



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!

Nov. 14— No School

Classroom Stuff the Turkey Project!

Nov. 26-28—
Thanksgiving Break

MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS:

The name of our musical drama for this year's Christmas Celebration is "Hotel Bethlehem." The children are already practicing the music and we are working on the drama to be presented at the John Marshall High School auditorium the evening of December 11th at 6:30 p.m. One of the teachers said that she thought last year's program was so good, we could not top it...but she thinks this one might even be better. We pray it is for the sake of sharing the true meaning of Christmas and for encouraging everyone in their faith.

Bethlehem has become a very significant place in history even though it was not the greatest city.

"But you, Bethlehem of Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for Me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Micah 5:2

God chose Bethlehem to be the birth place of Christ even though it was very small. In fact, the town was so small there was not enough room in the inn when it came time for the census.

Why would God choose such a place? God often used the insignificant to do the significant. Think about David. He was merely a child when he did the impossible... slay the giant Goliath. Think about Mary. She was a young woman without importance or wealth and she was used to do the impossible...have a virgin birth...the Son of God...Jesus.

I often think of how God works. Then I think of me...a son of a blue collar worker... born in a small city in Northeastern Michigan...terrible at sports...slightly talented in other areas...so insignificant. Why would He choose me to serve? Although I do not claim that I have done the impossible, I do know that God has Called me to serve at RCLS. It is my prayer daily that although I may make poor decisions and not be the most talented principal that He will use my actions...good or bad...to work good for His kingdom.

What has God called you to do? How can God work through you...to your children...to your family...to your friends...to your co-workers? I believe I hear Him calling you!

In the name of the ultimate HERO, Jesus,
Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II

Special points of interest:

- *Golf Outing 2009*
- *Emergency Weather Closing*
- *Reading Center Info*
- *Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Fair*
- *Ski/Snowboard Info*
- *Veteran's Day Article & Attachment*
- *Present & Past RCLS students in various performances!*
- *Stuff the Turkey Project*
- *Parent-Teacher Group*
- *Much, much, more!*

As the weather turns colder and you start putting your summer sport supplies in storage, pause for a moment over your golf clubs...and look forward ten months to the **RCLS GOLF OUTING!** Mark your calendars now for the 4th annual RCLS Golf Outing on Friday, August 28, 2009. This year's event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and will be held at Willow Creek. The Golf Outing is a great day of golfing and fellowship while supporting RCLS! For more information, speak with any committee member: Marty Mack, Corey Nelson, Kim Schauer or Marc Woolman.

EMERGENCY WEATHER CLOSING

School closing announcements can be heard on KROC, KRCH, and KWEB radio stations as well as on KTTC-TV. When Rochester public schools close, RCLS also closes.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

...Mr. Colin Aldis (grandfather of Marissa & Audrey Alkhamis) whose mother is quite ill. We pray the family feels God's loving arms around them!

The **READING CENTER IS OFFERING** a free workshop to parents: "Helping Your Struggling Student with Schoolwork at Home?" It will be at the Reading Center on November 19, 2008 from 7-8:30 p.m. C. Wilson Anderson, Education Consultants of Midwest, Inc. will be presenting the workshop on this topic. Mr. Anderson is the President of UMBIDA, the parents of two learning disabled children and a veteran educator with 29 years experience teaching students with reading, written expression and spelling difficulties.

It's time to start thinking about **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!** How about shopping at the **Barnes and Noble Holiday Book Fair!** This book fair will take place at the Barnes and Noble Apache Mall Store on Saturday, December 6th. So, please do your Christmas book shopping that day with a voucher that will come home in the Paw Print, and a portion of your purchase will go directly to RCLS! Look in the Paw Print for special events and guest readers that day also!

