

Rochester Central Lutheran School

RCLS PAW PRINT

October 9, 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!

Parents Transport to school Friday, October 10!

Please sign up to help with the Carnival!!

Mr. Pahlkotter's Thoughts...

I really enjoy Fall. I think it is my favorite season of the year. I love when the leaves begin turning colors and the weather is sunny and cool. It is such a pleasant time of year. I don't even mind when it rains. These are great days to stay at home and spend with family. Fall is also when Debbie and I were married.

Fall reminds me of the changing seasons. In one of my very favorite songs, a song that was included in my wedding written by Steven Curtis Chapman, ***I Will Be Here***, the changing seasons are mentioned: "***As sure as seasons are made for change, our lifetimes are made for years, so I, I will be here.***" In the song, a promise is being made by one to his or her spouse, that no matter what season of life they journey through, he or she will be there. It is a promise I strive to uphold as a husband, but sometimes miserably fail. This is a promise that God makes to us as well, but he never fails to keep it. In Matthew 28:20b, right after the Great Commission, Jesus says, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." He promises to always be here for us. A promise that He has never broken and never will break. A promise that lasts into eternity.

This promise is one I hold onto when things get tough, when the seasons of my life change, when I fail and fall flat on my face and when I sometimes feel alone. I listen to this song and not only think of how blessed I am to be married to a wonderful Christian woman like Debbie, but I remember that our marriage is a partnership held together in Christ. I sometimes imagine Christ singing these words to me as He promised in Matthew 28. Henry, I will be here, no matter what...failure, sin, good times and bad...I will never leave you alone.

Jesus is not only the HERO of Easter, He is the HERO of yesterday, today and tomorrow. He will never leave us. He loves us and wants us to Himself in eternity. He will be here and has been...and will be. His love is never ending.

Take time this week to read Scripture and be reminded of God's promises to you. He is here wanting to reveal and share His love to you through His forgiveness and His gift of eternal life. He is here!

In the name of the ultimate H*E*R*O, Jesus,
Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
RCLS Principal

Special points of interest:

- *October is Reading Month*
- *Family Reading Night*
- *Carnival Help Needed!*
- *Fall Play - The Last Gladiator*
- *Book Fair*
- *Sports Info & Updates*
- *Family of Christ—Church of the month!*
- *Scrip News*
- *Much, much, more!*

300 PLUS VIP'S AT RCLS: Last Friday's Very Important Person celebration was outstanding and had an incredible attendance of 300 plus guests. Over and over again I heard what a wonderful event it was and how glad our VIP's were to attend. Thank you parents for all of your assistance in getting our VIPs to school.

Also, thank you to those who volunteered at the registration table. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. We now will use this information to send thank you notes to our VIPs and to invite them to our Christmas Celebration on December 11!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2008: We just received confirmation that we will be able to use John Marshall's auditorium again this school year. We are hoping to increase our attendance by family and friends. Please let everyone you know that would enjoy coming to this year's Christmas celebration that it is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, at 6:30 pm. We are again planning an afterglow reception in the lobby. The music department will soon announce the name of the program once a final selection has been made. We thank the Rochester Public Schools for opening their doors to us and our Christmas Celebration!

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of October 13 we will pray for: Don & Mary Buettner (Joshua, Danielle, Matthew), Bryce & Shelby Bushman (Hayden, Regan), Jeff & Beret Canakes (Karin), Greg & Kim Captain (Matthew, Christopher), David & Rachel Carl (Michael), and Sarah Carmen (Sophia).

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!

OCTOBER IS READING MONTH, read, READ, READ! Parents, please make every effort to encourage your children to read this month. Don't forget to have them record their reading time on the Book It calendar provided. All reading time outside of school counts. Tuesday, October 14, is the next turn in date for hours. We are trying to track our reading so that we make sure to meet our goals! Our first goal is just shy of 2,000 hours will be rewarded with a celebration called the Inaugural Ball. Our second goal, not quite 4,000 hours, will be rewarded with Mr. Pahlkotter having red, white and blue hair...students too if parents give permission. October is reading month, read, READ, READ!

FRIDAY IS A PARENT TRANSPORT DAY AM ONLY Please note that the buses will not be running Friday morning as it is a late start day for Rochester Public Schools. Please make plans to transport your children to school tomorrow, October 10. The buses will be running when we dismiss at the end of the day.

MID-QUARTER REPORTS Parents of students in grades 3 - 8 should anticipate a Mid-Quarter Report from teachers if there are academic concerns. They are being sent home today, Thursday, Oct. 9. This may come via e-mail or in paper copy. Please check your e-mail and ask your students if they have any paper mid-quarter reports. In the case of an e-mail, please make sure to electronically reply so that the teacher is aware that you have received the notice. In the case of a paper report, please sign and return it on Friday, October 10. We are communicating with parents at the mid-quarter to give you and students the opportunity to make adjustments and address concerns before a final grade is given at the end of the quarter.

