

Rochester Central Lutheran School

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Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today!

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DON'T FORGET!

**December 17—All
School Christmas
Celebration at John
Marshall High
School, 6:30 pm.**

**No School December
23-January 1**

MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...

Monday morning I called down the stairs to wake the children for school. The children called up saying they were up and getting ready for the day. I went about getting myself ready for the day and then I heard the loudest scream of fear I have ever heard from my daughter. I ran to the steps and then heard my eldest say to his sister, "It's JUST a mouse."

I ran down the steps to save her from this hideous creature and talked her through the steps of getting out of her bedroom as she was paralyzed in fear. After many tears and a few hugs, she told me that the mouse was a boy mouse. I asked her how she knew. She said she just knew because she didn't want any baby mice. I couldn't help but laugh. After being told it was not funny and that she was never going downstairs to her bedroom again, I promised to take care of the situation and we finished getting ready for the day. Before we left for school, my wife leaned over and whispered, "You do know I'm also not going down there!"

Fear...what are you afraid of?

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you." Genesis 26:24

"When I am afraid, I will trust in you." Psalm 56:3

"So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Matthew 10:31

"An angel of the Lord appeared to them (shepherds), and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'" Luke 2:9-12

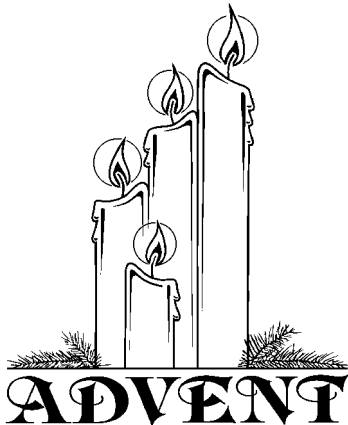
Are you afraid of the dark, relationships, loneliness, losing a job, or of an unresolved conflict? There are many things that we fear. Without God, we have much to fear...but with Him we need not be afraid. He loved us so much that He gave His one and only Son to be born in a manger and to later die on a cross and rise again to claim victory over sin, death and Satan. He gives us strength. He gives us hope. He gives us forgiveness. He gives us eternity.

The good news is the creatures have been caught and disposed of and everyone at the Pahlkötter home is again sleeping well without fear.

It is my prayer for you this Christmas that you will give your fears to the baby in the manger so that He can replace them with love, joy, hope and peace.

In the name of the Living Stone, Jesus Christ,

Henry G. Pahlkötter, II
Principal



Special points of interest:

- Sports Update
- Christmas Program Updates, Permission form & DVD order form
- Ski & Snowboard Season
- RCLS Sharing Tree
- Honor Roll Students
- *Much, much, more!*

THIS-n-THAT.....

- Our **Christmas greeting will be aired on Y105FM** (105.3 FM) from December 14-24. We hope you have a chance to hear us!
- **Grace Youth Ministry 7th annual "COOKIE WALK"** This popular event will be held Saturday, December 12 from 3-5 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 800 East Silver Lake Dr., Rochester, MN. Choose from dozens of varieties of handmade Christmas cookies to fill your container(s). Two sizes of containers will be available. Your purchase supports the youth ministry of Grace Lutheran Church. If you have any questions please call Nola Wingren @ 529-1018 or visit our website, www.gracebythelake.org.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH Seventh grade students have been studying the elements of line and shape, as well as the importance of positive and negative space in a work of art. After studying works by Japanese artists, students created cut paper designs, known in Japan as Notan or the interaction between light and dark. December Artists of the Month are **Elizabeth Bauman, Karin Canakes, Elizabeth Parry, and Samuel St. Peter**. Congratulations artists and keep up the great work!! - Mrs. Bordelon

An **RCLS CHESS CLUB** is **getting ready** to make its move in January! Right now, we're looking for some interested and available parents to help with the club! Also, we're looking for some families who can donate one or more "learning chess" sets. If you are interested in helping with the club or donating materials - or if you just have a question - please contact Mr. Nelson at 289-3267 ext. 111 or conelson@rcls.net.

