

## Rochester Central Lutheran School

# RCLS PAW PRINT

November 20, 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!**

Classroom Stuff the Turkey Project! Ends Tuesday, Nov. 25!

Nov. 26-28—  
Thanksgiving Break

### **MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS:**

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

I went walking down the hall this week and asked 2<sup>nd</sup> graders what they were thankful for as we prepared for Thanksgiving. This is what they said when asked, “What are you thankful for?”

*Having a family. Skylar*

*Having a Bible. Jenna*

*My family. Ethan*

*Having a dog. Jady*

*God. Triston*

*Everything God has placed in my life to help me become the person I am today...even the difficult things. Mr. Nelson*

*Having a teacher. Austin*

*Having a “fun” teacher. Sarah*

*Jesus. Nicole*

*Presents. Joy*

*My teacher and family. Nicholas*

*Having a sister. Jackson*

*Family. Bennett*

*The Principal. Trevor*

*The Bible. Regan*

*My family. Alec*

*Such nice teachers. Ian*

*Jesus. Sadie*

*The cross. Lydia*

*Jesus. Matthew*

*Such a nice principal. Robert*

*That Jesus died on the cross to*

*Save us from our sins. Ethan*

*My sister. Brittany*

*Jesus died on the cross. Gabriella*

*Friends. Jun*

*Mom and Dad. Kaitlyn*

*The world. Jace*

*My church. Annalee*

*My students. Mrs. Otte*

*God. Abigail*

*My mom and dad. Jacob*

*RCLS. Ethan*

*Jesus. Sam*

*My parents. Lauren*

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

- *Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Fair*
- *Ski/Snowboard Info*
- *Present RCLS students in The Nutcracker & ticket info*
- *Stuff the Turkey Project*
- *Parent-Teacher Group*
- *High School Registration Info*
- *Sports Notes*
- *Artists of the Month*
- *Art Department Needs a Volunteer*
- *Christmas Celebration Hotel Bethlehem*
- *H-E-R-O t-shirts—last chance!*
- *Much, much, more!*

For what or whom are you thankful? Through which circumstances of life has God blessed you...good or difficult? In talking with our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, I can't help but see their faith and was blessed by their witness. I am thankful that my faith was encouraged and enriched by talking to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Let's take time over the next several days to share with each other what we are truly thankful for and how has God used these things, people or circumstances to bless us. Let me know how this impacts your faith walk. I have a suspicion that you will be just as blessed as I was to talk to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders this week.

I pray that God will bless you and your family and friends as you come together and celebrate the blessings of God in your lives. Happy Thanksgiving!

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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:cawickre@rcls.net) by November 21.

## HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Thursday January 8, 2009:** At 7:00 P.M. the Rochester Public Schools will host a Nonpublic Parent Night in the seminar room at the educational service center (ESC). The ESC building is located at 334 16<sup>th</sup> St. SE(enter door #1) This meeting is for all parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders currently attending nonpublic schools who are interesting in attending one of the three

public high schools for 2009/2010 school year. Representatives from the Rochester Public schools will facilitate a presentation about general high school information, high school graduation requirements, and tips on making the transition to high school easier. Parents will receive a packet from Registration and Records, as well as a Course Registration Guide. Representatives from each public high school will be available to answer questions.

For more information contact our counselor Mrs. Jennifer Finch-Mitchell ([jefinch-mitc@rochester.k12.mn.us](mailto:jefinch-mitc@rochester.k12.mn.us))

### Century High School

- You may set up a tour of Century High School by calling Lynda Apel at 328-5150. Tours are Dec 16 and 18, Jan. 6, 8, 13, 15 and 17 all at 8 am.
- **Monday January 12** is the parent night and orientation from 5:30-7:30 pm (Panther Pride Night)  
**Tuesday January 20** students need to go to Century and turn in their registration forms between 4-8 pm

### John Marshall High School

- **Monday January 12** is the parent night. It will be 6:30pm in the auditorium
- **January 21-23** nonpublic registrations are due at John Marshall

