



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!

Have you gotten your Hotel Bethlehem DVD yet?

No School—Friday, January 23

Partners in Christ Re-Enrollment Meetings on Thursday, January 29 at noon and 6:30 pm.

MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...

Have you ever been in a situation in your life that has left you truly at loss with no apparent place to turn? *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11) God has a plan for you even when it feels like you are between a rock and a very hard place. Although the road may feel rocky and we may stumble, He is always with us and willingly to forgive, brush us off, and guide us forward toward His gift of "...a hope and a future." I sometimes find myself in these difficult places and have to be reminded of God's goodness and His undeserved love for me. I thought I could take this week's thoughts to remind you... God is so good!

In Christ,
Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
Principal

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR RETIREMENT MRS. HAAS: Today, Thursday, January 22, is Mrs. Haas last day teaching Art at RCLS after 27 ½ years of dedicated ministry. We thank you Mrs. Haas for your ministry and sharing His love with our children through the teaching of Art at RCLS. May God bless you richly as you retire and spend some quality time with your husband in Florida. You are loved and appreciated.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, JANUARY 23: Friday is Records Day and RCLS is not in session. The school office will be open 7 am until 3 pm.

I would like to give a big thank you to everyone for my fabulous retirement party on January 11. My RCLS Family has a spirit and love that is a true gift from God. I will cherish each and everyone of you. It was a perfect way to end my career at RCLS as art teacher. Thank you for the many blessings of fellowship, food, decorations, flowers, and the wonderful and unexpected generous gifts. The beautiful framed print and verse is hanging in my living room, the monetary gift will be used for something special in our Florida home, and the scrap book of my students' artwork is the best! Thanks also for the many cards and messages.



Thank you very much, Mrs. Phyllis Haas

Special points of interest:

- *Partners in Christ Re-Enrollment Meetings*
- *Hotel Bethlehem DVDs for Sale*
- *New Life Family Services*
- *Permission Form to Use Images*
- *Good-bye Mrs. Haas and welcome Miss Johnson!*
- *Auction Notes!*
- *What RCLS Collects*
- *Jewelry Needed!*
- *Sports Notes*
- *Much, much, more!*

OPEN ENROLLMENT AT RCLS BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 30! If you know of a new family that would like an enrollment packet for the 2009-2010 school year, please call the school office at 289-3267 or e-mail Mrs. Finley at mofinley@rcls.net. We anticipate a great enrollment for the up-coming school year. Anyone desiring a Lutheran Christian education is invited to apply. New families may receive a \$25 credit per child toward their registration/enrollment fee by scheduling and attending an entrance appointment with the school principal. Please have them contact the school office to schedule a date.

PARTNERS IN CHRIST PARENT MEETINGS ARE COMING: Please make every effort to attend one of the two Partners in Christ meetings that are planned for Thursday, January 29, at 12 noon (gymnasium) and 6:30 p.m. (cafeteria). Information regarding the 2008-2009 school year will be presented and this is **YOUR OPPORTUNITY** to RE-ENROLL for the 2009-2010 school year. By attending, you qualify for a \$25 credit toward your re-enrollment fee which will also be collected on that day. Current students have priority on January 29 and then Open Enrollment begins on Friday, January 30.

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of January 26, 2009 we will pray for: Christopher & Judy Jerabek (Tyler), Steven & Barbara Jerabek (Samuel, Jerry, Rachael), Daniel & Tammie Johnson (Samuel), Kathy Johnson (Mikaela), Nate Johnson, James & Jayne Johnston (Hunter), Mark & Jennifer Jurgensen (Christian, Emily), and Glen & Lisa Kaiser (Jessica, Allison, Stephanie).

HOTEL BETHLEHEM DVD'S FOR SALE: If you did not have a chance to order your DVD of the "Hotel Bethlehem" Christmas Celebration presented on Thursday, December 11, at the John Marshall High School Auditorium, you have another chance. We have several DVDs left! The cost per DVD is \$20.

A 3RD – 5TH FAMILY DANCE is being hosted by the Music Department on Friday, January 30th, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the gymnasium. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and their families are invited to attend. This is a Christian fellowship event. Come and just have fun!