The **RCLS LIBRARY** is looking to RELAX...on **some couches**. If you have a couch you could donate to make our library cozier, we are interested! Please contact Mr. Nelson at 289-3267 ext. 111 or e-mail a picture of the couch to conelson@rcls.net. Thanks!



LEFSE! LEFSE!! LEFSE!!!

Chef Dan Kluge and the other members of Family of Christ are ready to fill orders for Christmas. Served with butter and sugar you can't beat this great tasting potato bread. You will agree with many that its as close to grandma's as you can get! Last year this group raised \$600 for RCLS and they hope to do even better this year! Consider purchasing from Chef Dan as much lefse as you want and you can order often. Cost is \$1 a sheet (large size). They come bagged in freezer bags ready to eat or you can freeze for later use. Contact Chef Dan at 285-5723 or Kluge.daniel@mayo.edu Their griddles are hot, so place those orders now! They will also have a table at the school Christmas program so you can take some home with you!

SIGNING IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL: There have been some questions as to why parents need to sign students both in and out of school when they arrive later or leave early. Attendance is done by the homeroom teacher at the beginning of the day using our data system and then by the school office throughout the day to keep our attendance records accurate as these are legal documents and to preserve teaching time within the classroom.

Students are not released until a parent arrives so as to maximize learning time within a classroom and because this is where students are supervised. We also ask parents to sign students in so that we are all clear as to the reasons why students have arrived late. We need to keep the most accurate records possible as school attendance is a mandate of law.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BOBCAT COMPASSION FUND: If you would like to bless another family in celebration of Christmas and the Christ child, please consider making a donation to the Bobcat Compassion Fund. This gives Mr. Pahlkötter funds to assist families in need during this Christmas season. Any size gift is a blessing. Share the love of Jesus through your generous gift.

SKI/SNOWBOARD SEASON fast approaching! For all who like to ski and snowboard, trips are being planned for the 2009-2010 ski/snowboard season. Ski / snowboard club is open to RCLS's 5th through 8th grade students. Younger children may join with an adult chaperone. The plan is to have at least 5 trips to Welch Village during Christmas break and Saturdays. Dates are for Dec 29, Jan 2, Jan 23, Feb 6, and Feb 20.



The cost per trip is \$31 lift, \$23 skis/snowboard rental, \$12 bus ride. Chaperones will ride free on the bus, please let me know if you would like to help in this way. The bus will be leaving at 8AM (please arrive a half hour before) and returning at 5pm.

It is highly recommended having a lesson or two before if you never skied or snowboarded before, please let me know if that is needed as well! Lessons for skiing or snowboarding 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, please contact Randy Schultz at 250-0655 cell, 281-2888 home, or rschultz824@yahoo.com. Emails and forms will be sent to those who contact me confirming dates and times of the trips. All bus ride(s) will need to be paid (non-refundable) to me in advance before December 22, 2009!



The **RCLS SHARING TREE** is ready for donations!

We have an opportunity to give new unwrapped toys/general gifts to the children of the Rochester community.

The collection will be children of all ages (infant to teens). You may place your gift under the tree in the hallway by the office until Friday, December 18.

Thank you for caring and sharing!

CHAPEL CHANGE: Due to a variety of factors, chapel on Wednesday, December 16, has been cancelled. Instead, we will have chapel on the last day of school before the Christmas break, Tuesday, December 22, at 7:55 am. This will be our annual "Choirs Chapel" as directed by Mrs. Ann Peter. All are invited to attend!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIFT A CHILD WITH A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION? One of the greatest gifts you can give to a child is a quality Christian education. If you would like to bless a child with a gift that continues to give into the future and into eternity, please consider giving to the financial assistance fund for families demonstrating a financial need. No gift is too small nor too large. We continue to receive requests for tuition assistance during this tough economic time. Share the love of Jesus through your gift to RCLS to support a child's Christian education at RCLS. Thank you.

