



Rochester Central Lutheran School

# RCLS PAW PRINT

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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!**

**No school October 16-17! The SAC Program will be available if child care needed!**

**Hallelujah Carnival is Saturday, Oct. 25**

## **Mr. Pahlkotter's Thoughts...**

*"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13*

Sometimes I catch myself coming and going. I get so busy, my mind races faster than my actions. This week, I received a nice note from Miss Schauer with a check I had written for tickets for the play this past weekend. (It was very entertaining, I might add.) She noted that I might want to complete my signature. I had signed my first name, middle initial, and started my last name with a bold "P," but I forgot to complete it. Her note caught me by surprise. I couldn't help but laugh at myself. Since there was a smiley face on the note, I think she laughed as well.

Sometimes I do try to do everything...be the perfect husband (Don't ask Debbie to comment on this one.), the attentive father (Okay, don't ask my children for their opinion on this.), the "Principal of the Year" (Now, it isn't nice to laugh at this point.), a great friend, a loyal son, supportive brother, cool Sunday School teacher, and on and on and on! Every time I try to do it all, I fall flat on my face and it all seems to come tumbling down all around me...and sometimes on top of me. The problem is that I cannot do it alone.

Philippians 4:13 points me to the one who can make things happen. It is not that He wants me to do everything. This is something I put on myself. He just wants me to do what He calls me to do and rely on Him for the strength.

Take a look around you this week. Are you in the middle of an "everything" mess? If so, take time this week to seek Him out and ask for His strength to get you through. Just possibly everything you are trying to do is not what He wants you to do. Ask Him for guidance and for clarity so that you can see what He is truly asking of you.

Like Mary in the story of Mary and Martha, I need to sit at the feet of Jesus and just listen. I need to remind myself that I am not the strength...God is the strength. He is the true HERO.

In Christ,  
Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II  
RCLS Principal

### **Special points of interest:**

- *Horizon Breakfast—Thursday, October 23*
- *October is Reading Month—Many Notes*
- *Family Reading Night*
- *Scholastic Book Fair*
- *Carnival Info*
- *Book Fair*
- *Mrs. Haas to retire*
- *Art Teacher Position*
- *Sports Info & Updates*
- *Family of Christ—Church of the month!*
- *Gr. 8 selling Watkins*
- *Box Top Contest Update*
- *HERO Info & T-shirt order form*
- *Much, much, more!*

**NO SCHOOL THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 AND 17:** The faculty will be in Mankato at the Minnesota Lutheran Educator's conference. Please keep our teachers in your prayers as they travel to and from the conference.

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**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.

**HORIZON BREAKFAST IS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 8 – 9 am:** On Thursday morning, October 23, over 100 guests will be attending our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Horizon Breakfast. This is one of our major “ask” events in which our Faith Builders commit financially and prayerfully to our school’s mission and ministry. A brand new video produced by Matt Lundberg, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, will highlight why ***RCLS is more than a school*** and the comments of alumnus, Emily Schultz; current students, Katrina Wessel and Chris Captain, and parents John and Julie Beise will be shared. In addition, alumnus Ilaria Thompson, and former parent, Ken DeCramer, will be sharing their thoughts as to how God used RCLS to impact their lives and those around them. Please keep this important support event in your prayers as we strive to continue “preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today.” If you wish to attend, please call the school office and come as our guest.

**OCTOBER IS READING MONTH, read, READ, READ!** People are asking if we will meet our “double” goal and will Mr. Pahlkotter end up with red, white and blue hair? This is entirely up to our student body. Remember, all reading outside of school counts. Take time over the long weekend to do a little extra reading and record it. Turn in Day next week is Tuesday, October 21! Our goals are 1,925 hours of reading for the Inaugural Ball and 3,850 hours of reading for Mr. Pahlkotter to have red, white and blue hair as well as students with parent permission on Monday, November 3.

**READING MONTH PRIMARY ELECTION:** On Tuesday, students were given an opportunity to use a ballot to vote for their favorite book as chosen by teachers at RCLS. On Wednesday at Chapel, the winning books will be announced and they will move toward the final election on Thursday, October 30.

**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 20 we will pray for: David & Lorra Carrow (Katrina, Triston), Jane Chen Li (Ricky), Mark & Angela Clark (Jadenn), Eric & Tracy Cleveland (Bryce, Lauren), Timothy & Elizabeth Curry (Jacob), and Derek & Amy Dammen (Nickolas).

**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!

**THANK YOU** to the several families that have **donated books** to my classroom. I am still accepting any middle school books for my classroom. Thanks so much! - Mrs. Woolman

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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, Tuesday, October 21 from 5:30-7:30 pm (during **Family Book Night**) 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 Tuesday, during **Family Book Night**, and 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 [nelsonrcls@yahoo.com](mailto:nelsonrcls@yahoo.com).

