



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!

- **To look over enrollment information**
- **To return the permission form to use images (form is attached)**
- **Grades 3-5 Family Dance, January 30, 6:30-7:30 pm**

MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...

Re-enrollment is an exciting time as we look forward to another year of ministry at RCLS. Today, having parents come to the Partners in Christ meetings is exciting as we get to talk about another year of blessings and tomorrow (Friday) begins Open Enrollment for all of the new families that would like to come and become a part of RCLS's faith family.

People ask me how enrollment is looking. As of today, everything looks great. My prayer is that God will use RCLS to share the good news of Jesus with as many people as possible while "preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today."

Please pray with me that God will bless RCLS and the efforts of our association churches to equip His children with His Word so that they may become heroes of faith for others as they fulfill the Great Commission to go and tell others about Jesus, the true hero of faith.

Yesterday, we said goodbye to one of our international families returning to Korea. It was an emotional time as they shared with me how grateful they were for the RCLS family and the many blessings they had received while at RCLS. Tears flowed as they thanked us for our Christian friendship and for being their family away from home.

I couldn't help but thank God for them and the many blessings they brought to our school. I also thanked God that not only is RCLS a wonderful Christ-centered school in Rochester, but that we are having an international impact as we share God's love with those who come from so far away. As we exchanged our parting words, I reminded them that it was now their calling to share Jesus in Korea and to possibly embrace foreigners who come to their city who might need a home away from home.

Indeed, we are a family...brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the name of the ultimate HERO, Jesus,

Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
Principal

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2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR: Although we have begun working on the 2009-2010 RCLS school calendar, we are waiting for the Rochester Schools to confirm their calendar so that we might most effectively make use of busing and to make sure our calendar is family friendly for those who have students in both school systems. We will publish a tentative calendar as soon as we can. Thank you for your patience.

2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR STAFF: The RCLS Board of Directors uses the initial re-enrollment and open enrollment numbers to determine staffing for the next school year. This process will begin in February.

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS FRIDAY, JANUARY 30: If you know of someone interested in enrolling, PLEASE make them aware that open enrollment begins Friday. We then accept new students based upon the receipt date of their application and the number of spaces open within a given classroom. Thank you.

RE-ENROLLMENT: Current families are given priority enrollment TODAY (Thursday, January 29) by attending our Partner in Christ meetings. If you have not re-enrolled for some reason and are planning to do so, PLEASE make sure your application is submitted immediately as it will be accepted along with open enrollment applications beginning tomorrow, Friday, January 30, based upon the receipt date and the number of spaces open within a given classroom. Thank you.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT: Those families enrolling their children for Kindergarten are asked to indicate your preference for a full day or half day program. This will help us determine the number of Kindergarten sessions we will open and the need for full day and half day openings. Final placement is determined after Kindergarten testing in the spring, but this gives us a good idea as to staffing needs. Thank you.

3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADE FAMILY DANCE is scheduled for Friday evening, January 30, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the gymnasium. This event is hosted by the Music Department. Come and feel the rhythm!

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 re-view 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.

Report Cards (Grades 5-8) Parents of 5th through 8th grade students will receive an email message on Thursday from their homeroom teacher. This message will lead them to their child's report card for quarter two. Parents should respond to this email so that the homeroom teacher knows that it was received. The report card may be printed, signed, and returned, or parents may respond to the homeroom teacher by email. Parents without email will receive a printed copy on Thursday.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2009-2010

RCLS utilizes the services of a company out of Minneapolis called Tuition Aid Data Services to handle the application process for us. There are two ways to fill out a TADS application. Online or with a paper application. If you decide to do the application online please contact the school office for the TADS worksheet that they recommend you complete before proceeding. If you would rather do a paper application please call TADS at 1-800-477-8237 and they will be happy to send one to you. The deadline to complete the application process is April 15, 2009. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you!

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of January 26, 2009 we will pray for: Seung & Hee Kang (Jeong Jun & Min-Young), Yeon Soo & Suk Joo Kim (Elizabeth & Sang Jik), Mitchell & Robin Klebig (Grant), Frank & Shari Kmett (Carter), Cody & Julie Koch (Kaden), Dennis & Teresa Koski (Zachary) and Robert & Bobbi Kostinec (Brooke).