PERMISSION TO USE IMAGES: The students were really checking out the new pictures on the display board that was up for the RCLS Community Open House. We are hoping to use a variety of pictures on display boards to help get the great news out about RCLS's Christian education program. In addition, we are beginning to review our brochures and are looking to use some of the same pictures to update our promotional material. Further, images of students are used in our annual yearbook and occasionally released to the media. We normally do not release names with pictures as this is not necessary unless contained in a special news article for the paper or some other similar media.

PLEASE complete the attached permission form granting RCLS permission to use these pictures (student images) for these purposes of sharing our ministry with the public.

We will assume that we have permission to use your child's picture unless you otherwise indicate; however, we do need to have a signed permission slip on file either granting or denying picture usage. Please complete and return to the school office next week. Thank you.

MISS BROOKE JOHNSON: Miss Brooke Johnson officially steps into the Art teacher position on Tuesday, January 27th. Please keep Miss Johnson and her ministry at RCLS in your prayers as she transitions into the Art teacher position. Welcome Miss Johnson!

MR. PAHLKOTTER VISITS HOLY CROSS THIS SUNDAY: Mr. Pahlkotter will be visiting Holy Cross this Sunday. If you are there, take a minute to say hello. He will be bringing the RCLS display board and enrollment information for the 2009-2010 school year.

AUCTION NOTES

- Auction Website/Online Solicitation Training Rescheduled to Tuesday, February 3 from 6pm-8:30pm

- Auction Date: April 18 2:30pm Doors Open 4:30pm Rooms Start Closing 6:00pm Live Auction

- 2 Head Volunteer Positions need to be filled:

- - Gift Certificate Closer: This position involves heading up a group to take down the gift certificates and write the winning bid/amount on each bid sheet.
- - Room Closer/Sorters: This position involves heading up a group to sort the silent auction bid sheets by item number/bidder numbers.



Please contact Melinda Rud (288-6697 jmmhrud@msn.com) or

Debbie Witte (536-0019 mom2three@chartermi.net) with any questions.

THINGS RCLS COLLECTS!

- Kemps Milk Caps
- Kwik Trip Milk Moola Milk Caps
- General Mills Box Tops for Education
- Land O Lakes Milk Caps
- Used cell phones
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Nestle Labels off of water bottles

We recently received a check from Kwik Trip through their Kwik Rewards Fund-Raising Program for \$79.33 which represents purchases made between 10/1/08—12/31/08. If you are a Kwik Card holder please consider designating RCLS.

Also received recently was a check from General Mills Box Tops for Education that was for \$1,583.63! The check reflects submissions through 10/31/08. Continue to send in your box top labels—they quickly add up!

Mrs. Kris Lindquist is wanting old or new costume jewelry in order to make a **“JEWELRY CHRISTMAS TREE”** for the RCLS auction. Jewelry that is broken or missing pieces are also welcomed. You may drop off your items at the school office or call Kris Lindquist 281-3081 to make arrangements for drop off.

SPARTAN NIGHT for incoming 9th graders was originally scheduled for last week. Due to the bad weather experienced last week it was **changed to** February 23 at 5:30 pm!

- 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
-Open Enrollment Begins
- January 31 -Winona Mustang Classic (BB)
- February 4 -Gr. 4 to sing at Chapel
- February 5 -Gr. 4 to the Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am
- Feb. 6-7 -Conference BB Tournament
- February 11 -Concert Choir to sing at Chapel
- Feb. 9-13 -Spirit Week
- February 12 -Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am
- February 13 -Parent Transport—PM only
-I Love My School Parties
- Feb. 13-15 -RCLS BB Tournament
- February 16 -No School, Presidents' Day
-SAC Open
- February 18 -Gr. 1 to sing at Chapel
- February 22 -Kindergarten 100s Museum
- February 23 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
- February 25 -Ash Wednesday
-Gr. 2 to sing at Chapel
- February 27 -Mid Quarter

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

CALLING ALL K-6TH GRADE SINGERS!!

There is a new children's choir in town and we want YOU to join. The Non-Denominational Christian Children's Choir is comprised of students from various churches in the area. We meet on Sundays from 3-4 pm at Hope Summit Church (formally Meadow Park CC) to rehearse. Our new semester has just started and we invite you to come join in all of the fun. In May we will be producing a brand new children's musical! There is no need to audition for the choir, but if you are interested in a specific part (speaking or singing) auditions will be held on February 8 during our regular rehearsal time. If you have questions, please call Abbie Jo Wilcox, director at 252-6984. Hope to see you soon!

