

Rochester Central Lutheran School

# RCLS PAW PRINT

February 5, 2009

**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!**

**Remember to sign-up to help with the RCLS BB Tournament Feb. 13-15!**

**Remember Feb. 13 parents must transport students to school!**

**If filing for a scholarship the deadline is April 15, 2009!**

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

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- *Much, much, more!*

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

I absolutely dislike being sick. The last several days I have been fighting bronchitis. I did listen to my wife and went to the doctor who prescribed antibiotics so that I could get well...but I still dislike being sick. Yes, I did stay home and tried to rest...but I really don't like being sick. I think it is because no matter what you do, you can't get away from the symptoms. In my case, a runny nose, sneezing, headache and deep cough. No matter what you do, your head feels three times larger than what it really is and your entire body aches.

I think the description that sin is like an illness is very accurate. No matter what you do, you cannot get away from sin on your own. No matter where you turn, sin permeates our lives. It causes us great discomfort and without Jesus in our lives, it can take over and causes eternal death. Yes, we are all sick in sin. Yes, we all need the Great Physician. Yes, He has the Word of eternal life, forgiveness and healing. Without Him, we are simply lost.

I thank God for His cure, His forgiveness, His plan for salvation. I thank Him that I have the assured hope of a Heaven without sickness and without sin...not because I deserve it, but because He loves me.

National Lutheran Schools Week is coming the first full week in March. Our theme this year is "Securing Each Child's Future - for Eternity" as based upon John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." I thank God that He has called me to share His saving grace with His people. I get to share hope with people who are sick in sin and need a Savior just as desperately as I do. I thank God for Lutheran schools and the opportunity we have at RCLS to share this message with children and their families each and every day.

Sick in sin but SAVED by Christ,  
Henry G. Pahlkotter, II Principal

**RCLS INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IS COMING!** This is a BIG event at RCLS! Come and show your support for our Bobcats the weekend of Friday, February 13, through Sunday, February 15. Great basketball, Pep Band, Concessions and fantastic Christian fellowship are just a few of the blessings of the RCLS Invitational Basketball Tournament! Come for a game or two and support our athletes. We will have a Pep Fest to kick off our Bobcat Spirit Week at 2 pm on Monday, February 9. Everyone is invited to attend! Go Bobcats! (More sports notes on pages 5-6!)

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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.

**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.

**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 February 9, 2009 we will pray for: Jim Krom (Ian), Mark & Kim Laffrenzen (Nicole), Deanie Landsverk (Ashley), Troy Landsverk, Ken & Lorrie Langford (Alysha), Becky Larsen (Tate), and Pastor Matthew & Michelle Lehman (Genevieve, Sophia).

**CHAPEL:** Pastor Heining from Redeemer Lutheran Church will be leading us in worship on Wednesday, February 11. The Concert Choir will be singing the anthem. Come and join us. Chapel begins around 7:50 am at Holy Cross in the sanctuary.

**COFFEE AND TOUR:** Do you know of someone who would enjoy a tour of the school? Do you know of someone interested in learning more about our ministry? If so, please invite them to participate in our Thursday Coffee and Tour on Thursday, February 12, at 7:45 am. Everyone is invited!

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, PARENT TRANSPORTATION DAY (AM Only):** Please note that parents must transport students to school on Friday, February 13th, as busing is not available due to Rochester Public School's late start.

**MR. PAHLKOTTER AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY:** If you see Mr. Pahlkotter at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 8, stop by and say hello. He will be attending worship and sharing the good news of RCLS with anyone who may be interested. Mr. Pahlkotter will be at Mt. Moriah, Byron, on Sunday, February 15.

**MOMS IN TOUCH** A group of mothers get together each week to pray for our children, your children, staff and the whole RCLS family. If you feel called to pray in one accord with other mothers, please feel free to join us. We meet on Tuesday at the end of the school day in the conference room connected to the office. Our prayer time is limited to one hour and we are done when the end of school bell rings. Come pray with us on Tuesday from 1:45 to 2:45 pm.

