YEAR THEME

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PARENTS

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Connecting Past and Present Crusaders Who Value
Faith, Learning, Character, and Leadership

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We are profoundly grateful to our donors for their contributions and apologize for the following omissions from our list of 2019 Contributors to Racine Lutheran High School:

- Class of 1969
- James Palmer
- Jim Weber
- Dale & Karen Weber

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