SKI/SNOWBOARD SEASON is fast approaching! For all who like to ski and snowboard, trips are being planned for the 2008-2009 ski season. Ski /snowboard club is open to RCLS 5th through 8th grade students. Younger children may join with an adult chaperone. The plan is to have at least 5 trips to Welch Village during no school days and weekends. I have tried to avoid scheduling over scheduled basketball games. The

estimated cost per trip is \$66 if renting skis/snowboard or \$43 if you have your own equipment. The estimated costs are for loading at 8AM and returning at 5pm (holiday or weekend). The costs are \$5 to \$14 less if we leave at noon or 3PM (holiday or weekend). For the dates on January 23 (8AM load/5PM return) and March 13 (1:15PM/10PM return), the estimated cost per trip is \$52 if renting skis/snowboard or \$33 if you have your own equipment.

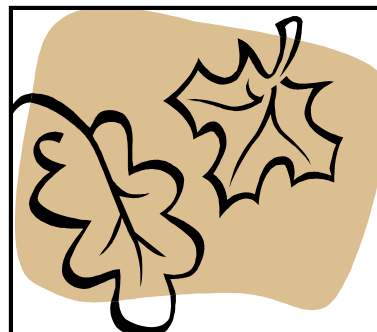
Chaperones ride free on the bus, please let me know if you would like to help in this way.

It is highly recommended having a lesson or two before if you never skied or snowboarded before, let me know if that is needed as well! Lessons for ski or snowboard are \$15 each. If we have 5 or more people per ski or snowboard group, those lessons would be only \$10 each. No combination in lessons.

If you have any interest in joining me, please contact Randy Schultz at 250-0655 or rschultz824@yahoo.com. Emails will be sent to those who contact me confirming dates and times of the trips.

We are in the process of forming a **PARENT TEACHER "GROUP"**. We would like 4-5 parent volunteers to help us plan and implement some parenting education programs, and be lead support for some programs we already have in place. If you are interested in being a part of such a group please contact: Carol Wickre at 289-3267 ex. 102, or email @ cawickre@rcls.net by November 21.

First grade is inviting ALL RCLS families to **STUFF THE TURKEY for Channel One**. Each classroom will have a turkey box to stuff with non-perishable food items. The classroom with the highest number of food items will be served a special treat by Mr. Pahlkotter during lunch. The contest will run from November 1-November 25. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a H-E-R-O to those within our community!



PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of November 17 we will pray for: Sherry Foster (Trevor), Terry & Heather Franz (Riley), Matthew & Sara Frick (Samuel), John Friederichs (Samantha), Scott & Karen Fryer (Alec), and Jim & Heather Fuelberth (Molly, Nicholas).

THIS 'N THAT

- Mrs. Woolman is **in need of clean empty plastic milk jugs**. If you should have some you may drop them off at the school office or her classroom. Thank you!
- Parents, If you have or will in the future take **pictures at various school events, on and off campus**; please consider loading them onto a disposable CD and drop them off at school for the yearbook staff. We are in need of pictures throughout the year, especially junior high events. Please help us fill our yearbook with great pictures of memorable moments! Thank you!
- In the packet mailed to your home in early July was information regarding **Putting on the Ritz** to be held tomorrow night at the Rochester International Event Center. The information stated that people who registered for the event by September 30, 2008 would be put into a drawing for either a limo for the night or a free evening at the Sleep Inn and Suites. The drawing was made this week and **our winners are: Barb & Steve Jerabek** will enjoy an evening of limo services and **Kim & Greg Captain** will receive a free night's stay at the Sleep Inn & Suites! Thank you to all who registered for this exciting event!
- Former RCLS students **Andrew Wingren and Maren Matthias** are performing this weekend in the play *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* at Century High School. Andrew has the role of Robin Hood and Maren is one of the Fawning Ladies. Information and reservations can be made by calling 328-5116.

We realize that Tuesday, November 11 was **VETERAN'S DAY**; however, it was recently brought to the attention of our office personnel the attached article which appeared in the Autumn Ridge Church newsletter was written by one of our former students **PFC (Private First Class) Ryan Kriesel**. As you read the article you will note that he is presently serving in Iraq and we are told is scheduled to return to Fort Carson, Colorado, in early 2009. Ryan is a 2002 graduate of RCLS and a 2006 graduate of Mayo High School. We thank our Veteran's! Those serving and those who have served! May God continue to protect our military and guide our leaders as they make decisions concerning our great nation.

