



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!

Spring Break starts
Friday, March 27
through April 3. School
resumes normal hours
on
Monday, April 6.

The school office will be
closed during this time.

MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...

"We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." Romans 8:26

Do you identify with the apostle Paul? Have you been in this situation...not knowing what you should pray for? I have...more times than I care to count.

I had an opportunity to teach Religion in Mr. Nelson's 2nd grade classroom this week. The lesson I taught talked about the importance of praying for God's will and not for our will. It was interesting hearing the faith of the second graders when asked if God always answers our prayers. They responded with a resounding "YES!" I challenged them and asked if they always get the answer they want. With confidence, they told me "no," but that God sometimes says no because it is a better for us. We also explored the idea that God sometimes says wait. I surely learned about this answer when I began praying for the selling of our home 23 months ago. Indeed, God said wait. I can see now that although it didn't always feel like a blessing, the answer "wait" has indeed been a blessing. I met people I would have never met. I had to trust God to levels I probably have never had to go. I became completely dependent on Him. The 2nd graders seemed to understand this answer as well. Where do they get all their wisdom?

As a father, husband, son, friend and principal, I sometimes get stuck and simply do not know what to pray for. I have been in ministry situations in which I listened but simply did not know what advice to give or for what I should pray. I did not know how to solve the issue at hand...and sometimes all I have is to resort to praying for God's guidance as I simply do not know how the problem or challenge can be resolved. Thankfully, God is greater than my limited wisdom. He is greater than my ability to think of just the right solution.

Paul reminds us in Romans 8 that we need not know the answer in order to pray for an answer. In fact, our answers may often be the wrong answers and thus it is in our best interest that we ask God to answer our prayers according to His wisdom...His will...and not ours.

Yes, I must admit that I have prayed for things with a definite answer in mind. I wanted my house to sell right away. I keep praying for that red sports car. Yes, I have prayed pretty much telling God what He should do instead of trusting His will. I wanted God to heal Gavin of his PWS. I want things my way. For these times, I thank God that He continues to offer me His forgiveness as my way is not always the right way.

In a devotional I read to faculty on Wednesday, the writer said, "Be careful for what you pray for. You might get it." Let us go to the Lord and ask for His guidance...His wisdom...His will. Our Heavenly Father has our best interests in mind.

Hallelujah!

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



Special points of interest:

- *Auction Notes!*
- *Bryce Fistler*
- *Remedy Drive*
- *Pioneer Days & Summer Stretch Classes*
- *8th Grade Memory Book*
- *Library Info*
- *Overindulged Children*
- *Scrip Specials!!*
- *National Teach Your Kids to Share Day!*
- *Much, much, more!*

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of April 6, 2009 we will pray for Richard & Adele Pattinson (Ella), Kevin & Karry Patton (Lydia), Mark & Ellie Pichelmann (Emma, Sadie), Dana & Jill Piens (Katie), Mark & Joyce Pike (Eric), Brian & Alison Poch (Abigail, Amelia), and Cory & Rachel Poncelet (Ethan).

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are teaching **PIONEER DAYS 2009** this summer! This class is designed to challenge even the advanced learners, but we are able to accommodate all learners! **Pioneer Days 2009** will take place the week of June 15-19. We will meet from 9:00-11:20 each day. Contact Mr. Nelson if you have questions! (289-3267 ext. 106 or nelsonrcls@yahoo.com)

Here is a **sneak peek at a few of the other Summer Stretch Classes** being offered:

- *Fetal Pig Dissection
- *Basketball Camps
- *Art Class
- *Reading/Math Class
- *Dance Class
- *Spanish
- *Pre-School Book Club

Watch for the brochure coming home Monday, April 6!

SPRING BREAK: RCLS will not be in session the week of March 30 through April 3. This is our Spring Break. May God bless you richly as you take time to rest, relax and to enjoy your families. The school office will also be closed.

THE LIBRARY IS ADDING a lot of NEW STUFF!! Would you like to be a part of it?

