

# RCLS Paw Print



Weekly newsletter of  
Rochester Central Lutheran School

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*Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today!*

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## MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS:

"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given..." Isaiah 9:6

On Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders went to Bethany Samaritan Heights nursing home to sing the music from last Thursday's Christmas Celebration, "Miracle on Main Street." Mrs. Robbins reported that the students did so well that staff even stopped by to listen. When the children were finished, one of the patients who was 90 + years old and in a wheel chair told Mrs. Robbins, "That makes staying alive until Christmas all worthwhile."

Many people after Thursday's celebration told me that the message was loud and clear. Indeed, we do need to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Indeed, it makes our lives worth living.

Without the baby Jesus, what would we have to celebrate? Without His sacrifice on the cross, what would be our hope?

It is my prayer that as we count the days to Christmas, that your focus is so much more than your family traditions. I pray that your heart leaps with joy and you remember the true meaning of Christmas...Jesus...the beginning of the Easter story. Indeed, He makes our lives worth living.

*Overflowing in Christ  
Henry G. Pahlkotter, II  
Principal*

**THANK YOU PARENTS** for coming and celebrating with us at our Christmas Program at John Marshall High School. We had a fun night performing for you and sharing Jesus' light with you. We appreciate your support and assistance in transporting students and providing costumes, cookies, and punch for afterwards. We're glad you enjoyed our production, and we hope it was as fun for you as it was for us. Thanks again. - RCLS Students

## SAC (SCHOOL AGE CARE) INFO

If you will need child care during Christmas vacation please sign-up by Thursday, December 20 to guarantee a spot. SAC personnel will be staffed accordingly. The SAC program will be closed December 24-25, and January 1st.

**SPECIAL MUSICAL CHAPEL THIS WEEK!** This Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the choirs will lead us in worship at chapel in celebration of the Christ child. Please make every effort to attend. All are invited to this very special Christmas worship experience. Chapel begins about 7:55 a.m. at Holy Cross.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!** Many have commented on how nice it was to have the entire school family together for the Christmas Celebration last week. Many have shared that the message was clear and that they truly enjoyed the program. The students were thrilled to have so many in attendance and to have their efforts appreciated. Thank you to everyone who participated. The entire experience was a blessing to all.

If you have any suggestions for next year, please do not hesitate to share them with me. You may e-mail me at [hepahlkotter@rcls.net](mailto:hepahlkotter@rcls.net) or send a note to the school office. All input is appreciated when we try to plan for next year.

**ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADER:** Parents, thank you for your comments and letting us know that you saw this promotion that was sponsored by RCLS, your partner in faith and education. We said that we would take the responses and conduct a drawing. The following individuals were drawn and will receive a \$25.00 gift card to Applebees:

Mr. Rich Wales  
Fuelberth

2. Mrs. Heather

Please see Mrs. Mona Finley for your gift card. Congratulations! Thanks for catching our spot. We now have a 30 minute commercial on Fox 47. Let us know what you think! We are working hard to get the good news out about RCLS!

