

Rochester Central Lutheran School

RCLS PAW PRINT

September 11, 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!

Family Dance Night,
Family with students
in K-2 (All members
of the family are in-
vited to come!)
9/12, 6:30 pm

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

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

RCLS VIP (Very Im-
portant Person) Day
on Friday, October 3.

Special points of interest:

- 8th Grade Fundraiser
- Calling Carnival Lovers
- Scouting Notes
- Women of Faith Conference
- United Way
- Math League
- Scholarship Fundraiser
- Cell Phone Policy
- Much, much, more!

Mr. Pahlkotter's Thoughts...

"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith." Hebrews 13:7

As I grew up, my father worked shifts at the local paneling company. Mom was a legal secretary. She often was the parent who was responsible for the task of bringing me and my two sisters to church and Sunday School. You see, church was several miles from the school where Sunday School was held. Mom would have to make sure I was ready, get my younger sisters ready, get herself together, and then drive me or later me and my sisters to Sunday School. This was not the easiest of tasks. I honestly cannot remember a Sunday when my mother didn't take me. For a while, a wonderful lady who taught Sunday School and lived near my home picked me up and took me to Sun-

day School to help my mother out. My mom would then pick me up and then drive me and my sisters to church. Often, dad was working so she took us all by herself. I know this wasn't easy. I have children of my own now. Church can be challenging with children.

Now that I think of all she did, I can't help but feel she is also one of my faith heroes. She knew the importance of church and Sunday School. I did not go to the Lutheran school until I was in 6th grade, so Sunday School was a big deal in my life and much of my formal Christian education came from my Sunday School teachers.

I thank God for my mother and all she did to nurture me in my faith. I appreciated her honesty when we talked and all of her efforts to do what was best for me and my sisters. Having Christian

parents is definitely a blessing.

How have you been a faith hero to your children this past week? What have you done to share the faith with your children? Take time this week to talk faith with your kids and to study God's Word as a family and at church.

In the name of the ultimate Faith Hero, Jesus,

Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
Principal

8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP FUNDRAISER!

The 8th graders are starting their first fundraiser! They are selling Watkins products. You may buy from any 8th grader or stop by the school office for an order form. The fundraiser goes from now to October 20. Some of the Watkins items include spices, extracts, lotions, lip balm, seasonings, and barbeque sauce. The money will go towards the eighth grade gift to RCLS and the class trip. In the past gifts purchased for the school have been pictures, furniture, 1st aid kit, and towards the Butterfly Garden. The students in the past have taken a 3 day camping trip after graduation to various locations. Last year it was the Wisconsin Dells.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Did you know that the "official" Grandparents' Day was last 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 (18 years or older) 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!!

If you love the Carnival or if you love to help provide a wonderful evening for family fun or if you just want to get to know more parents and families at RCLS, plan to come to the initial planning meeting for this year's Hallelujah Carnival. The meeting will be held in Mrs. Otte's room, Room 107, on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 pm. While second grade parents have traditionally taken the lead in planning and leading the Carnival, it would be wonderful to have more parental involvement and leadership as the Carnival continues to grow bigger every year.

The date of the Carnival is Saturday, October 25, 2008, from 4-7 pm. We will need people who can plan and prepare games and kitchen food, who can assist with set-up and take down, who can order and determine prizes for each game, who can be there that evening to run a game, etc. There is a niche for everyone, either prior to or on the day of the Carnival. Please consider helping. If you are unable to come to the planning meeting, please contact Mrs. Otte at school, deotte@rcls.net, or leave a message for her via telephone. She will be happy to have your assistance and will find a place just right for you to help!

Remember many hands make light work....not exactly Biblical but very apt!

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!

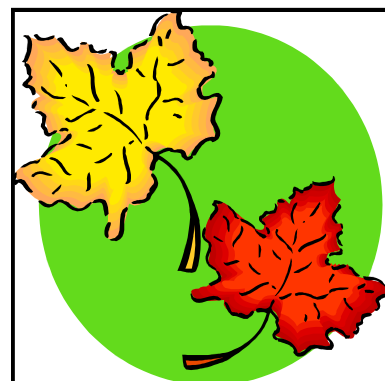
DID YOU KNOW that the office still has magnetic calendars available? If you would like another one please stop by the school office to secure yours!

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!

A check was recently received from **KWIK TRIP's Milk Moola Program** for \$217.50. Thank you for participating!

Printed on the back of the menu is the **CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER**. Watch the first Paw Print

of each month for that month's calendar. Between the large monthly calendar and the one listed on the last page of the Paw Print we hope to keep you informed!