First, we have recently ordered **over \$3000 in new books!** So, we can begin raising funds to replace what was spent. **Please consider donating funding to the library!** You may send any donations to the office! Additionally, the library needs to **add a new row of shelving** for the books targeted at the 4th-8th grade students. Each section of shelving costs approximately \$600, and we would like to add between six and eight additional sections. **Again, please consider donating toward this project!**

Finally, we would like to add a **new collection of books for researching the 50 states!** These books would be targeted at the 1st-4th grade students. The entire set will cost approximately \$1000. **So, of course, we're asking you to consider donating toward this project as well!**

Thank you for your consideration and generosity! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Nelson at 289-3267 ext. 106 or nelsonrcls@yahoo.com!

NO SCHOOL: School will not be in session on Friday, March 27. This is Records Day. SAC will be open.

A letter of resignation was received by the Board of Directors from Dr. James Gregoire effective June 1, 2009. We thank Dr. Gregoire for serving in this capacity and pray that God continues to use his talents where He feels they are needed! With the departure of Dr. Gregoire RCLS begins the process of **seeking a new part-time DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR.** This person will be responsible to help create, coordinate, maintain, and set vision for the financial resources of RCLS. A job description is available upon request. Please submit a letter of application, current resume, with 3 professional references and credentials to Mr. Pahlkotter at hepahlkotter@rcls.net or drop off at the school office.

Just a reminder that we are making an **8TH GRADE MEMORY BOOK** and need the following from all 8th grade students:

- One wallet size 8th grade photo
- One wallet size kindergarten or 1st grade photo
- One baby photo (12 months or younger)

Optional: any number of photos of RCLS related activities/events (we can use developed photos or digital).

Please label all photos with student's name, grade and year of photo.

If you would like a book, you need to order **NOW** as we will print only as many books as are ordered and pre-paid. The cost of each book is \$30. Please make your check payable to Kris Lindquist.

Please return photos and payment in an envelope marked 8th grade memory book as soon as possible to the RCLS office.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Myrna Mattison or Kris Lindquist (Memory Book Co-chairs)



AUCTION NOTES - April 18, 2009

2:30 pm Doors Open

4:30 pm Rooms Start Closing

6:00 pm Live Auction



These are the steps used to solicit: We encourage solicitors to use the website at www.rcls.net. Click on 'RCLS Auction April 18!' Click on 'Online Auction Software (member login)'. If you don't have a userid, remember your user id, or forgot your password - email Matthew Wingren at mwingren@gmail.com.

For those of you that would rather not use the website, please contact Melinda Rud (288-6697 jmmhrud@msn.com) or Debbie Witte (536-0019 mom2three@charter.net)

Using the auction website:

1. 'Update My Profile' - Verify your email address, name and address. (This only needs to be done once). Don't worry about the section 'Add or Remove a Group'.
2. 'Select Donors for Yourself'. The Priority - pri0 are businesses which have given before. (You don't have to select a priority though.) Select 'Search for Donors'. When you find a business that you would like to solicit, select it. Also, don't forget to select 'Pick These' on the bottom of the screen. Now the business is taken and no one else will go to that business.

What to take to the business:

- In the office there are 2 sheets (RCLS auction sheet, business sheet). Take both of these to the business. If the business donates, give them the RCLS auction sheet and the yellow copy of the business sheet. Return the white copy of the business sheet to the RCLS office. The RCLS auction sheet can also be found at:

http://www.rcls.net/documents/2009_Auction_Solicitation_Letter.pdf

Soliciting a business:

- Mention the following: "I'm from the Rochester Central Lutheran School. Would you like to donate to the school's auction?". Remember they get solicited a lot and can't give to everyone. You can also call the business asking for a donation. However, I find it is easier to go to the business.

- There is also online soliciting. Find the email address of the business - some have this listed on their website. Send an email with the following - "The Rochester Central Lutheran school in Rochester, MN is holding its annual auction on April 18, 2009. Would you please consider donating?". I also attach the 2009 Auction Solicitation Letter.pdf to the email if possible.

Donations:

- If they give you a donation, then take it to the RCLS office. They can also mail it to school.

Updating the auction website:

- 'Select My Workspace'. Under the business you solicited, select the appropriate info for contacted, response, delivered. You may not know the response. Sometimes they may have to ask a manager, etc. So you would select maybe for a response. They may also mail something to the school. In that case, an auction committee will update the website for you with delivered.