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES Each school morning (except Wednesdays) your children's teachers gather for devotions. The teachers and pastors take turns leading those devotions. We are praying for all the families at RCLS on a rotation basis at these devotions. We invite you to share special needs for which you would invite our prayers by getting these requests to any teacher or office staff member. The week of December 14 we will pray for Fran & Tammy Green (Zeke, Silas), Shelly Greenfield (Lauryn), Todd Greenfield, Brian & Karen Grogg (Tyler, Benjamin), Brad & Julie Grupczynski (Alexis, Bradley), and Gary & Beth Hach (Lydia, Ben).

MENU CHANGE FOR NEXT TUESDAY, DEC. 15

The Bobcat Café will be serving the breakfast for lunch menu on the 15th instead of tacos in a bag.

HONOR ROLL 1ST QUARTER: RCLS will print our honor roll after each marking period to celebrate and thank God for the accomplishments of our students academically.

Principal's Award: 95%-100% Grade Average
 High Honors: 90%-94% Grade Average
 Honors: 85%-89% Grade Average

Principal's Award

Arndt, Carolyn, Gr. 7
 Arndt, Sarah, Gr. 7
 Bauman, Elizabeth, Gr. 7
 Buettner, Joshua, Gr. 7
 Canakes, Karin, Gr. 7
 Captain, Christopher, Gr. 8
 Captain, Matthew, Gr. 6
 Dicke, Jon, Gr. 7
 Gade, Meredith, Gr. 6
 Mattison, Joshua, Gr. 6
 Parry, Elizabeth, Gr. 7
 Rud, Micaela, Gr. 8
 Tetzloff, Stefanie, Gr. 6
 Wall, Julie, Gr. 7
 Wilkins, Alexander, Gr. 7

High Honors

Andersen, Ashton, Gr. 8
 Beise, Alex, Gr. 7
 Carrow, Katrina, Gr. 6
 Decker, Josephine, Gr. 6
 Edlund, Paul, Gr. 8
 Eide, Nathan, Gr. 6
 Gatzlaff, Alex, Gr. 8
 Gerber, Jackson, Gr. 6
 Goetting, Mackenzie, Gr. 7
 Happel, Brian, Gr. 7
 Harris, Jonathan, Gr. 8
 Hickman, Jonathan, Gr. 6
 Muras, Mitchell, Gr. 7
 Park, Jeffrey, Gr. 8
 Roggow, Rachel, Gr. 6
 Stien, Jack, Gr. 6
 Tomasek, Spencer, Gr. 6
 Wernstrom, Kyle, Gr. 6
 Witte, Nate, Gr. 8
 Wu, Ko-Lin, Gr. 6

Honors

Anderson, Bjorn, Gr. 6
 Anderson, Lars, Gr. 8
 Atkinson, Prescott, Gr. 8
 Biar, Kayla, Gr. 8
 Blais, Ryan, Gr. 8
 Boettcher, Matthew, Gr. 8
 Boswell, Alexis, Gr. 8
 Bratager, Jodie, Gr. 8
 Brust, David, Gr. 7
 Clark, Jadenn, Gr. 7
 Ernst, Nicole, Gr. 6
 Fuelberth, Molly, Gr. 7
 Langford, Alysha, Gr. 8
 Lindquist, Kris, Gr. 6
 Moder, Matthew, Gr. 8
 Moder, Nicholas, Gr. 8
 Ojeikhodion, Joshua, Gr. 6
 Ojeikhodion, Michael, Gr. 8
 Pahlkotter, Garet, Gr. 7
 Patton, Lydia, Gr. 8
 Rechtzigel, Brittani, Gr. 6
 Rodriguez, Yoav, Gr. 6
 St. Peter, Samuel, Gr. 7
 Torrens-Burton, Benjamin, Gr. 7
 Winkels, Brianna, Gr. 6