SCOUTING NOTES (BOY & GIRL)

- **Cub Scout Pack 29 Recruitment Night!**

Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 6:30 PM in the Rochester Central Lutheran School gym. Open to Kindergarten through 5th grade boys. Come and join us to find out about Cub Scouting while your son has some fun with Cub Scouts in the Pack. If you have questions, please contact Allen Rench at 536-0736 or Shelly Erpelding at 261-8025.

- **Calling all RCLS Girls (and parents)!**

Have you ever wondered what Girl Scouts is all about? Well now is your chance to discover the world of Girl Scouting! Please join us on Thursday, September 18 at 6:30 pm in the RCLS cafeteria for an informational meeting about Girl Scouts. This is your opportunity to learn about how you can become a Girl Scout at RCLS and join in the fun. If you are not able to attend the meeting and would like more information, please contact Stacia Lynch via email at stacialynch@charter.net or by phone at 529-8976.

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 or office staff member. The week of September 15 we will pray for: Dave & Nicole Anderson (Brock), Tim & Karla Arndt (Carolyn, Sarah),

Lillyam Arroyave-Bratager, (Jodie), John & Patty Atkinson (Annalee, Prescott, Shelby), Thomas & Christie Atwell (Madeline, Taylor), and Sehyun & Minsoo Baek (Steve, Seunghoon).

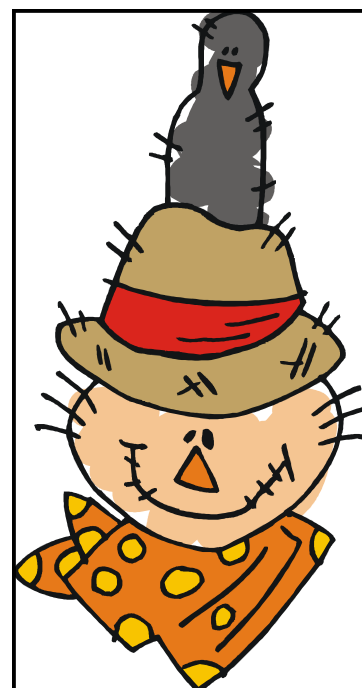
PLEASE USE THE CROSSWALK:

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 cross-

walk 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.

THRIVENT MEMBERS

Don't forget to make use of your member benefit to have gifts to RCLS matched \$1 to every \$2 given. Forms are available in the school office.



WOMEN OF FAITH—INFINITE GRACE CONFERENCE 2008

This event will be held at the St. Paul Xcel Energy Center on October 17-18. You are invited to experience *Infinite Grace!* on Friday evening (7 pm—9:30 pm) and all day Saturday (9 am—5 pm). The pre-conference *I Second that Emotion* is scheduled for 10 am—3:30 pm on Friday. A bus will leave Friday morning at 7:30 am to drive up all who wish to attend the pre-conference. Please contact Denise Frey for price information and to reserve your ticket to attend. Email: dfrey@us.ibm.com or call #287-9892.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO RCLS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE UNITED WAY!! As the United Way campaign kicks off in Olmsted County, you might be interested to know that you can contribute directly to RCLS through this campaign. The specific process may differ, depending on where you work, but the general process is this: When you submit your pledge, **select the "donor choice" option.** You should be able to write in your own specific agency. This is the option you want! With this option, write in Rochester Central Lutheran School, 2619 9 Avenue NW, Rochester, MN 55901 (507-289-3267). RCLS qualifies for contributions through United Way because we are a 501 c3 organization. Please keep us in mind and in your prayers. Thank you!

BOX TOPS OPPORTUNITY:

HyVee is supporting the Box Tops for Education Program. Get 50 BONUS BOX TOPS instantly at HyVee when you buy ANY 10 Kimberly-Clark or General Mills Box Tops for Education Products in a single visit between 8/31/08 and 9/16/08. A coupon for 50 Bonus Box Tops(\$5 value) will print out at the register.

HyVee has a 2nd program when you buy ANY 10 Box Tops for Education Product a coupon for 50 Bonus Box Tops (\$5 value) will print out at the register. Please visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of participating products.

MATH LEAGUE

Math League starts on Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. The competitions deal with 7th and 8th grade math topics. Sixth graders are encouraged to attend practices and competitions. The season runs from September to January. There are 5 meets. Rochester Catholic schools, Byron and Stewartville have typically entered teams in the league. We will enter two teams. Additional team members will compete as individuals. Drivers will be needed on meet days. A schedule of meets and practices will be available as soon as it is shared with the coaches. Practices will be on Mondays before school. Additional practice at home is encouraged. A fee of \$5 per athlete will cover the cost of participation and breakfasts.