AUCTION NOTES - April 18, 2009

2:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm Rooms Start Closing 6:00 pm Live Auction

Come to the **Auction Solicitation Kick Off!** - Tuesday, February 3 from 6-8:30 pm in the RCLS Computer Lab!! We will be providing training on using the auction website and online soliciting.

Please contact Melinda Rud (288-6697 jmmhrud@msn.com) or Debbie Witte (536-0019 mom2three@chartermi.net) with any questions.

We are ready to begin soliciting!!! The steps are simple. All you need to do is ask!!! When going to a business you frequent, ask if they would like to support the RCLS Auction. Here are the steps:

Instructions on Soliciting

Access the Website:

- Access the RCLS website (<http://www.rcls.net>)
- Click on 'RCLS Auction April 18!' located in the left column under LATEST NEWS.
- Click on 'Online Auction Software (member login)'

Login Screen:

- Login if you have an account
- Register for an account
- Request a new password

After Logging In:

- Click on 'Update my Profile' (This only needs to be done once)
- Check that all the information is current (email, name, address)
- 'RCLS' needs to be the Current Group. If this needs to be changed, click on 'Add or Remove a Group' option.

Select a donor to contact:

- Click on 'Select a donor to contact'.
- To sign up for places to contact, search for businesses.
- Select the box next to the business and click 'Pick these ones' at the bottom of the page. (*This business will now be taken and others will not be able to select it.*)

Update your solicitation status:

- Click on 'Your workspace -update your contacts.'
- Update the status of the business you signed up for. (Have they been contacted? How did they respond? Have their items been delivered?)

Unable to contact a business you signed up for:

- Click on 'Release Contacts'

Print out Contacts:

- Click on 'Print Contact Worksheet'

Unable to find a business in the search:

Click on 'Add a potential donor to the system'



Note: - When asking for donations, remember to take a donation slip and letter explaining the auction. These will be available in the office. Fill out the donation slip. Leave one with the business and return the other to the school. The donor can either give you the donation or mail it into the school.

If you are not able to log on to the auction website, please contact Melinda Rud (jmmhrud@msn.com 288-6697) or Debbie Witte (mom2three@chartermi.net 536-0019) to find businesses to solicit.

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 8 -Concert Choir at Trinity Lutheran
 Feb. 9-13 -Spirit Week
 February 9 -Pepfest, 2 pm
 February 11 -Concert Choir to sing at Chapel
 February 12 -Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am
 February 13 -Parent Transport—AM 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
 March 4 -Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
 March 11 -Grade 5 to sing at Chapel
 March 18 -Grade 1 to sing at Chapel
 March 19 -Gr. 4 to Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am
 March 25 -Grade 3 to sing at Chapel

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- those hospitalized or dealing with health concerns
- those grieving
- for our nation and its leaders
- to rejoice for the privilege of living in a free nation

MR. PAHLKOTTER AT FAMILY OF CHRIST THIS SUNDAY! Mr. Pahlkotter will be available this Sunday at Family of Christ to answer any questions regarding RCLS and the enrollment process. Mr. Pahlkotter is visiting Trinity on Sunday, February 8, and Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Byron on Sunday, February 15.

**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

Thank you for your support of the January Chapel Project. Our portable crib was filled about 3 ½ times with a wide variety of diapers, clothes, toys, books about having a baby, wipes, office supplies, and many more useful things. Second and third grade children will be sorting, packing, and delivering these items to NLFS early in February.

A total of \$300 was collected during the Wednesday Chapel offerings and will be converted into Gift Cards which New Life Family Services can use to purchase specific items needed by new mothers and their babies. Thank you very much for your help during the month of January to show our appreciation of NLFS's ministry.

THINGS RCLS COLLECTS!

- Inkjet and laser cartridges
- 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

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.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART: Grades 1 – 4 will be jumping on Tuesday and Thursday of next week. The upper grades will be jumping in their gym classes. As of today, over \$3800 has been collected for the American Heart Association. Indeed, this is a witness of God's love for us as we share it with others through the American Heart Association. **JUMP FOR JESUS!**

FINANCIAL NEEDS: With the challenge of the current economy, some families are experiencing financial difficulties. Please keep these families in your prayers and prayerfully consider making a donation to help cover school expenses for a family demonstrating a financial need. Help us to show God's love by helping these families provide Christian education to their children even during difficult economic times. Thank you.