During the month of February RCLS will be participating in the Minnesota South District's **HEARTS FOR JESUS project**. Many children and families in SE Asia do not have access to a Bible and the wonderful stories of Jesus' love. Through the project it is hoped to place a Bible story book into these homes. The cost for one Bible story book is \$2.00. During February we are encouraging each RCLS student to donate offerings to purchase 2 Bible books (more is even better). As you enter the school you will see a large heart we hope to fill with stickers. Each sticker will represent one Bible paid for by RCLS students. Thank you for sharing Jesus' love to others!

**Family of Christ** is starting a **SINGLE PARENT BIBLE STUDY**. We are looking for you or anyone you know who is a single parent who needs support and prayer. We know it isn't easy and it is nice to know that you aren't going through it alone. It is called "Growing as a Single Parent". It will be on Tuesday nights from 6 -7:30 pm starting on March 3, 2009, at RCLS. Childcare and supper are provided. Please call or email Noel Berthiaume if you are interested at 507-536-4240 or [noeljdb@charter.net](mailto:noeljdb@charter.net). We need to know a specific number to plan for child care and food- so please call ASAP to guarantee a spot. Thank you and God Bless.

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# AUCTION NOTES - April 18, 2009

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

Please contact Melinda Rud (288-6697 [jmmhrud@msn.com](mailto:jmmhrud@msn.com)) or Debbie Witte (536-0019 [mom2three@chartermi.net](mailto: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](mailto:jmmhrud@msn.com) 288-6697) or Debbie Witte ([mom2three@chartermi.net](mailto:mom2three@chartermi.net) 536-0019) to find businesses to solicit.

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February-7 -Conference BB Tournament  
February 8 -Concert Choir at Trinity Lutheran  
Feb. 9-13 -Spirit Week  
February 9 -Hat Day and/or Favorite Hero Day  
-Health Education Team, 7:50 am  
-Pepfest, 2 pm  
-Technology, 7 pm  
February 10 -Wacky Day  
-Marketing Committee, 3 pm  
-Development, 5:30 pm  
-Trustees, 6:15 pm  
February 11 -Elegant Day  
-Concert Choir to sing at Chapel  
-Academic & Curriculum, 4:30 pm  
February 12 -PJ and/or Sports Team Day  
-Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am  
February 13 -Parent Transport—AM only  
-School Colors Day  
-I Love My School Parties  
-Concert Band plays national anthem  
before tournament  
Feb. 13-15 -RCLS BB Tournament  
February 16 -No School, Presidents' Day  
-SAC Open  
-Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 8 to 5  
February 17 -HERO Run, 7-7:30 am  
-Personnel, 5 pm  
-Finance, 6 pm  
-Executive, 7 pm  
February 18 -Gr. 1 to sing at Chapel  
February 20 -HERO Run, 7-7:30 am  
February 21 -Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 8 to 5  
February 22 -Kindergarten 100s Museum, 1-4 pm  
-Concert Band woodwinds play at  
Christ Lutheran  
-Multiplication Mania, Gr. 3  
February 23 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm  
February 24 -HERO Run, 7-7:30 am  
February 25 -Ash Wednesday  
-Gr. 2 to sing at Chapel  
February 26 -Coffee & Tour, 7:45-8:45 (extra one)  
February 27 -Mid Quarter  
-HERO Run, 7-7:30 am  
March 4 -Kindergarten to sing at Chapel  
March 7 -Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 8 to 5  
March 11 -Grade 5 to sing at Chapel  
March 13 -Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 1:15-10 pm  
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

**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.

**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

**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

**SKI or SNOWBOARD on  
February 16 (Monday) & 21 (Saturday),  
8AM load/5PM return.  
\$31 Lift \$23 Rental \$12 Bus**

Any RCLS student from the 5th & 6th grade that went January 12 can now join the group. 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 (1 hour) 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. **Please contact me if you are going to ride the bus.** If you have any interest in joining the group, please contact Randy Schultz at 250-0655 or [rschultz824@yahoo.com](mailto:rschultz824@yahoo.com).

