

Rochester Central Lutheran School

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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!

Picture Day is Monday, October 6

Parents Transport to school Friday, October 10!

Mr. Pahlkotter's Thoughts...

My absolute favorite verse in the Bible is from Psalm 118:24, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Each day is a blessing from Him. Take time this week to focus in on the blessings. So often we give space only to the challenges, trials and negative things of life. Let us take time this week to focus on God's goodness, His love for us, the many blessings He showers upon us, and His ultimate gift, forgiveness and life eternal through Jesus Christ.

Remind your face to smile this week because Jesus loves you!

In the name of the ultimate HERO, Jesus,
Mr. Pahlkotter
RCLS Principal

V.I.P. DAY is Friday for Preschool-8. Afternoon Preschool was today! We thank God for the Very Important People He has placed in our lives. The agenda for Friday is as follows:

Special points of interest:

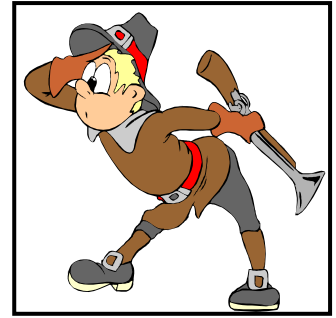
- *October is Reading Month*
- *Family Reading Night*
- *Attention Carnival Workers*
- *Holy Cross Youth Ministry*
- *Fall Play -The Last Gladiator*
- *Book Fair*
- *Sports Info & Updates*
- *RenWeb Is Up & Running*
- *Artists of the Month*
- *Info from the Bobcat Café*
- *Family of Christ—Church of the month!*
- *Gr. 1-4 Health Fair*
- *Scrip News*
- *Much, much, more!*

7:45 a.m.	Registration Coffee, Juice and Muffins (Cafeteria)
8:00 a.m.	Welcome in Cafeteria – Mr. Pahlkotter
8:15 a.m.	Chapel – Pastor Heidorn (Grace Lutheran Church) Grace Polka Band K-5 Anthem
9:00 a.m.	V.I.P.'s go to School!
10:20 a.m.	Closing Prayer – Mr. Pahlkotter
10:30 a.m.	V.I.P.'s Go Home

RENWEB is up and running. Parents in grades 5 – 8 will be able to access grades on Monday, October 6, by going to our website at RCLS.net and clicking on the RenWeb link. Parents will need to log in as a new parent. This is mid-quarter. Please take a moment to log in and see how your child is progressing.

Parents wanting some in-service as to how to log in can come to the computer lab on Tuesday, October 7, between 5 and 7 p.m. Teachers will be available to assist you in logging in and helping you understand the format so you can stay on top of your child's academic progress.

We are looking for ***CARNIVAL WORKERS***. Thank you to the many people who have already signed up to help with the Carnival on October 25. There still are many opportunities for helpers to work together to make this the wonderful event it has always been in the past. Check out the ***volunteer sign-up*** outside the school office. Please feel comfortable if you are the only one at this time with your name in a game slot. We ***WILL*** find someone to work with you. It is our hope, that with many helpers, no one person will “***BE STUCK***” doing a job the entire evening. We hope that those who volunteer will also have the opportunity to enjoy the Carnival with their children.



PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of October 6 we will pray for: Dan Berthiaume (Joshua), Angela Boswell (Alexis, Alicia, Arianna), Andrew Boswell, Brian & Holly Braaten (Elizabeth, Elliot), Delphine Brandt (Josephine), Bruce Bratager (Jodie), and Dan & Susan Brust (David).

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ...Chris Eickemeyer (son of Mary Eickemeyer one of our Kindergarten aides) as he recovers from a recent football injury.

Our first “**ARTISTS OF THE MONTH**” are third graders **Kate Heins** and **Isaac Marquardt**. They did large colorful sunflowers in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. Instead of using paint Isaac and Kate used cut and torn construction paper and colored tissue paper. Congratulations to Kate and Isaac and all third graders for adding beautiful art to our school.

There is an **ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** for Olmsted County. If interested please contact the school office for information.

FROM THE BOBCAT CAFÉ Ala-carte items will be available to students in grades 2-8 beginning September 29. We ask that parents help their students determine if they should participate and how much they are allowed to spend. Most ala-carte items cost 50 cents for students in grades 2-4 and students in grades 5-8 can choose from items ranging 50-75 cents. Any questions can be directed to Ms. Klimesh, Food Service Director.

Family of Christ Lutheran Church has been designated the **CHURCH OF THE MONTH** at Christian Book & Gift store. That means that during the month of October when you purchase any item(s) at the store and mention Family of Christ at the checkout counter you will be donating 5% of your purchase to Family of Christ. What a super deal!

