



Rochester Central Lutheran School

RCLS PAW PRINT

September 4, 2008

Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today!

RCLS is a ministry of Family of Christ, Grace, Holy Cross and Trinity Lutheran churches.

DON'T FORGET!

Winona Cross Country Meet at Winona, Saturday, 9/6 at 10 am

Family Dance Night, 9/12, 6:30 pm

Grade 5 to Camp Omega, 9/17-9/19.

Achievement Testing 9/22-9/26 for students in Grades 2-8

RCLS VIP (Very Important Person) Day on Friday, October 3.

Special points of interest:

- *New Crosswalk*
- *Various planning meetings.*
- *Cell Phone Policy*
- *2009 Golf Outing*
- *Scrip News*
- *Much, much, more!*

Mr. Pahlkotter's Thoughts...

WELCOME BACK! As of today, 357 students are enrolled and growing! We thank God for all 357 students and their families. We thank God for every new student God has led our way. We thank God that we are able to share His love daily with each child and every family. The first week of school has been very positive and I anticipate it only getting better!

Our ministry theme this year is "H*E*R*O (Help Everyone Reach out)" as based upon Hebrews 13:7, "**Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.**" We will explore this year God's incredible blessing to and through the heroes of faith as they are revealed to us in Holy Scripture. We will further examine how God has placed faith heroes in our lives to pass on the faith. Finally, we will look to Him for direction as to how we can be faith heroes to others...sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

One of my faith heroes is my dad. His name is also Henry. He is a retired foreman from a hardboard company in Alpena, Michigan. He enjoys tinkering with things...a little bit of this and a little bit of that. He is a handy man and I miss having him and his handy skills close. My dad has a gift. He is able to share his faith in a way that is non-threatening and is respected. In many ways, he is a humble evangelist. He has a passion for the lost and for seniors. He leads worship at a local nursing home in Alpena which is a highlight for many of the residents. My dad isn't perfect and he would tell you that, but he knows His Lord and the importance of forgiveness.

My Dad taught me the importance of sharing my faith. He taught me the importance of a God who is merciful and full of grace. Both my parents introduced me through baptism to a God who loves me so much that He gave His one and only Son into death for my life...eternally.

I think of my dad as a faith hero because God used him to share His faith and to grow mine. I think of my dad as a faith hero because he would never take the credit. He would give all the credit back to Him who saves...Christ.

Who is your faith hero? How has God revealed Himself to you? How can God use you to be a faith hero to your children...your spouse...friends...family...co-workers? Think and pray about it this week!

Again, welcome back
HEROES!

In the Name of the Ultimate Hero, Jesus,

Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
Principal

PLEASE USE THE CROSSWALK:

Please help us increase the safety of our parking lot by using the crosswalk both to and from the building. You may still pull up to the front of the building to drop off and pick up; however, please pay attention to cones and marked crosswalk as pedestrians are moving back and forth. Please stop and look both ways before driving forward. We are doing our utmost to maximize safety by routing all pedestrians across the crosswalk. It seems a bit awkward right now, but in time, it will flow. Thank you for your patience.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Did you know that the "official" Grandparents' Day is this Sunday, September 7th? This may be a great time to invite grandparents to RCLS's VIP (Very Important Person) Day to be held on Friday, October 3rd from 7:45 am—10:30 am. We are encouraging every child Half-Day Kindergarten through Grade 8 to invite their grandparent or another very important person in their life to attend that morning. It will be a special time of celebrating our special relationships in our lives. Watch future issues of the Paw Print for more detailed information!

Calling all Carnival Lovers!!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the initial planning meeting for this year's **Hallelujah Carnival**. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008**, in Mrs. Otte's room, Room 107, at 6:30 p.m. In the past second grade parents have taken the lead in organizing the Carnival, but we are requesting **all parents from any class, who enjoy organizing** something like this, to step up and help us make it the wonderful event that it has always been in the past.

The Carnival will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008. This year we will not be soliciting door prizes from businesses because of the business climate and in order not to compete with the Auction. If there are parents who would like to donate something to use as prizes in the Pumpkin Contest and any other contest we have that evening, those prizes would be very much appreciated.

Hope to see many of you in Room 107 on Sept. 16. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, please contact Mrs. Otte via the school email deotte@rcls.net. Thanks for considering this opportunity to be a H*E*R*O.

THIS—THAT—AND MORE!!

The **PAW PRINT** is generally published and distributed on Thursdays. If you have something you wish included please submit it to the office by noon on Tuesday or email it to Mrs.

Finley at mofinley@rcls.net. Thank you!

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL POSSIBILITY MEETING: A meeting of individuals interested in the future of a Lutheran High School in Rochester is being

held on Thursday, September 11th, at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in exploring this possibility, please make every effort to attend.