Parents are encouraged and invited to a **READ and FEED** during the Book Fair week! Come join your child in Kindergarten for lunch at 11:00 am and Grades 1-4 for lunch at 12:10 pm, and then visit the Book fair with them after they are done eating! This can be done any day from October 20-24. **Please call the office by 9 am if you plan on eating lunch!**

## **HELP! -Carnival Needs Help!!**

The following games still need a second person to help out (1 1/2 hour shift): Ring the Pop, Wet Sponge Throw (at the faculty!), Money Prize Booth, Ring the Dinosaur, Bean Bag Toss, and BINGO. We also need to fill 2 shifts running the dishwasher. Thank you to those who have already signed up! We are looking forward to a great Carnival! The 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](mailto:deotte@rcls.net)

**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!!!

As part of the RCLS Hallelujah Carnival financial services representatives from New England Financial, in conjunction with the Rochester Police Department, will be **administering a free fingerprint ID clinic** between 4-7 pm. To help promote child safety, New England Financial is offering parents and guardians free comprehensive personal information and identification kits for their children that can help law enforcement respond quickly in the event that the unimaginable should occur. If you are interested in receiving a kit, but unable to attend the Carnival, please stop by the New England Financial office (1700 N Broadway, Suite 124) or call 287-6700.

**MRS. HAAS, ART TEACHER, ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT:** Mrs. Phyllis Haas has announced her retirement effective at the end of the first semester. Mrs. Haas has taught Art with the RCLS ministry team for 27 years. This school year is her 28<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. We thank God for Mrs. Haas and her ministry at RCLS. Please watch the newsletter for information regarding a retirement celebration that will be held in her honor in January, 2009. Mrs. Haas, thank you for all you have done to share the love of Jesus through your teaching of Art at RCLS.

**ART TEACHER POSITION:** Rochester Central Lutheran School is now accepting applications for the position of Art Teacher (Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade). This is a .5 position and will begin in January of 2009. Applicants with teaching experience, a background in Art, and a strong understanding of the Christian faith and the mission and ministry of Lutheran schools will be considered. Applicants with an Art education degree, a valid MN teaching license and a Lutheran Teaching Diploma will be preferred. Please submit a letter of interest, résumé and credentials to Rochester Central Lutheran School, 2619 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW, Rochester, MN 55901-2398. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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who spoke the word of God  
to you.  
Consider the outcome of  
their  
way of life and imitate  
their faith.  
Hebrews 13:7**

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!

**FAMILY READING NIGHT “PARENTS”** is Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6 – 7 p.m.! Next week, parents will have the opportunity to come and learn strategies and resources to enhance reading in your home and for your family. Five (5) different sectionals are being offered for parents of differing ages. They are as follows:

Parents of Preschoolers and Kindergarten  
Mr. Corey Nelson

Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students  
Mrs. Lonnie Strohschein

Parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
Mrs. Julie Prentice

Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
Mrs. Heather Woolman

Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
Miss Kim Schauer and Mrs. Kris Biar

Come and learn how you can enhance the joy of reading in your home! Children are welcome as we will have guest readers sharing some of their favorite stories with them during the same hour. The book fair will also be open 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**FAMILY READING NIGHT “CHILDREN”** is Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, from 6 – 7 p.m.! Students Preschool through Grade 8 are invited to come and have guest readers read a few of their favorite children’s books to you. Students will be divided into groups and will rotate between guest readers. Guest readers will be announced on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Students who attend will receive 1 hour of reading credit for our October is Reading Month effort and \$1.00 coupon for the book fair. October is Reading Month, read, **READ, READ!**

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING RESCHEDULED:** The Technology Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, October 20, at 7 pm.

**TRUSTEE COMMITTEE MEETING RESCHEDULED:** The Trustee Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Oct. 16-17 -No School—MN South District Education Conference, Mankato
  - Oct. 20-25 -Book Fair
  - October 20 -Technology Committee, 7 pm
  - October 21 -Trustee Committee,
  - 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 **REFORMATION!**
  - 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](http://www.rcls.net) and click on view calendar.**

The **BOX TOPS** totals are in for September. Thanks to all who have been participating! Our Box Tops total to date are 11,865! The following are the totals (listed by number of Box Tops):

Mr. Weinlaeder—2,200	Mrs. Wetzel—252
Mrs. Holtan—493	Mrs. Mack—235
Miss Timm—450	Mrs. Anderson—224
Mrs. Rudzinski—340	Mrs. Bryngelson—220
Mrs. Biar—314	Mrs. Prentice—160
Mr. Mack/Ms Schauer—295	Mr. Nelson—153
Mrs. Robbins—289	Mrs. Wickre—132
Mr. Rudzinski—258	Ms. Brewner—48
Mrs. Otte—252	Other—5,500

Remember the contest ends February 15. The top 3 classes will be award prizes. Our goal is 100,000 Box Tops. We will be counting the Box Tops again on October 24. Please note: Box Tops have expiration dates. We can only use the ones that have not expired. Also, if the Box top is damaged and the expiration date is not shown, they will not accept it. Please bring Box Tops to your child’s classroom in zip lock bags.