MEN'S FRATERNITY COMING SOON... Men's Fraternity is a series of three one-year-long studies which provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ and directed by the Word of God. Men's Fraternity was designed to help men come together and strengthen each other through weekly sessions that combine biblical teaching and small group interaction. One of these studies, entitled ***Authentic Manhood: Winning At Work & Home*** will be starting up on Thursday morning, October 23, at RCLS from 5:55 -7:15 am. Challenging men to step forward, meet their responsibilities, and establish their manhood, ***Authentic Manhood: Winning At Work & Home*** focuses on the chief responsibilities men have--as husbands, fathers, and breadwinners. The study presents two mirrors to help men evaluate how they are doing in life: the mirror of work and career, and the mirror of home and family. Participants will evaluate chief responsibilities of how a man successfully relates to a woman and how a man rightly engages in his work. In order to provide enough workbooks, please sign up in the RCLS office (or most association churches will have a sign-up sheet available as well) before Sunday, October 5. The cost for the workbook is \$10, payable the first week of the study. For more information, please contact Mr. Pahlkotter or John Reinstrom (280-8701).

The cast and crew of **THE LAST GLADIATOR** have already spent several weeks rehearsing and preparing the fall play! We are very excited to perform this hilarious play about a peasant turned gladiator in ancient Rome. Join friends Gladius and Minimus as they create chaos in the marketplace, sneak into the royal palace to meet the princess, and become gladiators! Please join us for performances on October 10, 11, and 12! Tickets are on sale in the school office for theater patrons and to everyone on Monday, October 6. For information on becoming a theater patron, please see Miss Schauer or stop by the school office.

The **FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is coming up on October 20th-25th. The Book Fair will be open Monday – Friday from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm, and Saturday, October 25th, during the Hallelujah Carnival (4:00-7:00 pm). **We will be drawing for GIFT CERTIFICATE PRIZES during the week and at the Carnival!** So visit the Book Fair to sign up! We need a few people to help with the Book Fair. I could use two or three people to work one hour shifts between 4:00-7:00, Saturday, during the Carnival. If you are willing to help during any of these shifts, please contact Mr. Nelson at 289-3267 ext. 106 or conelson@rcls.net.

SPORTS UPDATE Congratulations to the Bobcat soccer team who defeated St. Martin's- Winona on Friday 4-1. The win caps off an undefeated regular season! Matt Buettner scored all 4 goals in a game that was probably our most competitive this year. With a record of 6-0 on the season, the Bobcats have earned the #1 seed in the Conference Tournament this weekend in Plainview and will play on Saturday morning against either Lake City or Wykoff. If the Bobcats win, they will compete for their 2nd straight Conference championship and 4th overall in the last 5 years! Exact times of games for the tournament will be out later this week. Come out this weekend and cheer on the Bobcats!

GRADE 1-4 HEALTH FAIR

Fall is a beautiful time of the year to celebrate health and enjoy outdoor physical activity. Wednesday, October 8th is Walk To School Day. Students are encouraged to either walk to school, or arrive at RCLS early to walk before school begins. Mr. Pahlkotter, teachers, and Health Team volunteers will be leading walkers from 7:00-7:30am. Parents- You are welcome to come and walk with your child! Please make sure that on this day you pack extra shoes and socks for your child. (Part of the walking route is on grass, so feet may get a little wet!)

Throughout the morning, the Health Team will be having a Health Fair for 1-4th graders. Students can look forward to a Hydration Station, recess games, and a lunchtime Laugh and Learn activity. A healthy morning snack will be provided. Be your child's Health HERO- Help kick-off a healthy fall season by walking with us on Wednesday morning!

**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**

HOLY CROSS YOUTH MINISTRY invites any students currently in grades 6 and up to consider one of our two Workcamp mission trips for 2009. Dates for grades 6 and up are June 13-21; for grades 8 and up, July 10-19. For details and to register, go to <http://www.holycrossyouth.org/Workcamp09.htm> Opportunities for adult leaders as well.

NEED FIREWOOD? Youth Ministry at Holy Cross, as an ongoing fundraiser, offers dry, hardwood firewood in bundles or in larger amounts. Bundles can be picked up in front of the church anytime for \$4 each. Order larger amounts for delivery at <http://www.holycrossyouth.org/Firewood.htm> All proceeds go to our summer mission trips.

I am looking for gently used books for my **MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASSROOM library**. If you would like to donate some books I would appreciate it. Thank you! - Mrs. Woolman

HALLELUJAH FALL CARNIVAL RCLS is Saturday, October 25, 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Join us for a night of family fun. Children and adults are encouraged to come in God-pleasing costumes. Please stay away from anything that would not promote the mission and ministry of RCLS. We will have a costume parade (6:00 p.m.), games, prizes, and a pumpkin carving contest. Friends and neighbors are also welcome! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 289-3267. All are invited to attend.