Other reasons to update the auction website:

- 'Select a Potential Donor' - The business is not in the list of businesses.
- 'Release Contacts' - You are not able to go to the business and would like someone else to be able to solicit it.

The auction signup sheet is located outside the office. Please consider volunteering your time. There are many opportunities! We need everyone's help to make the auction a success.

Needed: We need someone to organize childcare during the auction. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Melinda Rud (jmmhrud@msn.com 288-6697) or Debbie Witte (mom2three@chartermi.net)

The basket committee is in need of any empty baskets or unique containers that you may have. To donate, please leave them in the main office.

March 26	-End of 3rd quarter
March 27	-No School—Records Day
Mar. 30-Apr. 3	-Spring Break
April 6	-School Resumes
April 8	-Kindergarten sings at chapel
April 9	-Coffee/Tour, 7:45 am -Report Cards sent home
April 10	-No School—Good Friday
April 12	-Easter Sunday
April 15	-Grade 2 sings at chapel
April 16	-Gr. 4 to Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am
April 17	-Parent Transport—AM only
April 18	-RCLS Auction
April 22	-Grade 5 sings at chapel
April 23	-Grs. 4/5 to Mayo Civic Center, 10 am
April 25	-Regional Spelling Bee
April 26	-Spring Fling, 6:30 pm
April 29	-Gr. 4 to sing at chapel
May 6	-Gr. 3 to sing at chapel
May 13	-Concert Choir to sing at chapel
May 14	-Gr. 4 to Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am
May 20	-Gr. 2 to sing at chapel
May 27	-Gr. 1 to sing at chapel
June 5	-Gr. 4 to sing at chapel

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

ODDS 'N ENDS

... Grace Lutheran Church (800 E Silver Lake Drive) will sponsor **Easter Eggstravaganza** on Saturday, April 11, for children 5 years and younger. The event will begin at 11 am. Watch for more information next week!

...The **12th Annual Med-City Kids' Marathon** is Saturday, May 23 at Soldiers Field Track beginning at 10:30 am. If you would like information on this event please go to www.stepstohealthiermn.org and click on Rochester then Schools. The RCLS office also has a few brochures if you should need one.

CURRENT SCRIP SPECIALS!!

T.G.I. Friday's

March 14 - April 3
10% contribution instead of the normal 9%

ICPenny

March 14 - April 3
6% contribution instead of the normal 5%

L.L.Bean

March 14 - April 3
17% contribution instead of the normal 15%



Cabela's

March 14 - April 3
14% contribution instead of the normal 11%

Shutterfly

March 21—May 3
14% contribution instead of the normal 9 %



Congratulations to 4th grader **BRYCE FISTLER** who was the Post Bulletin Ad's Contest winner for Brekke Fireplace. He was presented an award of \$25.00 from Cold Stone by Connie Brophy of the Post Bulletin.

OVERINDULGED CHILDREN— What does that mean?

Are we doing too much for our kids? Are we giving them more than they need, spoiling them? Does any of this have an affect on them as students or adults? Is there an answer to how much is too much? Jennifer Finch-Mitchell, a school counselor, will explore some of these questions with us on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 pm. A light supper will be offered at 5:15 pm. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child. The SAC department will provide childcare from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at \$2.00 per child. Free childcare and supper will be provided for the first twenty-five (25) registered. This event is sponsored by the RCLS PEP -Parent Education Partners group. Please fill out the attached flyer and return to the office. Remember free meal and childcare to the first 25 registered!

NATIONAL TEACH YOUR KIDS TO SHARE DAY!

On Friday, April 24, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is hosting an exciting event called "National Teach Your Kids to Share Day!" Several events are being offered across the country to bring families and children (ages 6 – 10 years) together for fun and learning. At this event to be held at Rochester Central Lutheran School, we will explore unique ways in which kids can share, save and spend. We will discuss the importance of being responsible with money and how to build a financial foundation for your family that will last a lifetime.

The event cost is \$10 per family and will take place at RCLS from 6 – 9 pm. Please call 1-800-236-3736 or go to Thrivent.com/shareday to register. A family friendly dinner will be served to your entire family and you will receive educational tools to continue the fun at home.