**PARENT DIRECTORIES** were distributed yesterday. Please check with your child(ren) to see if it is in their backpack. If any questions or concerns please call the school office. Thank you.

Did you know that you could **receive the PAW PRINT electronically?** Please notify the office if you would like to participate in this service!

## SPORTS NOTES

Congratulations to the **5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball teams** for their participation and success all season long including the Lourdes tournament the weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup>.

The **RCLS Blue/Orange 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball team** players were Carolyn Arndt, Sarah Arndt, Elizabeth Bauman, Agum Dut, Mackenzie Goetting, Molly Fuelberth, Katelyn Fanning, and Emily Lindquist. The team members showed great enthusiasm for one another regardless of the outcome of each game. They had lots of fun at the both games and practices, demonstrating marked improvement from the beginning of the season to the end. One highlight of the season occurred in the first game of the Lourdes tournament when the team got off to a fast start with an 8 – 0 lead with all the points scored by Molly. They were not able to hold off Holy Spirit Gold, the eventual champions of the tournament. Due to injuries and other commitments the team was not able to field its entire lineup for any of the games. However this enabled everyone to have lots of playing time and will better prepare them for next season. The Blue/Orange team was coached by Ellen Bauman and Tim Arndt.

The **RCLS White/Purple team** players were Ko-Lin Wu, Julie Wall, Lacey Ruggenberg, Elizabeth Parry, Lauren Heaton, Karin Canakes, and Lexi Bolding. The team won their first game of the tournament against St Francis Green by a score of 13 – 9 relying on a relentless defense. The score of the second game see-sawed back forth with St John holding a 16 – 17 lead with less than three seconds remaining. Lauren Heaton put up the game's final shot with time expiring. Just like you see on TV, only better in person, the buzzer went off with the ball still in flight toward the basket. As the ball passed through the hoop all of the RCLS fans and players rose to their feet to celebrate! The championship game occurred after lunch. The RCLS team was not able to recover from a slow start although they played Holy Spirit Gold even throughout the second half eventually earning the second place medal. The final score was 7 - 13.

After the tournament, both the Blue/Orange and White/Purple teams gathered for team pictures. The tendency is to measure athletic successes only in terms of their final scores, real achievement may be better defined as the growth and team work developed through out the season something at which all of the girls have excelled. If you are interested in why the teams are called White/Purple and Blue/Orange ask any team member. Thanks to the many family members and friends that have come out to support the teams throughout the year. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade

girls will come together as a single team to participate in the Faribault jamboree the weekend of February 7<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see many of you there. - Tom Parry

**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!** The week of February 9 is Spirit Week at RCLS. Students and families are invited to show their Bobcat spirit by dressing up in the following spirit themes.

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)

Come dressed according to the spirit themes and show your school spirit. Please remember that the focus of the week is to show school spirit and that students must dress in a way that supports our ministry. Modesty is a must. Great school spirit is the goal! We thank God for RCLS and our Bobcat teams.

### ELEMENTARY PARENTS & FUTURE RCLS BOBCATS!

Please come this weekend Saturday, February 7 to RCLS to support RCLS Athletics!! We are hosting two regular season games this weekend to help **raise money for new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> basketball uniforms for next year.** These uniforms will benefit future Bobcat basketball players down through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! The first game at 11am is between the 6<sup>th</sup> Boys Blue team and the White team. A girl's game between the 6<sup>th</sup> Girls Blue and White team will follow at 12 pm. Please bring the whole family! There will be free pizza provided for lunch! Donations will be taken throughout the games.

**Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> boys' basketball team** as they defeated Abdulle Academy last week Tuesday 40-39. Chad Wagner hit the go-ahead free throw to win the game with 14 seconds left. The boys' were able to overcome a 13 point deficit in the second half to win!

The 7<sup>th</sup> boys' then defeated Immanuel- Plainview last Thursday, 32-19. Michael Carl led the scoring attack with a team high 14 points and added 11 rebounds. Alex Gatzlaff and Michael Ojeikhodion added 7 points each. The 7<sup>th</sup> boys' team improved to 4-1 on the season with these wins.