**Remember your leaders,
who spoke the word of God
to you.
Consider the outcome of
their**

The **RCLS TRUSTEE COMMITTEE** is looking for 1 or 2 people to serve on the Trustee Committee. This is a standing committee that oversees the maintenance and integrity of the school building and property. The committee meets monthly at 6:15 pm in the staff lounge. If interested or you have questions contact the school office or Ron Cobb at rcobbmn@hotmail.com

RCLS STUDENTS TO APPEAR IN *THE NUTCRACKER*

RCLS students Ashton Andersen and Jaelyn Andersen will appear in Rochester Dance Company's production of the timeless holiday ballet *The Nutcracker*, with Ashton dancing the featured role of Clara. Performances will take place in Presentation Hall at Mayo Civic Center on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14. *The Nutcracker* features nearly 90 young dancers from Rochester and the surrounding area—performing as steadfast toy soldiers, swirling snowflakes, playful French pastries and many other characters—dancing alongside professional artists. Tickets can be purchased through the Mayo Civic Center box office, 328-2222; Ticketmaster charge by phone, 252-1010; RCLS teacher Mrs. Cindy Andersen #252-9852 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

"RCLS IS MORE THAN A SCHOOL" is the theme of our 2008 promotion video revealed at the Horizon Breakfast and will be shown at the Evening of Celebration Friday night. You can also see it on our website at www.rcls.net. Share it with a friend!

THANKSGIVING BREAK IS COMING: Please note that we do not have school Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th in recognition of Thanksgiving. It is our prayer that God will bless your celebrations with your family and friends. We thank God for you!

- November 14 -No School—SAC is open
-An Evening of Celebration: Putting on the Ritz, 6 pm
- November 18 -Personnel meeting, 5 pm
-Finance meeting, 6 pm
-Executive meeting, 7 pm
- November 19 -Grade 2 to sing at Chapel
-K,1,2,5 at the Civic Theater
-Academics/Curriculum, 4:30 pm
- November 23 -Advanced Handbells at St. Johns, Stewartville
- November 24 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
- Nov. 26-28 -No School! Thanksgiving Break
- December 3 -Grade 1 to sing at Chapel
- December 4 -Advent Music Concert, 6:30 pm
- December 9 -Health Team meeting
- December 10 -Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
- December 11 -Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am
-All School Christmas Celebration, 6:30 pm at John Marshall High School
- December 12 -Parent Transportation Day – morning only!
-Mid Quarter
- December 15 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
- December 17 -All choirs to sing at Chapel
- December 18 -Mid Quarter Reports Available
- December 19 -Christmas Classroom Parties
- Dec 22—Jan.2 -No School—Christmas Break
- January 5 -School resumes, normal hours
- January 8 -Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am
-Gr. 4 to Samaritan Heights
- January 9-11 -Science Fair
- January 16 -Parent Transport, afternoon only!
- Jan 16-18 -Faribault BB Tournament
- January 19 -No School/Martin Luther King Day
- January 20 -Community Open House, 6:30-8 pm
- January 22 -End of 2nd Quarter, 39 days
- January 23 -No School/Teachers Work Day
- January 26 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
- January 29 -Partners in Christ Re-enrollment Meeting for Parents, noon or 6:30 pm
-Report Cards sent home
- January 30 -Family Dance Night, 6:30-7:30 pm
- January 31 -Winona Mustang Classic (BB)

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

Did you know RCLS can earn a penny every time you search the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support RCLS? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting RCLS. Keep this in mind for your Christmas shopping.

RCLS has earned over \$160.00 so far, but it could be so much more. Our computer lab is pointed to GoodSearch, and you can easily make it available for your children from your home computers, and raise money for the school by doing the same things you do today.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter 'Rochester Central Lutheran School' as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

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