- December 12 - New Ulm BB Tournament, 7/8 Boys/Girls
- December 14 - Technology, 4:30 pm
 - Personnel, 5 pm
 - Finance, 6 pm
 - Executive, 7:30 pm
- December 15 - Academics & Curriculum, 4:30 pm
 - Long Range Planning, 5:30 pm
- December 16 - Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Program at John Marshall High School, 9-noon
- December 17 - All School Christmas Celebration, PS-8, 6:30 pm
- December 18 - Mid-term
- December 21 - Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
- December 22 - A special Christmas Choirs Chapel (all choirs to participate)
 - Christmas Parties



- Dec. 23-Jan. 1 - Christmas Break
- December 29 - Ski/Snowboard Trip, 8 am—5 pm
- January 2 - Ski/Snowboard Trip, 8 am -5 pm
- January 4 - School Resumes, Normal Hours
- January 6 - Grade 3 to sing at Chapel
- January 8-9 - Science Fair
- January 13 - Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
- January 15 - Early Dismissal, 12:45 pm
- January 15-17 - 7/8 Boys/Girls Basketball Tournament in Faribault
- January 18 - No School—Martin Luther King Day
- January 20 - Concert Choir to sing at Chapel
- January 21 - Gr. 4 to Bethany Samaritan, 10-11 am
- January 22 - K-2 Dance Night, 6:30-7:30 pm
- January 23 - Ski/Snowboard Trip, 8 am—5 pm
- January 27 - Grade 4 to sing at Chapel
- January 28 - Last day of 2nd Quarter, 41 days
- January 29 - No School—Records Day
- January 30 - 7/8 Boys/Girls BB at Mustang Classic in Winona
- February 6 - Ski/Snowboard Trip, 8 am—5 pm
- February 20 - Ski/Snowboard Trip, 8 am—5 pm

SPORTS UPDATE

The **5/6 grade girls basketball team** is off and running. On Saturday they went to sudden death overtime to defeat St. Johns Blue in a 22 to 20 win. Lauren Heaton scored a season high of 14 points and Emily Lindquist scored 8 points including the game winning shot in sudden death. The girls season is now 2-2. Last week the girls won 22-10 against St Francis with six of the girls making baskets in our win. Our next game will be Saturday here at RCLS at 11 am against Holy Spirit.

In the Saturday, December 5, rematch at RCLS between the **6th grade boys' Bobcat basketball team** and the Holy Spirit Jaguars, the Jaguars came out on top once again. Although the Bobcats took the initial led, the Jaguars quickly stepped up their play to tie the game. After the Jaguars appeared to pull away, the Bobcats fought back to within a basket. Unfortunately, the Bobcats were unable to overcome this difference, ultimately losing 27 to 20. Scoring for the Bobcats were Joshua Ojeikhodion (8 points), Kyle Wernstrom (6), and Nathan Eide (6). Jack Stien, Jackson Gerber, Jonathan Hickman, Matthew Captain, and Yoav Rodriguez all helped defensively to hold the Jaguars to 13 field goals. The Bobcats' next opponent is St. John's on Saturday, December 19, at 10 am in the RCLS gym. See you there!

The **Bobcat boys' 7th grade team** opened up the 09-10 season on Tuesday, November 24th with a 36-27 win over Rochester Homeschool. Jon Dicke led all scorers with 10 points and also added 12 rebounds. Sam St. Peter and Josh Buettner each had 8 points. Last Thursday, the 7th grade team defeated Holy Spirit 56-35. Jon Dicke had a team high 18 points while also pulling down 16 rebounds. Sam St. Peter and Alex Beise added 14 and 10 points respectively.