SCRIP NEWS **Specials:**

Cabela's

September 6 – October 3.

14% contribution instead of the normal 11%

Shutter Fly (order only)

September 13 – October 3.

14% contribution instead of the normal 9%

Eddie Bauer (order only)

September 20 – December 31.

15% contribution instead of the normal 9%

Kmart (order only)

October 1-31.

10% contribution instead of the normal 4%

HELP NEEDED: The Scrip office is looking for a few parents willing to help sell Scrip before and after school. Please email Ann at scrip@rcls.net if interested.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All orders need to be placed by Thursday to guarantee delivery the following Wednesday.
- For the current Scrip Order Form please visit the RCLS website or you can pick one up in the school office. To conserve paper we will not be including a copy every week; however, we will print one for the first Paw Print of each month.
- For questions about the RCLS Scrip Program, please contact Ann Nicometo at scrip@rcls.net.

- October 3**
 - Gr. K-5 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, TBA
 - October 5**
 - Timber Lodge Fundraiser
 - 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!
 - Staff Jean Day!
 - 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 22
 - Grade 4 to sing at Chapel
 - October 23
 - Horizon's Breakfast Fundraiser, 8-9 am
 - October 25
 - Hallelujah Carnival, 4-7 pm
 - October 27
 - Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
 - October 29
 - No Chapel—Chapel on Friday 10/31 in recognition of Reformation
 - Mid Cycle Accreditation Visit
 - October 31
 - Chapel, 8 am
 - Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
 - November 2
 - Daylight Savings Time Ends!
 - November 4
 - Election Day—Remember to vote!
 - November 6
 - End of 1st Quarter—46 days)
 - Fall Parties
 - November 7
 - No School (Records Day)
 - SAC is open
 - November 8
 - Conference Volleyball Tournament at RCLS
 - November 11
 - Picture Retake day
 - PS Conferences
 - SAC open until 7:30 pm
 - Report Cards Available
- **View the RCLS calendar at www.rcls.net and click on view calendar.**

OCTOBER IS READING MONTH, read, READ, READ! The kick off to October is Reading month was on Tuesday of this week! We learned a new cheer, found out about our challenge to read 15 min. per week night or 1,925 hours as a school. We learned that a very special party called the Inaugural Ball will be planned if we meet our goal. We also learned that Mr. Pahlkotter challenged us to doubling this goal to 3,850 hours. If we are able to meet this goal as a school, Mr. Pahlkotter's hair will be colored red, white and blue and we can also have our hair red, white and blue with parent permission. Wow!

Don't forget to turn in your Reading Sheets (Book-It) to your teacher every Tuesday morning so that we can keep track of our school's reading on the poster in the lobby outside of the 5th grade hall. Further, don't forget that you can also record all of the reading of your family. Finally, don't forget that the last day to turn in your reading sheets is Thursday, October 20th. October is Reading Month, read, READ, READ!

RCLS READING ELECTION '08: At the assembly on Tuesday, Mr. Nelson introduced several teachers who asked us to vote for their favorite books. On October 14, RCLS will have a Reading Primary. Then, when we get down to the final top choice books, we will have a final election on October 30. We will choose RCLS's favorite book to read and this will be announced at the Inaugural Ball on Monday, November 3.

FAMILY READING NIGHT is Tuesday, October 21. Guest readers will be reading their favorite books to students while parents will have a chance to learn how to enhance reading in their homes. The times of the evening are 6 – 7 pm. All students attending will receive \$1.00 coupons to use at the Book Fair which will also be open. All students will also receive one hour of credit toward their reading goal for October. October is reading month, read, READ, READ!

DON'T THROW AWAY THAT DIME!

Rochester Central Lutheran School has recently launched their 2008-2009 Box Tops for Education fund-raising campaign. This year the school has set a goal of earning \$10,000 through Box Tops to purchase 2 SMART Boards. SMART Boards are interactive, electronic whiteboards which can enhance instruction and learning.

Box Tops for Education is a school fund-raising program sponsored by General Mills in 1996. Box Tops have helped America's schools raise more than \$250 million to buy things that they need for their school. The Box Tops for Education program offers school supporters 3 easy ways to earn cash for schools through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online and buying books at the Box Tops Reading room through Barnes & Noble.

RCLS has found an easy way for students, faculty, parents, grandparents and the whole community to get involved to support the school. It's very simple. Clip the original Box Tops for Education off the participating product. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. If you don't check for the Box Top label, it's just like throwing money away and it gets tossed into the garbage. So don't throw away that dime. For a complete list of the hundreds of participating products, visit www.boxtops4education.com.

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.