On Tuesday, the **8<sup>th</sup> grade team** defeated Resurrection 37-17. The win brings the boys record to 5-1 on the season.

## INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS!

The 26<sup>th</sup> 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.** We also plan to serve **pies and other baked goods in the concession stand and kitchen** during the RCLS Invitational Basketball Tournament. . **Sign-up sheets are located outside of the school office.**

**"Congratulations"** to the RCLS 7/8th Grade Girl's Basketball team for taking 2nd place this past weekend at the Winona Mustang Classic Tournament! The Lady Bobcats won 2 out of 3 games, to take home the 2nd place trophy. In the first game, RCLS played Coulee, and won 28-8. The leading scorers of that game were: Katrina Wessel (6), Carol Hickman (6), Stephanie Murray (4) and Megan Murras (4). The second game was between RCLS and Silo, with a victory of 34-17. The leading scorers were: Danielle Buettner (12) and Stephanie Murray (8). The Championship game was played against Christian Life, and with some tight competition throughout the whole game, the Lady Bobcats ended up in 2nd place with a score of 16-23. The top scorers were: Megan Murras (5) and Jarika Tuohimaa (4).

Additional games played by the **7/8th Grade Lady Bobcats** over the past week, with successful wins were the following: RCLS defeated Lake City last week, with a score of 50-7. Several teammates contributed to the overall scoring that game, Carol Hickman with 10 points, followed by Jarika Tuohimaa, Katrina Wessel and Megan Murras all with 8 points each. RCLS then played St. Johns last week, and defeated them 33-26. The leading scorers were Katrina Wessel with 12 points and Stephanie Murray with 8 points. The Lady Bobcats played Schaeffer early this week, and defeated them 24-10. The leading scorer was Megan Murras with 14 points. Our current record stands at 15 wins and 4 losses. Please join us this weekend at RCLS for the Conference Tournament!

## THIS 'N THAT

- Attached is information provided by the Minnesota Independent School Forum on **tax information** for parents with students in nonpublic schools.
- **Grace Lutheran Church** (800 E Silver Lake Drive) is conducting a **pancake brunch** on Sunday, February 22, 8:30-noon. Come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast!
- **Hotel Bethlehem DVDs are on sale!** This is a great time to purchase an extra one for a friend or relative! You can get yours in the office today!  
1 for \$15, 2 for \$25, or 3 for \$30

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

## HERO Run- Join the Bobcat Team!

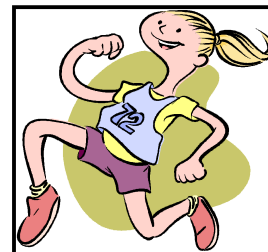
The RCLS Health Team is starting a physical activity program called the HERO Run. Students in grades K-8 will have the opportunity to train for and compete in the 2009 MedCity Kids Marathon. Training will begin on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00am. Open gym training sessions will be held in the gym on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:00-7:35 am. These sessions will provide education about race preparation and fun fitness activities for all ability levels. At each session, students will log a certain amount of mileage. The goal is for each student to reach 25 total miles during these sessions and/or at home. The final 1.2 miles (26.2 miles is a full marathon) will be completed on race day at the Med City Kids Marathon on Saturday, May 23. All students- and parents!- are welcome to come to early morning open gyms, even if your child cannot participate in the MedCity Kids Marathon. More information will follow.

See important dates below:

February 9- HERO Run Kick-off and Pep Fest 2pm

February 17- 1<sup>st</sup> day of training—7am

February 19- Last day to submit order form (attached) for HERO Run team water bottle.  
Turn form and money into the office.





*Christian Music Artist*

## **Peder Eide in Concert**

**Rochester Central Lutheran School**

**In Celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Family Concert 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**RCLS Gymnasium / Free Will Offering**

**[www.pedereide.com](http://www.pedereide.com)**

*Co-sponsored by RCLS and Thrivent Financial, Rochester Group*