

Let your light shine. Matthew 5:16

Weekly News – February 13, 2023



*Principal's Points to Ponder:

1) The re-enrollment process for 2023-24 has begun. Returning families, please make sure you are completing the JMC registration process as well as the School Choice application or financial aid process, if applicable. Please take care of this by **Thursday**, since there is **no school on Friday**, **February 17**, **or Monday**, **February 20**.

2) We are seeing an increasing number of students arriving at school out of dress code. Please try to catch a glimpse of what your child is wearing before leaving for school. This could prevent you from having to make an extra trip to school to bring them proper attire.

ART WINNERS!



*Congratulations to Ms. Koepke and her art students who competed in the Wisconsin Art Education Association's Visual Arts Classic at Mount Mary College. Six students received first-place ranking at regionals and advanced to the state competition! Deandrea Pritchett, Andrew Block, Bianca Allen, Elenna Garrett, Angelica Munoz, and Lillian Halberstadt are headed to state! The team, which included Dylan Morris, Phoenix Falaschi, and Madison Guziewicz, brought home the third-place trophy in the "Critical-thinking" team project challenge. Ms. Koepke serves as the VAC Milwaukee regional co-chair.

*THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Grand Gala! It was an amazing night for RLHS!

*RLHS Thrift Shop – Every school year, 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.). Students, parents, grandparents, and friends of RLHS are needed to sort, clean, price and display merchandise and work in the store. One adult and one student, or two adults, are needed for each shift. SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!!

To schedule your Thrift Shop hours, please call the store schedulers listed below. Please make sure you log your hours after your shift. You can log them through the JMC Parent Portal (click link on the home page) or by visiting our website (click on SUPPORT US/THRIFT SHOP). If you have any questions, please contact Krista Long at RLHS: 262.637.6538 or *klong*@*RacineLutheran.org*.

The Thrift Shop – 1222 Lathrop Avenue

Schedulers:

To sort, clean, price and/or help with incoming donations – call Pat Hellenberg 262.498.8851 To help with checkout/cashier – call Barb Tertel 262.632.1070

MORE Thrift Shop – 1228 Lathrop Avenue Schedulers: Peggy Groth 262.498.2161 or Judy Lamers 262.321.4095

News from the Guidance Office

*JUNIORS – Sign up <u>before February 28</u> for Gateway Technical College's High School Academies that let you get a jump on your college career while you're still in high school. Explore programs in Criminal Justice, Firefighting/EMS, and Nursing, Welding, SMART manufacturing, and IT/Data Analytics. See Mrs. Juga with questions. Academy information can be found at

https://www.gtc.edu/admissions/audience/high-school-students/high-school-academies

*Attention Juniors and Seniors! SC Johnson still has some openings for the Summer Internship **Program**! Please see Mrs. Juga ASAP if you are interested in getting more information about the program and learn how to apply.



*All RLHS Families are invited!! "Screenagers Next Chapter: Addressing Mental Health in the Digital Age" will be shown on Wednesday, February 15, at 6 p.m. in the Learning Center.

*African American Youth Empowerment Conference is Thursday, February 23, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Gateway Technical College's Racine Campus. Discover the power of education as you explore more than 70 programs of study, scholarships, future career options and more. Get inspired and start your big dreams. Register today at *newstudentspecialists@gtc.edu*. Please see Mrs. Juga if you plan to attend or have any questions.

News from the Athletic Office

*We will celebrate the **Senior boys basketball players** at **Friday's** boys basketball game. We will recognize the Senior players before the start of the varsity game.

*We will celebrate the **boys basketball Parents** on **Tuesday**. We will recognize parents and players after the JV game. Parents, please be in attendance by **6:30 p.m**. at the latest.

*Important Dates:

Spring Sports Parent Meeting—Monday, March 6, at 7 p.m.

Track practice begins--March 6 Softball practice begins--March 13 Baseball practice begins--March 20 (pitchers and catchers report March 13) Girls soccer practice begins--March 20 Boys tennis and golf practices begin--March 27 Tennis and golf are co-op teams run by St. Catherine's. Information on their parent meeting will be coming soon.

*St. Catherine's, Martin Luther, and St. Thomas More have changed their ticket policy to online ticketing. Each school will be using Ticket Spicket. You can search each school at this link *https://events.ticketspicket.com/home*

*We need lots of parental help during basketball season! Please check out the new link (below) to sign up to volunteer. We still have spots to fill for this winter's events!

This week we are still looking for:Tuesday:JV2 Scorebook 4 p.m.Friday:JV2 Scoreboard 4 p.m.

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/dnpxcQM

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.

*It is time to get ready for Spring Sports! Athletes cannot begin participation in practice until students are registered for their sport. See below.

***Participation requirements –** Athletes cannot begin participation in practices 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.

2) Sign and return the Lutheran High Athletics Agreement and the Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest 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 \$150 per season with a cap of \$450 per year for a family (Boys volleyball and girls tennis co-op: \$200 made out to St. Catherine's). This fee does not cover the cost of hats, socks, etc. All forms can be found on the Racine Lutheran website at RacineLutheran.org. Click "Athletics" and print out the appropriate forms. All forms need to be turned in once per school year.

AGAIN, PLAYERS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN PRACTICE UNTIL ALL FORMS AND FEES HAVE BEEN TURNED IN TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE.