Parents of students in grades 5 - 8 are highly encouraged to monitor student's grades by clicking on the RenWeb link on the rcls.net website. Thank you.

CARNIVAL HELP IS NEEDED!! Please take a moment to stop by the carnival table in front of the office to sign up for one of the many games in need of helpers.

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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 (7 pm), October 11 (7 pm), and October 12 (2 pm)! Tickets are on sale in the school office or at the door.

The **FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** is coming up on October 20-25. The Book Fair will be open Monday – Friday from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm, and Saturday, October 25, 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.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY – FUN AND GOOD FOR US! Thank you to everyone who participated in Walk to School Day on Wednesday. We walked around the park for everyone who could not walk to school to get our blood flowing and our brains working for the day. In addition, the Health Education Team had a mini health fair for grades 1 – 4 during their recess time to promote health. We thank God for His many blessings including our bodies. Thank you Health Education Team for encouraging us to keep our bodies healthy with these fun activities!

THANK YOU FOR EATING AT TIMBER LODGE! There were several families at Timber Lodge on Sunday and we thank you for helping us raise additional funds for our Tuition Assistance fund. Thank you for supporting RCLS in this special way!

NO SCHOOL OCTOBER 16 & 17! The RCLS faculty will be going to the 2008 MN Lutheran Educator Conference in Mankato, MN. They will be participating in a variety of in-services as well as growing spiritually through worship and fellowship. Please keep our faculty in your prayers as they travel to and from Mankato.

Although our teachers will be gone October 16 & 17 the **SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAM** will be open. If you should need child care please register now!

CONCERT BAND AND CHOIR HONORED WITH INVITATION: RCLS's Concert Band and Choir have been invited to participate in the opening worship service of the 2008 MN Lutheran Educator Conference in Mankato, MN. This is quite an honor as Lutheran educators from across the entire state of Minnesota will be participating. Please keep our students and chaperones in your prayers as they travel to and from Mankato on October 16.

The **MIDWEST TALENT SEARCH (MTS)**, conducted by the Center For Talent Development at Northwestern University, is accepting applications for this year's Midwest Talent Search. To qualify, 7 & 8 grade students must score in the 95th percentile or higher on the Math Total, verbal Total, Composite or Math sub-score or Verbal sub-score on a standardized achievement test. Students in 6th grade must score in the 98th percentile or higher to qualify. Typically your child's Stanford (SAT 10) test scores from the previous school year are considered for qualification.

Participation in the Midwest Talent Search is completely voluntary. If you would like to know if your child qualifies for participation, please contact Mrs. Finch-Mitchell, the RCLS Counselor for test scores and information. You may also visit <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu> to learn more about the process. Once you are on the main webpage, click on Midwest Talent Search.

**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**

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

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.

RCLS READING ELECTION '08 PRIMARY is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14. Several teachers have shared their favorite children's book and the students will have an opportunity to vote for their favorites to move onto a final election on Thursday, October 30. The chosen book will be revealed at the Inaugural Ball on Monday, November 3, if the school meets our first reading goal of 1,925 hours of reading.

The local **AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS** chapter is presenting a concert 'Organ Spectacular 2008' on October 19 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The concert is one of over 200 that day throughout the US and abroad, part of the 'International Year of the Organ' to increase public awareness and enjoyment of the pipe organ.

The 8th graders are in the middle of their first fundraiser! They are selling **WATKINS** items. Watkins products include vanilla, herbs, spices, sauces, lotions, and bath and hair care items. The money raised will go toward the class gift and class trip fund. You may buy from any 8th grader between now and October 20. Thanks!

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.

Carnival Donations Needed: Please check the school office window for donations needed for our school carnival. The items needed are printed on pumpkins. Just take a pumpkin or two or three. Purchase the item and return it to the box by the school office. Thank you!!!

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!**

“Congratulations” to the **RCLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM** on their success at Camp Omega on Friday, October 3. There were over 130 runners competing, for the Boys and Girls Divisions from Grades 5 through 8. The schools represented were from both the Twin Cities area and Southern MN. With some very tight competition, the RCLS runners were able to successfully compete and do very well. The following RCLS runners placed in the top 5 at Camp Omega:

"1st Place" Winners:

Stephanie Murray : Stephanie took first place, for the 4th year in a row, running in the 3000 meter race for the 8th grade girls. Her winning time was 14:41, which she finished quite easily in front of the other runners.

Alex Gatzlaff: Alex took first place, for the 3rd year in a row, running in the 2000 meter race for the 7th grade boys. His first place victory came in with a time of 7:54, as he placed easily in 1st place.

"2nd Place" Winner:

Mackenzie Goetting: Mackenzie took 2nd place this year (doing very well last year as well), running in the 1500 meter race for the 6th grade girls. She ran a very good race, coming in with a time of 6:59, just 1 second behind the first place runner.