### Mayo High School

**Monday January 12 is Spartan Night** (parent and student information night)

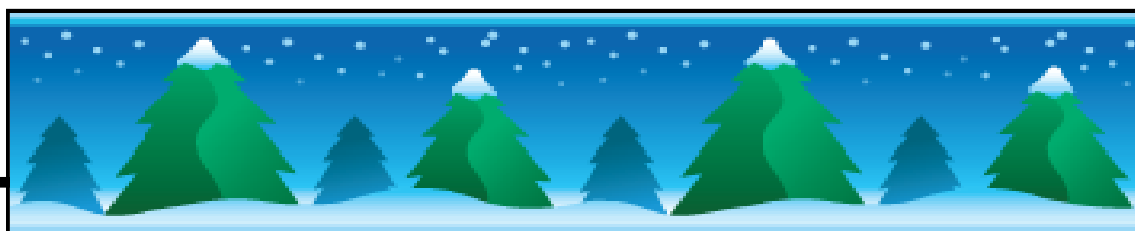
- 5:30-6:30 clubs/activities
- 6:30-7:00 performance groups
- 7:00-8:00 8th-9th grade information
- 8:00 questions and answers

**Registrations may be turned in any day after Jan 12 at Mayo**

### Lourdes High School

**December 3, Parent night 7 pm** in the auditorium if you have questions please contact Sarah Groven at 289-3991 ext. 128

**PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES** The week of November 24 we will pray for: Jon & Marnie Giese (Kaeli), Jay & Angela Goetting (Mackenzie), Mark & Maren Goss (Mason), Al & Candis Gotmer (Ana), Shelly Greenfield (Lauryn), Todd Greenfield, and Fran & Tammy Green (Ezekiel, Silas).



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**RCLS STUDENTS TO APPEAR IN  
THE NUTCRACKER**

RCLS students Ashton Andersen and Jaclyn 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

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

**7/8 BASKETBALL & CHEER PARENTS!!!** Concessions volunteer sign ups are posted in front of the main office. Please sign up for three spots for the regular season games. Note the changes in schedule from the beginning of the season. Updated basketball schedules were sent home at practice yesterday. Note the game and practice changes in **BOLD**.

Also, **RCLS will host** Hope Lutheran vs. Cannon Valley Lutheran in a high school basketball game on December 16 at 6 and 7pm. This will take place after the 7th boys host Abdulle Academy at 4:30. Please consider helping out with concessions or taking money at the gate. These profits will all go to Athletics.

**Thank you** to the anonymous donor who gave \$500 to Athletics this past week!!

**Cross Country/ Soccer/ Volleyball Party!!** There will be a Cross Country, Soccer and Volleyball Party for all players, coaches and parents on Sunday, November 23 from 4-7pm. Please bring a dish to pass and provide your own drink. Soda may be purchased for .50 from teacher lounge. Come ready to play volleyball!! After dinner we will have volleyball nets set up for games.

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 6<sup>th</sup>. So, please do your Christmas book shopping that day with the voucher attached to this 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!

**ART DEPARTMENT NEEDS** a volunteer to help put up and take down student artwork in the hallways. A small amount of time, 30-60 minutes, is needed each week. There will be lots of beautiful Christmas projects you can help display. Thank you! - Mrs. Haas

**ARTISTS OF THE MONTH** are **Regan Bushman and Ethan Manuell** of second grade. Their works of art are crayon drawings of cornucopias. Ethan and Regan drew the shape of a horn of plenty and added texture. They also colored in the background space with patterned wallpapers, windows, and a table. The last part of the project was to cut out different vegetables and fruits and draw texture on them. Regan, Ethan, and both second grade classes are thankful for their overflowing cornucopias and their many blessings from God.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS**

...Mrs. Gina Mitchell (Shawn, Claire) whose father received his crown of glory November 15, 2008.

**HOTEL BETHLEHEM:** The date of this year's Christmas Celebration is Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. at the John Marshall High School auditorium. Please bring 2 dozen cookies on a tray or plate that is disposable. We will be having a punch and cookie afterglow immediately following the program. Thank you.

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

- 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 7 -Concert Choir to sing at Chapel
- January 8 -Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am  
-Gr. 4 to Samaritan Heights
- January 9-11 -Science Fair
- January 14 -Grade 3 to sing at Chapel
- 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 21 -Grade 5 to sing at Chapel
- January 22 -End of 2nd Quarter, 39 days
- January 23 -No School/Teachers Work Day
- January 26 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
- January 28 -Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
- 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](http://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](http://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!

**HERO T-SHIRTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED!** We anticipate that the HERO shirts will be in the week of the Christmas Celebration. We are hoping to designate Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, as HERO Day and everyone can wear their T-shirts and share throughout the day who God has placed in their lives to be "Faith Heroes."

**SECOND CHANCE T-SHIRT ORDERS:** If you did not have a chance to order a T-shirt the first time, here is your second chance. The cost is \$5.00 per shirt. Please complete the form below and return it to the school office no later than Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will have more HERO days throughout the school year to reinforce this year's ministry theme: Helping Everyone Reach Out ("H\*E\*R\*O")!

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