*Racine Lutheran High School is on the NFHS Network! All home basketball games will now be livestreamed for anyone to view. Many of our away games are webcast on this platform as well. If you can't make it to the game, or if you have out of town relatives who want to watch, go to *https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/* and search Racine Lutheran High School. A subscription is required.

*Please be aware of the following WIAA/Local Covid quarantine rules.

If a student/athlete has a confirmed positive case of Covid, he/she will quarantine for 5 days from the onset of symptoms. They may leave isolation after they have been fever free for 24 hours or longer and symptoms are generally improving.

If a student/athlete is determined to be a close contact with a confirmed positive case of Covid, he/she will: monitor for symptoms. If symptoms start, he/she should isolate and get tested. Quarantining is no longer required.

*Game schedules are on the online school calendar which can be found <u>here.</u>. 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 available on the calendar site.

*A **user guide** for the school calendar website can be found <u>here</u>. There is also a free mobile app to access the school calendar. Search "Activity Scheduler" in your app store. The app has been recently upgraded so check it out!

*Our **spirit wear** page is on the school website. Look for the spirit wear link on the top of the homepage. **Receive 20% off \$100 or more. Code FEB23.**

Order Your RLHS Crusaders TEAM PICTURES TEAM 8" x 10" -- \$7.00 5" x 7" -- \$4.00 JV Varsity GOLF **TRACK & FIELD** Girls SOCCER SOFTBALL BASEBALL TRAPSHOOTING **CHEERLEADERS** TENNIS WRESTLING Girls BASKETBALL **Boys BASKETBALL** JV1 JV2 VOLLEYBALL **Boys SOCCER** (Varsity & JV are together in (5x7 is not recommended Varsity/JV FOOTBALL large team, faces too small) one photo) (Order in 8x10 or 11x14) Recommended: 11x14 extra-large size for \$10.00 Other Teams (back order) Specify team and year. Name Total \$ Please include payment with order. Pictures will not be ordered unless pre-paid. Send your order to the school office. Photo will be ready one week after order is received. No deadline; order anytime. Make checks payable to Racine Lutheran HS.

*Order team athletic pictures using the form below.

Other Opportunities



2023 RLHS Yearbook Alert



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.* This is a one-of-a-kind full-

<u>color publication filled with over 2,000 pictures.</u> 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 don't be left out. This is really A YEAR TO REMEMBER, and the yearbook records all the school year's memories for you.

If you want a 2023 RLHS YEARBOOK, you must order one. There usually are no extra copies available, since we can only order the number of books that are prepaid.

Please send your order and payment to the school office, OR

You can <u>order</u> securely <u>ONLINE</u> on our school website.

- Go to your JMC Parent portal.
- Select Tuition/Fees on the left, then Purchase Items in the blue box at the top.
- You can then **choose Yearbook** to place your order. You are not able to make purchases from a phone, so you must login using a computer.

The cost of the yearbook is **\$60**. Please order soon. Yearbooks arrive at the end of the school year, but we need to give the publisher our final number of books.

Request a yearbook gift certificate if you would like to make this a gift!

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Porter at jporter@RacineLutheran.org.

Hopefully, you will enjoy your yearbook, the 2023 Citadel, for many years to come.

2023 Yearbook Order

Please enclose your payment in an envelope and mail it to the school office (251 Luedtke Ave., Racine, 53405). Either include this slip or a note with your name and "Yearbook Order" on it.

To order by credit card online, follow instructions above.

The yearbooks will be available for pick up at the end of the school year.

Please order <u>copy(copies)</u> of the 2023 Racine Lutheran HS **YEARBOOK** for:

Name _____

Enclosed is my payment of \$60 for each yearbook. Thank you!

(Optional) Text me at this number when the yearbooks arrive for pick-up: ____



IMPORTANT SENIOR PICTURE INFO SENIORS and PARENTS of the Class of 2023

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 make arrangements 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 and put in the yearbook.

For our yearbook, one **color** wallet-size print or digital file (approximately 2" wide x 3" high or larger) is needed **by** <u>MARCH 1</u>. 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 flash drive, or email it (<u>as an attachment</u> not an inline photo) to <u>jporter@racinelutheran.org</u> or <u>dmenk@racinelutheran.org</u>. Make sure digital pictures are high-resolution, <u>at least 300 dpi</u>.

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 online, and ask a lot of questions.

Look at past yearbooks and write down the ideas you like best, otherwise you'll forget what you liked! 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 headto-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'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*.

If you are <u>not</u> 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 2023 yearbook. Thanks for your cooperation.

Also needed for the 2023 Yearbook...<mark>IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE</mark> THIS, YOU ARE LATE!!!

By **February 1**, every senior needs to submit **baby**, **childhood**, **and 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 flash drive or email them to dmenk@RacineLutheran.org or jporter@RacineLutheran.org or text to Mrs. Porter at 262-498-5919. 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 <u>not</u> turn in computer printouts of pictures or photocopies-- they will be blurry when scanned and reprinted. <u>Send the original digital file rather than a print</u> unless it is a VERY high-quality print.
- Please label your pictures on the back (use permanent marker or pencil, <u>no ballpoint ink</u> since it smudges permanently onto your pictures). Turn them in to the school office in an envelope or plastic bag, also <u>labeled with your name</u>.
- 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 questions about the pictures, we will be glad to help. Contact either Mrs. Menk or Mrs. Porter.