The **Bobcat boys' 8th grade team** lost their opener to Holy Spirit 47-43 in a thriller. Alex Gatzlaff led the scoring attack with 23 points and dished out 3 assists. Michael Carl and Michael Ojeikhodion each added 8 points. On Saturday, the Bobcats participated in the RCYBA Tournament in Rochester. In the first game, the Bobcats won a nail-biter after losing a late healthy lead. The Bobcats defeated the Mayo B traveling team 39-38 on two late free throws by Michael O. with 4 seconds left. Alex Gatzlaff led the scoring attack with 17 points which included 5 three-pointers. Michael C. added 13 points, 9 rebounds and 4 steals. In the second game, the Bobcats lost to Mason City 48-33. Alex led the scoring with 17 points. In the third game, the Bobcats defeated Mayo C 51-22. Jon Dicke had 10 points. In the Consolation championship, the Bobcats defeated Lourdes B 43-29. Alex Gatzlaff led the scoring attack with 13 points, while Jon added a team high 7 rebounds and 3 steals. Congratulations on a successful weekend!

New Basketball Uniforms! The Bobcat boys and girls 7/8 grade teams each received brand new home and away uniforms and warm-ups this past week. These uniforms were from monies raised by basketball teams from the past and from numerous donations. We thank everyone who made this possible! The uniforms are top-notch and they look great!

Basketball Uniform Silent Auction Update

With the arrival of the new basketball uniforms, we are now able to begin the distribution of the old uniforms to the highest bidders. If you have a connection to the school because of a family member (current student, staff worker, etc.), you may send the money with them to school and Mr. Rudzinski will give the uniforms to them to deliver. Otherwise, you may contact Mr. Rudzinski at arudzinski@rcls.net to set up a time to pick up the jerseys. Checks or cash dropped off in the school office must be labeled. A complete list of highest bidders is provided below.

Boys Uniforms #

10- Nordman
11- Gatzlaff
12
13- Wagner
14
15 -Muras
20- Pfeffer
21- Nordman
22
23- Ziemba
24- Mattison
25- Buettner
30- VanGrinsven
31- Eickemeyer
32
33- Witte

34- Schultz
35- Winkels
40
41
42- Nordman
43- St. Peter
44- Ryan Evans
45
50- Dicke

Girls Uniform #

10- Murray
11- Canakes
12- Peter
13- Goetting
14- Hickman
15- Peter

20- Harms
21- Buettner
22- Pike (paid)
23- Pike (paid)
24- Johnson
25- Muras
30- Biar
31-
32- Langford
33- Wessel
34-
35-
40- Harms
41- Wall (paid)
42- Dicke
43- Schultz
44- Sanford

Bobcat Uniform shorts and warm-up tops Available! In an effort to reach our uniform expense goal, the Athletic department is selling the uniform shorts and warm-up tops. These items would look great for anyone who would like to complete the Bobcat ensemble of jersey tops, shorts and warm-up or would just like a piece of RCLS Bobcat athletic history! For only \$10 a piece, you could purchase either a pair of uniform shorts or a warm-up. All proceeds go to the uniform fund.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION NOTES!!