**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



NEW LIFE FAMILY SERVICES

January Chapel Project
Sponsored by grades 2 and 3

RCLS students and families are continuing to support New Life Family Services with their chapel offerings and donations of gently used or brand new items for babies and their mothers. We have filled the portable crib 3 times already; this outpouring of gifts to NLFS is far greater than any of us imagined! With a week and a half to go, perhaps we can fill it a fourth or even a fifth time!

Our final chapel offering for this project will be next week on Wednesday, January 29. We hope that you and your children will be generous in your monetary support.

Please consider donating things that will help in the NLFS office; these things include Kleenex, white copier/printer paper, light bulbs (60 watt), postage stamps, and gift cards to Walmart, Office max, Target, Babies R Us. Gift cards are used when New Life Family Services are short of a specific item needed by a new mother and her baby.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the Bobcat boys team as they won the Faribault Tournament last weekend! On Friday, the Bobcats defeated Fairmont 47-28. John Mattison led the scoring with 23 points and added 6 steals and 6 assists. Matthew Buettner grabbed 8 rebounds while Alex Gatzlaff dished out 6 assists. On Saturday, the Bobcats defeated Christ Lutheran-Zumbrota 46-25. Matt Buettner led the scoring with 16 points, while John added 10 points. In the championship game on Sunday, the Bobcats defeated Trinity-Janesville 61-42. Matt led the scoring with 21 points and added 10 rebounds. Alex Gatzlaff added 7 assists.

Congratulations to the 7/8 Grade Girl's basketball team for their 1st place victory at the Faribault Tournament this past weekend!!! The Lady Bobcats won their first game against Faribault, with a score of 26-12. The leading scorers for the first game were Katrina Wessel with 10 points, and Jarika Tuohimaa with 6 points. The top rebounder was Jarika Tuohimaa with 8. After winning their first game, the Lady Bobcats moved on to the Championship game. With a very exciting Championship game, the Lady Bobcats were able to eventually take over and maintain the lead, and win over Fairmont, with a final score of 23-18! The leading scorers for the game were Katie Piens with 10 points, Katrina

Wessel with 6 points, and Stephanie Murray with 4 points. The top rebounder was Jarika Tuohimaa with 7. The Lady Bobcat record currently stands at 8-2, and our next games are later this week with Winona on Thursday and Waconia on Friday/Saturday.

On Tuesday, the 7th grade boys team defeated St. Francis 43-38 in Overtime. Chad Wagner scored a career high 8 points including several key baskets in overtime. Michael Ojeikhodion scored a team high 14 points and added 12 rebounds in the win. Alex Gatzlaff added 5 assists. The win brings the 7th boys team record to 5-1 on the season.

The 8th boys team also defeated St. Francis on Tuesday 62-48. John scored a season high 26 points in the victory while also dishing out 6 assists. Matt added 10 rebounds and 23 points. These wins bring the Bobcats overall record to 9-1 on the season.

The Bobcats play St. Martin's Winona on Thursday and Trinity- Waconia Friday night after the girls. The games on Friday night are girls at 6 pm and the boys at 7:30 pm. There will be no games Saturday morning for the B teams as Waconia will not bring these teams.

RCLS Invitational Tournament Volunteers!!!

The 26th Annual RCLS Invitational Basketball Tournament is coming up on February 13-15. The profits from this event provide the major funding for our physical education program for ALL GRADES. We are asking **parents of students in grades PS-8 to consider helping during the tournament.** We'll need extra help in the following areas: clean-up, concessions help, kitchen help, and court sweeping/locker room maintenance. **We are also looking for two or three people to supervise the kitchen.** You may sign up to help in the school office next week. An information sheet detailing this information will come out in the Paw Print next week. We also plan to serve **pies and other baked goods in the concession stand and kitchen** during the RCLS Invitational Basketball Tournament.

THANK YOU for your Logo Wear orders! Over 90 orders were received which will bring over \$500 to the RCLS Athletics Department. Orders will be placed this week and we are hoping to receive our logo wear by the first part of February. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Torrens-Burton, Debbie Witte, or Janelle Miller.