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## SPORTS UPDATE

"Congratulations" to the **RCLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM** participants that traveled to Concordia Academy - Bloomington this past Sat., Oct 11th, for the STATE Cross Country Meet!! Our RCLS team of 7 (John Mattison, Stephanie Murray, Alex Gatzlaff, Sam St. Peter, Mackenzie Goetting, Lauren Heaton, and Jonathan Hickman) were part of the 140 runners from the Twin Cities area, and Southern MN that chose to compete. With some very tight competition, the RCLS runners did a fantastic job!! The following are the results of the RCLS runners that placed in the top 6 (places 1-4 got medals, and places 5/6 got ribbons):

1st Place Winners: Alex Gatzlaff: 1st place for the 3000 meters in the 7th Grade boys!  
Mackenzie Goetting: 1st place for the 1500 meters in the 6th Grade girls!

2nd Place Winner: Stephanie Murray: 2nd place for the 3000 meters in the 8th Grade girls!

4th Place Winner: John Mattison: 4th place for the 3000 meters in the 8th Grade boys!

6th Place Winner: Sam St. Peter: 6th place for the 1500 meters in the 6th Grade boys!

Congratulations to all the RCLS runners that chose to compete at the State level --- what an accomplishment! We "thank" all the runners for their hard efforts all season, and look forward to them returning for next year's season! "Thank you" also to the parents for their support during the season.

We would like to thank Pastor Biar, Mr. Muras, Mr. Hickman, and Mrs. Murray for their time and commitment to this awesome sport!

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Basketball Parent Meeting!!** There will be a Parent Meeting on Monday, October 20 for all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball parents. We will meet at 6:00 pm in the gymnasium to discuss expectations about the upcoming season. You will also get a chance to meet the coaches! Please make sure that you make room in your schedule to attend this very important meeting.

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).

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.

**RCLS students** have been invited to vote with their parents in a program called **KIDS VOTING ROCHESTER**. Our students will be discussing current events surrounding the election, so they may be asking you questions as to your candidate's choice and why. Your child simply goes to the polls with you on November 4 and votes on the 'Kids' ballot. That's all there's to it. It is a wonderful awareness for the children to participate in the privilege of voting.

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## ***H.E.R.O – "Help Everyone Reach Out" Mr. Nelson***

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." Our 2008-2009 school ministry theme is "H.E.R.O/Help Everyone Reach Out". The key to this theme is the theme verse from Hebrews 13:7. As we reach out to others, we remember the faith heroes in our own lives. Who are the people in your life that have spoken the word of God to you? Perhaps your parents, grandparents, or other relatives reached out to you with God's word and grace. It could have been a pastor, Sunday school teacher, Christian school teacher, church member, or a Christian neighbor. Maybe your hero was a person in your life who demonstrated, through the "outcome of [his] way of life", that Christ was alive in them.

We remember the heroes of faith for us, and we are encouraged to imitate their faith as we reach out to others with that same word of God! All of this comes "not from [yourself], it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). We are made heroes by the power of God and his Word...and that same power creates new heroes, in everyone to whom we reach out!

**HERO T-SHIRTS:** This year's ministry theme is "H\*E\*R\*O (Helping Everyone Reach Out)" as based on Hebrews 13:7. In an effort to reinforce the theme and to teach the concept that God calls believers...even children...to be heroes of faith, we would like to offer the opportunity for students to order H\*E\*R\*O T-shirts at a great price. Through our supplier, Superior Screeners, we will be able to provide T-shirts for a low cost of \$5.00 per child with the H\*E\*R\*O logo (full color) on white and the blue three crosses logo and [www.rcls.net](http://www.rcls.net) on the sleeve. We will be having a H\*E\*R\*O day or two in the future asking students to wear their T-shirts as we strive to impress upon them the importance of reflecting Christ to others. It is also a great shirt to wear on Bobcat spirit days. We will be ordering T-shirts at the end of the month. We ask that every family **highly consider** purchasing a T-shirt for every student PS through Grade 8. Parents may order as well. Please complete the order form below and return to school no later than Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



-----Please complete, clip and return to the school office on or before October 28<sup>th</sup>.-----

### **H\*E\*R\*O T-shirt Order Form**

**Name of Student/Parent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Shirts @ \$5:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Sizes: Youth S, M, L, XL**

**Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL**

**Total number of shirts \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00.**

**Please attach payment with this order form. Write checks to RCLS and write HERO T-shirts on the memo line.**

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