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RCLS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, October 5, 2008, from 11 am—10 pm when you dine at the Timber Lodge Steakhouse for lunch or dinner 15% of all proceeds will go to the RCLS Scholarship Fund. Please call Timber Lodge at 252-8075 for call ahead seating and make your reservations today. Just mention RCLS when you are ordering and when you make the reservation. Carry out orders also qualify. And don't forget the Timber Lodge Scrip at the RCLS office! If you are unable to participate but would like to support students demonstrating a financial need, please make your gifts directly to RCLS.

THIS 'N THAT AND MORE—CONTINUED!

CELL PHONE

POLICY The use of cell phones by students is prohibited on school grounds and at all school functions. Exceptions are permitted only by the supervising teacher. Cell phones will be confiscated if seen or heard and will be released only to parents. This policy is listed in the Parent Handbook under Telephone Calls. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the guidelines listed in the handbook.

FALL THEATRE

CLASSES starting September 15. Rochester Civic Theatre Academy offers classes to those wishing to develop, enhance, and build upon their theatrical skills. Fall Semester 2008, classes include introduction to Acting, Intermediate Acting, Musical Theatre (1920-1969), and our brand new Fall Theatre Project, where students get to rehearse and prepare a performance for friends, family, and community. This program is

available to students in grade 3 and up. Registration is currently open and available online at www.rochestercivictheatre.org

MARKETING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

If you would enjoy helping us update our recruitment brochures and help us get the good word out about RCLS, contact Mr. Pahlkotter and volunteer to be on our Marketing Committee!

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September 12 -Soccer vs. Wykoff, 4:30 pnm
 -Family Dance Night, (K-2—the whole family is invited to attend!)
 6:30-7:30 pm

September 16 -Soccer vs. Lake City, 4:30 pm
 -Hallelujah Carnival Organization
 Mtg., 6:30 pm

September 17 -Gr. 4 to sing at Chapel
 Sept. 17-19 -Grade 5 to Camp Omega

September 18 -Gr. 3 Parent Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm
 Sept. 22-26 -Achievement Testing, Grs. 2-8

September 22 -Cross Country Meet, 4 pm
 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm

September 24 -Concert Choir to sing at Chapel

October 1 -No Chapel—will be held on Friday
 with VIP Day!

October 3 -Gr. 2 to sing at Chapel
 -Camp Omega Cross Country Meet,
 1:30 pm
-VIP Day, 7:45—10:30 am
 -Mid Quarter

October 4 -Conference Soccer Tournament-
 Plainview

October 6 -**Picture Day**

October 8 -Gr. 5 to sing at Chapel

October 9 -Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am
 -Mid-Quarter Reports go home.

October 10 -Parent Transport to school—AM
 only!
 -Fall Play, 7 pm

October 11 -State Cross Country Meet at
 Concordia Academy, Bloomington,
 starting at noon
 -Fall Play, 7 pm

October 12 -Fall Play, 2 pm

October 15 -Gr. 1 to sing at Chapel

Oct. 16-17 -No School—MN South District
 Education Conference, Mankato

Oct. 20-25 -Book Fair

October 23 -Horizon's Breakfast Fundraiser,
 8-9 am

October 25 -Hallelujah Carnival, 4-7 pm

October 26 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm

October 29 -No Chapel—Chapel on Friday the
 31st in recognition of Reformation

October 31 -Chapel, 8 am

**View the RCLS calendar at www.rcls.net and click
 on view calendar.

Congratulations to the **RCLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!** Saturday, September 6, our team traveled to Winona for an exciting first meet of the season. RCLS was very well represented with 22 runners participating. The team consists of boys and girls, from Grades 5 through 8, each competing in different races by age group. Each group ran a 1 mile race. The schools participating in the meet were RCLS, St. Martins, Silo and Resurrection.

The following are the "Top Runners" from RCLS that placed in 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the Winona track meet.

5th Grade Boys:

2nd Place : Jon Hickman
 3rd Place: Corbin Holmen

5th Grade Girls:

1st Place: Lauren Heaton

6th Grade Boys:

2nd Place: Sam St. Peter
 3rd Place: Josh Reinstrom

6th Grade Girls:

1st Place: Mackenzie Goetting
 2nd Place: Elizabeth Bauman
 3rd Place: Katelyn Fanning

7th Grade Boys:

1st Place: Alex Gatzlaff
 2nd Place: Ryan Blais

7th Grade Girls:

1st Place: Hannah Ganskop

8th Grade Boys:

1st Place: John Mattison
 2nd Place: Mason Nordman

8th Grade Girls:

1st Place: Jarika Tuohimaa
 2nd Place: Stephanie Murray
 3rd Place: Carol Hickman

"Congratulations" to the Top Winners, and to all the participants that ran at Winona. Please join us on Monday, September 22 at 4 pm, for the RCLS meet!