PRESCHOOLERS AT THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: All preschool students will be singing two numbers with entire student body and one song as a group at the *Good News Christmas Cruise* program on Thursday, December 17, at 6:30 pm. All preschoolers are asked to sit with their parents in the audience until they are called forward for their portion of the program. We ask that students in Mrs. Wetzel's preschool classes sit on the left side of the auditorium when facing the stage. Mrs. Mack's students are asked to sit on the right side of the auditorium. We will reserve rows in the side sections for preschool families until 6:25 pm near the front. When they are called forward, their teacher will be standing at the top of the steps to the stage nearest their side of the auditorium. The doors to the auditorium will open promptly at 6:00 pm. We ask that all preschoolers be seated by 6:15 pm to listen to the pre-service music.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION STUDENT DRESS FOR THE EVENING: All students Preschool through Grade 8 not dressing specifically for a drama part are asked to wear their Christmas best for the program. We want our students to dress up for this event. Girls wearing dresses should note that their skirts must be dress code length for modesty and that they will be sitting on a stage either on the floor or risers. Boys are asked to wear dress pants and a nice shirt. Jeans are discouraged. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ARRIVAL TIMES: The doors of the auditorium will open at 6 pm on Thursday, December 11. Students are asked to arrive promptly at 6:15 pm and to report to their designated spot within the lobby and adjacent halls. Students with drama parts are asked to report at 6 pm to dress and then report to their designated meeting spot. Please make plans to arrive in plenty of time for the program. Students will then process to the stage at 6:30 pm sharp. We anticipate the program taking less than an hour. The afterglow will immediately follow the program in the auditorium lobby.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DRESS REHEARSAL: Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be bused to John Marshall High School Auditorium on Wednesday, December 16 around 9 am and will return to RCLS around 11:45 am. Half-Day Kindergarten students will also attend. Parents of half-day kindergarten students are asked to arrange for pick up at 11:45 am as busing will not be available. All students eating lunch will do so when we return to the building. The lower elementary classrooms will eat in the cafeteria and the upper grades will eat in their classrooms.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES: All families are asked to bring two (2) dozen cookies on a disposable Christmas plate for the afterglow reception immediately following the Christmas Celebration on Thursday evening, December 17. Please bring your cookies and place them on one of the reception tables in the lobby before taking a seat in the auditorium for the 6:30 pm presentation of *The Good News Christmas Cruise*. Any extra cookies will be donated to a local charity on behalf of the students of RCLS.



- We always want to make sure that parents are aware when students are out of the building and being transported. **Please complete** the following permission form section giving your child permission to participate in the dress rehearsal for the Christmas Celebration *The Good News Christmas Cruise* to be presented Thursday evening, December 17 at 6:30 pm in the John Marshall High School Auditorium. If you returned your slip last week—thank you! - if not please **sign and return it to the school office NOW!**
- Also, please note on the lower portion of the page we are looking for help at the program. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to helping make this a great evening.

-----Please complete and return to the school office NOW!!-----

The Good News Christmas Cruise Rehearsal Permission Slip

My child(ren) _____ have permission to participate in the dress rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, at John Marshall High School in the auditorium. I understand that they will be bused using the district's busing company to and from John Marshall High School.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

AFTERGLOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: In order to handle the crowd, we are looking for 18 volunteers to assist at the cookie and punch tables immediately following the program in the John Marshall High School lobby outside the auditorium.

We are also in need of a few volunteers to help receive the cookies as they come in and place them nicely on the reception tables as well as prepare the punch for serving immediately following the program. Finally, we need a few individuals to assist with monitoring the refreshments as they become a temptation for the high school students that remain in the building during the program.

If you would be willing to help serve, please contact the school office at your earliest convenience or simply complete the form below and return it to the school office on or before Monday, December 7.

---Please complete, clip and return to the school office ASAP!---

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION *The Good News Christmas Cruise*

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET

Please print.

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Students in Grades: (Circle) PS K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

I am able to assist in the following area(s):

- _____ Serving for Afterglow (need 18)
- _____ Receiving Cookies/Set Up (need 6)
- _____ Monitoring Refreshments During Program (need 3)

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DRAMA CELEBRATION DVDs: We have received enough interest that the program will be taped and DVDs will be sold for \$15.00 each.

Please complete the section below if you are interested in purchasing a copy and include your payment. Checks should be made out to RCLS. **We will have a limited number of DVDs available.**

Please return this form to the school office no later than Monday, December 21! Thank you!!

GOOD NEWS CHRISTMAS CRUISE DVD ORDER FORM

Print Name: _____

How many copies do you want to purchase? _____

Total payment enclosed (\$15 x number of copies): \$ _____

Signature: _____

Please **choose one** of the following:

_____ **Send home with my student when they are completed.**

Student's Name _____ **Grade** _____

_____ **I'll pick it up in the school office once they are available.**