"3rd Place" Winner:

John Mattison: John took 3rd place, running in the 3000 meter race for the 8th grade boys. John ran a strong race, coming in with a solid time of 13:02.

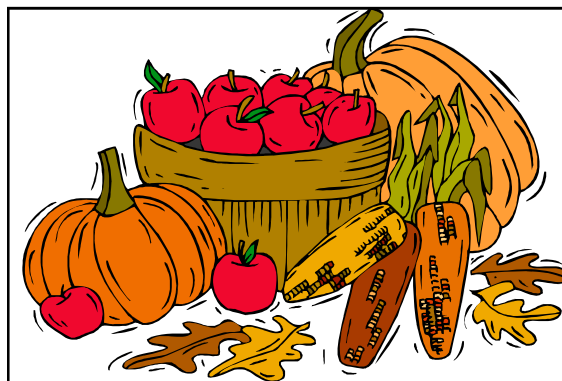
"4th Place" Winner:

Carol Hickman: Carol took 4th place, running in the 3000 meter race for the 8th grade girls, coming in with a time of 15:47.

"5th Place" Winner:

Ryan Blais: Ryan took 5th place, running in the 2000 meter race for the 7th grade boys, coming in with a time of 8:56.

In addition to the above top winners, the RCLS Girl's Team overall had enough "team points" and came home with 3rd place! Congratulations to all of the RCLS participants at Camp Omega, and great job at the meet. Our next meet is at State at Concordia Academy - Bloomington, on Sat., October 11 at 10 am. We say "good luck" to the following participants that are choosing to run at State: John Mattison, Stephanie Murray, Alex Gatzlaff, Mackenzie Goetting, Jonathan Hickman and Lauren Heaton!



HELP! -Carnival Needs Help!

As of Tuesday, October 7, we will have a Hallelujah Carnival on Saturday, October 25th, with food, a pumpkin contest, and **only six games**. Our Carnival Committee members have called all who have volunteered either by being a second grade parent or by signing up on the Volunteer Form prior to school beginning. We are in need of more volunteers, especially for the Money Booth, Bean Bag Toss, Bingo, Ring the Dinosaur, Ring the Pop, Grab Bags, Wheel of Fortune, Putting Green, Football Toss, Face Painting, Wet Sponge Throw, and Catapult Frogs. Except for Bingo, all of these games already have one volunteer/family working on them, but in order to allow these individuals and families time to enjoy the Carnival, we need to have additional volunteers to step forward and say, "I can **take a hour and a half shift** in order to have this game at the Carnival." These games will be set-up by the Committee, and there will also be student volunteers to help you. You may sign up on the list in front of the office or you may email deotte@rcls.net

Thank you to all who have already volunteered (and if you wish to do more, please feel free to volunteer for more.

SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to the **Bobcat soccer team** as they won the Conference championship for the 4th time in 5 years! In the first game, the Bobcats defeated the Mustangs from St. Martin's- Winona 10-2. In a rematch from last Friday's close contest, the Bobcats took charge from the outset scoring 5 goals in the first quarter alone. Matthew Buettner scored 4 goals to lead the team. Goals in this game were also scored by John Mattison (2), Thayer Prum, Michael Ojeikhodion, Nate Witte, and Daniel Nordman. In the championship game, the Bobcats defeated Resurrection 6-1. Goals were scored by Matthew (3), John (2), and Lucas Ziemba. In all, the Bobcats finished with an 8-0 record, outscoring their opponents 68-11 on the season. Matthew Buettner finished with a team high 21 goals on the season and John Mattison had 14 total goals. 17 of 20 players scored goals this season!

Students in 7th & 8th grade **interested in cheerleading** along with their parents are required to attend a meeting on Monday, October 27 at 6 pm. We will go over cheerleading requirements and rules. The students will be trying on uniforms to insure we order the right size. As stated in the RCLS handbook...Cheerleaders are responsible for the purchase of their own uniforms. If you have any questions or concerns...please contact coach Lyndee Cobb by calling (#288-5034 or 421-8254) or email (Cobb.lyndee@mayo.edu or Lyndee.cobb@charter.net).

5th and 6th grade basketball practices start Oct. 27th! A sign up sheet for all 5th and 6th grade basketball players was sent out this week. Please advise your child to sign up for basketball if they are interested. 5th grade boys and girls may sign up in Mrs. Rudzinski's room while 6th grade should sign up in Mr. Rudzinski's classroom. If we have enough players we will have a team for each grade and maybe even two depending on the numbers. The season consists of regular season games taking place on Saturday's with practices at various times throughout the week. The season ends on January 24th with the Lourdes Tournament. A schedule of game times and location as well as practice times will be out soon. ***Please contact Aaron Rudzinski at aarudzinski@rcls.net or at 289-3267 x 412 if you are interested in coaching as there are several coaching positions still available!***
