

Concordia Lutheran School

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*"Bringing Christ and excellence
in academics to our children
for life and forever."*

EAGLE BANNER

December 9, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. Dec. 9

-Advent services, Faith 7 p.m.
-Advent services, Holy Cross 5 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 11

-Virtual Christmas Program

Sat. Dec. 12

-Child Care payment for Nov. due

Weds. Dec. 16

-Chapel Services
-Advent services, Faith 7 p.m.
-Advent services, Holy Cross 5 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 18

-Fab Food

Tues. Dec. 22

-Christmas Break begins, 3:55 p.m.

Mon. Jan. 4

-School resumes

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR WILL BEGIN on Friday, January 15th for families currently enrolled in the school. This provides you with two weeks lead time to register your children before enrollment is opened to new families. All families are encouraged to complete this online process promptly. More information on "how to" will follow soon.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 12/11

The students of Concordia Lutheran School will celebrate Jesus' birth with individual class recordings. The videos will be provided to you via email link on **December 11th**! Your children look forward to bringing you the good news and the true meaning of Christmas!

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING

You can support Concordia by making your Amazon purchases on AmazonSmile. Same products, same prices, same services - but 0.5% of your purchase comes to the school. Use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1143502>. We are listed as Racine Lutheran Inter-Parish School Assoc. That's us!! It's easy and the school benefits!

CHRISTMAS BREAK AHEAD

The last day of school prior to the Christmas break is **Tuesday, December 22nd**. **Dismissal on this day is at the regular time of 3:55 p.m.** Child care will not be made available in order to allow our staff opportunity to travel or prepare for Christmas. School will resume on Monday, January 4th, 2021.

CHILD CARE REMINDER

Parents of students utilizing Before and After School Care are reminded to have their child **pack a few things to use to pass the time** during child care. Due to the protocols in place students may not share items with other students during child care, We appreciate your help in preparing your child for the time they will spend with us! Thank you.

CANS FOR CLASSROOM

This is the week! Bring your cans in by Friday, Dec. 11th. Have them ready at drop off or pick up, please. Be sure to put your child's name and grade on them. The class that brings in the most cans will earn a free item at our Fab Food Friday. Thanks for your continuing support of this program.

LOOKING AHEAD

Concordia's Virtual Christmas Program

Friday, December 11th

MORE ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Faith Lutheran Church and Holy Cross Lutheran Church have opportunities each Wednesday for you to prepare for Christ's coming during this Advent season. You are invited to attend the 7:00 p.m. service in the church here or the 5:00 p.m. service at Holy Cross. We hope you can join us in celebrating this wondrous season filled with the joy of the Christ Child. Oh come – let us adore HIM!

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE CONTEST

Many families find the Christmas season a difficult time to make ends meet. Concordia is hoping to lift this weight from our church and school families who are struggling with this challenge by providing care packages for those in need. As such, we will be collecting non-perishable food items. **The class collecting the greatest number of items by December 18th will earn a party in the new year complete with a treat and special incentive selected by the teacher and students.** Start sending your non-perishable items right away! Please check expiration dates on all items before sending. Thank you!

BOTTLED WATER DONATIONS

Your donation of bottled water is needed and much appreciated! Due to current pandemic protocols in place, the students are not allowed to use the drinking fountains during the day. The water bottles are given to the students that do not have a reusable bottle to use while at school.

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

To celebrate the coming of Jesus, we're having a Christmas Countdown. Each day will have a Christmas song to sing and some fun dress up days. Tomorrow is Go Tell It On the Mountain, so wear your vests and hiking boots! See the accompanying schedule for all the fun. Note the worship opportunities on Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day to celebrate the coming of Christ. We look forward to seeing you!

TRAVEL PLANS?

Do you currently have plans to travel? If so, please kindly notify the office for guidance on your child(ren) returning to school after your vacation.

CALL THE OFFICE

Please call the office anytime your child is unable to be in school and kindly provide the reason for the absence in your message. The office phone number is (262) 884-0991.