SPORTS NOTES

"Congratulations" to the **7/8 Grade Girl's Basketball Team** for some successful Basketball games over the past week!

* RCLS Girl's won over Winona last week, with a score of 20-13. The leading scorer was Danielle Buettner with 8 points, followed by contributions from Megan Muras, Jarika Tuohimaa and Katrina Wessel with 4 points each. The leading rebounder was Jarika Tuohimaa with 12.

* RCLS Girl's played a tough game against Waconia last week, and lost 19-31. Point contributions came from Danielle Buettner with 6, Jarika Tuohimaa with 5 points, and Stephanie Murray and Megan Muras with 4 points each.

* RCLS Girl's won over Silo this week, after working hard to take over the lead, with a score of 30-24. The score contributions came from Jarika Tuohimaa with 8 points, followed by Stephanie Murray, Danielle Buettner and Megan Muras with 6 points each. The leading rebounder was Megan Muras with 9 rebounds.

* **Great job Lady Bobcats!!** Our current record stands at 10 wins and 3 losses.

The past week was a busy one for the **Bobcat boys' basketball team.**

* On Thursday of last week, the Bobcats defeated St. Martin's- Winona 36-15. Michael Ojeikhodion and Michael Carl led the team with 10 and 11 rebounds respectively.

*On Friday night, RCLS hosted Trinity-Waconia. The Bobcats won 55-40 in a game that proved to be one of our toughest of the season. John Mattison led the scoring attack with 25 points including 3 three-pointers while also adding 7 steals. Matt Buettner also added 13 points and 10 rebounds in the winning effort.

* Over the weekend, the Bobcats participated in a B-level RCYBA Tournament at Century High School. In the first game, the Bobcats defeated Century 46-33. In the second game of the day, the Bobcats defeated Mayo 52-39 with 20 points from John Mattison and 11 points from Lucas Ziemba. In the final game of the day, the Bobcats lost to Homeschool 45-41 to get 2nd Place. The three games on Saturday wrapped up a 4 game stretch in less than 20 hours for the team!

* On Monday, the boys went back to work defeating Silo 52-37. John Mattison scored a team high 27 points and added 9 steals.

*On Tuesday, the Bobcats defeated St. John's-Lake City 48-19. Michael Carl scored 14 points and added 15 rebounds. Mason Nordman led the team with 3

assists and also added 5 rebounds and 6 points. The win brings the Bobcat boys' season record to 15-2.

*Our next game will be on Thursday at RCLS when the 7th grade boys take on St. John's Catholic at 4:30 with the 8th grade team to follow at 5:30. Come out and cheer on our teams!!

RCLS INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT begins Friday, February 13 and lasts until Sunday, February 15! This is an exciting time at RCLS. All students are highly encouraged to come out and support our Bobcat teams. Come wearing your RCLS wear or our school colors to show your school spirit. Concessions will be available throughout the weekend. A schedule of games will be printed in next week's Paw Print. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up to assist as we are hosting the tournament. You need not be a sports parent to volunteer. Sign up forms are in the front lobby of school. Go Bobcats!

Pep Band (grades 5-8) will play during the RCLS basketball games for the RCLS Basketball Tournament weekend February 13-15.

SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING! On Monday, February 9, we will begin RCLS's Spirit Week with a Pep Fest at 2 pm in the gymnasium. All are welcome to attend.

Students are asked to dress according to the following themes to show their school spirit:

Monday, February 9 – Hat Day and/or Favorite Hero
Tuesday, February 10 – Wacky Day
Wednesday, February 11 – Elegant
Thursday, February 12 – PJs* and/or Sports Teams
Friday, February 13 – School Colors (Blue and White)

*Modesty must be maintained.

Students are encouraged to dress according to the themes and to have a great time showing their school spirit; however, spirit dress must be modest in nature, may not take away from our ministry and must not take away from the learning experience. This is intended to be a positive opportunity and we ask that this spirit be maintained. Thank you! Go Bobcats!