NEW MARKETING COMMITTEE: We are in need of a few individuals interested in the marketing of our day school ministry... simply, putting a plan together to get the good word out about the blessing of RCLS. If you have an interest in helping us continue to get the word out about RCLS

and our quality Christian education, please make an effort to attend our first meeting on Tuesday, September 9th, from 2:45 – 3:30 p.m. in the conference room.

CHAPEL SERVICES are held each week at 7:55 am. Please make an effort to join us for worship when you are available. Parents, grandparents and friends of RCLS are always welcome!

DID YOU KNOW that the office still has magnetic calendars available? If you would like another one please stop by the school office to secure yours!

The **PRESCHOOL** is in need of dollhouses and furniture. If you have any you are willing to donate, we have children who would be happy to play!

Florida Keys Trip was a Success!

Last summer 18 RCLS 7th and 8th grade students and 2 chaperones attended MarineLab in Key Largo, Florida for a Biology Summer Camp. Our group was 1 of 5 schools that attended this trip including schools from Iowa and Missouri that included 65 total students and 10 chaperones. Our group left Minnesota on July 1 and returned July 7. The trip introduced the students to a variety of marine ecology topics as well as taught the techniques required to conduct a scientific observation study. Students enjoyed snorkeling in various habitats including the coral reef, sea grass, and sandy bottom areas. A variety of marine organisms were observed including eagle rays, sea turtles, lobsters, sharks and coral reef among many others! Students who attended this trip were Christina Block, Bethany Schultz, Jade Spaulding, Julia Kim, Mercedes Erpelding, Rachel Laabs, Josie Schmitt, Taylor Tonjum, Carol Hickman, Rose Gregoire, Melissa Parry, Nicole Laffrenzen, Timmy Lindquist, Lucas Ziemba, Thayer Prum, Mike DeBusman, Emily Cobb and Virginia Brust. Thank you to everyone who supported our group to allow us to make this trip possible! The following is a response to the experience by Rachel Laabs, class of 2008,

My time in the Florida Keys was AMAZING! I saw so many things. One of my favorite things to see was an enormous school of tiny fish. There were millions of them. It was so cool. And there was a shark right under them. Throughout my whole trip I took so many pictures. The snorkeling and learning things about the ocean were fun. But one of my most favorite things was meeting so many great people. I made lots of friends and am keeping in touch with them! I've always believed in God, but I never realized how much He cares about each and every creature. It's amazing!

Preparations are already underway in planning for our next trip in 2010!

God's Blessings,

Mr. Rudzinski

PRAYING FOR OUR

FAMILIES Each school morning (except Wednesdays) your children's teachers gather for devotions. The teachers and pastors take turns leading those devotions. We are praying for all the families at RCLS on a rotation basis at these devotions. We invite you to share special needs for which you would invite our prayers by getting these

requests to any teacher of office staff member. The week of September 8th we will pray for: Lori Adams (Katelyn), Steve & Brenda-Akin (Kaylin, Stephen), Michael & Julie Alexander (Kaleb), Jennifer Alkhamis (Audrey, Marissa), Troy & Kris Amdahl (Alea, Bennett, Joelle), Brad & Cindy Andersen (Ashton, Jaclyn), and Chris & Lee Anderson (Bjorn, Lars).

GOLF OUTING 2008

The 2008 golf outing was held at Willow Creek on June 21, 2008. It was a great success with 38 golfers participating and 49 people enjoying a wonderful dinner. A total of \$5200 was raised and after expenses we were able to divide the profit of \$1994.68 between Drama, Library, Technology, and Athletics.

The golf committee was made up of Kim Schauer, Brad Revolinski, Aaron Rudzinski, Corey Nelson, Marc Woolman, and Marty Mack. Plans for the 2009 outing to be held on August 29 has already begun. Mark your calendars and come to enjoy a day filled with fun and fellowship with other golf enthusiasts!

WELCOME DR. GREGOIRE, MRS. ANDERSEN, MRS. WOOLMAN, MRS. BRAUER AND MRS. AKIN!

Our ministry team is growing as well. We welcome Dr. Gregoire as our new Development Director, Mrs. Cindy Andersen as our half-time 1st grade teacher, Mrs. Heather Woolman as our half-time 6th grade language arts teacher, Mrs. Nicole Brauer as a new half-time custodian and Mrs. Brenda Akin as a classroom aide with Mrs. Wicker and her Kindergarten classroom. We thank God for putting together a tremendous ministry team at RCLS. Please help us welcome our newest members. Thank you.

PICK UP & DROP OFF: Included with this issue of the Paw Print is a diagram showing our procedure for pick up. This may be helpful for those new to RCLS. Please note that staff has been asked to park in the spaces nearest the front of the building to prevent vehicles backing up into the traffic line both before and after school. This seems to be helping.