TARDIES ADD UP

Students are allowed in classes as early as 8:25 am and we ask that you make every effort to **arrive prior to 8:50 am**. Students not in class by 8:50 a.m. are marked tardy. Loss of instructional time and interruptions affect everybody in the class.

POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRAL

This week's shout out goes to Aiden Bergmann for letting God's love shine through his actions. We are proud of his kind heart and willingness to serve others!

CONGRATULATIONS

We love to see our students demonstrate outstanding Christian character. Each month, we recognize several students that have really let the light of Jesus shine through their actions. We present these children with the "Stars Award". The following students were recognized with this distinction in chapel today: Lilliana Janis, Juliana Rodriguez, Ashley Biesanz, Bo Rosenbaum, Spencer Hultman, Gavin Osborne, Elsie Thibault, Gracie Silich, Josette Lisowski, Ella Miller, Cameron Kincade, Ryan Ujcich, Kabiveer Nagra, Ivy Lyons, Caleb Meltzer, Danielle O'Brien, Evelyn Fredericks, Sophia Guida, Hailey Anchondo, and Elena Gaither. Congratulations on this achievement!

ABOVE & BEYOND

Have you asked your child or checked with his/her teacher about what it would take to go above and beyond in Music? That is our area of focus this month. Check it out and take it on! Congratulations to the following students who went above and beyond during the month of November (Science): Abel Baganz, Jonah McNeal, Spencer Hultman, Ashley Biesanz, Macy Mercier, Mackenzie Thom, Bo Rosenbaum, Dallas DeLeon, Wyatt Highman, Journey McNeal, Deacon Jacob, Madelyn Bullinger, Gavin Osborne, Weston Janis, Annabelle Andersen, Aiden Bergmann, Lorenzo Grana, Elle Holst, Lilyana Lang, Josette Lisowski, Weston Sadowski, Brayden Woodley, Brooks Collins, and Isabella Lisowski.

MY CHRISTMAS GIFT TO CONCORDIA

Despite our inability to gather for a Christmas concert, a free will offering will be accepted that will be **designated toward the playground project**. A special envelope is coming home today for this purpose. (At this time we have collected approximately \$57,000. Fundraising to complete this project is ongoing.) REMEMBER, we will bring the Christmas performances to you this Friday – watch for the emailed link!

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

Please be certain your child is dressed to spend time outdoors each day. A heavy jacket, hat and gloves are recommended for ALL students. Not coming dressed properly will not excuse children from outdoor activities. BUNDLE UP!

NEW SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Please be advised that in the event of inclement weather that requires school to close, **Concordia will provide notification to parents/guardians by email, Dojo and local news. For up-to-date information on closings, tune to Channel 4, Fox 6, or Channel 12 or their corresponding radio broadcast.** Typically, notification is released by 6:00 am. In the past, we followed RUSD's closures. However, with their physical classes not in session, we will provide our own notification to you. Please note, the Before/After School Programs will NOT operate on days school is closed. If we are in school and conditions warrant early dismissal, you will be notified by phone or email.

PTL MEETING IN JANUARY

Please mark your calendar now for our next Zoom PTL Meeting on **January 19, 2021 at 6 p.m.** (There will also be a meeting in April.) We look forward to your participation and the sharing of ideas to further our school.

RACINE VOLUNTEER CENTER

The Racine Volunteer Center is looking for students ages 11-18 that would like to earn volunteer hours for any reason. Here is a list of current volunteer opportunities:

- Make Christmas ornaments for nursing home residents to use on their doors. You can pick up the kits at 6216 Washington Ave, Suite G in Racine. If interested in making ornaments, please email Sarah Webb at teamleader@volunteerracine.org.
- Monday, December 14th volunteers are needed from 4 pm – 5 on for Christmas Caroling at Ridgewood Care Center.

If interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Sarah Webb at the Racine Volunteer Center. Her telephone number is (262) 886-9612 ext. 103.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROCESS

Each day, we work diligently to teach the children how to resolve disagreements/solve problems which they encounter. The first step, according to Matthew 18, is to go directly to the individual with whom you have an issue. This is true for children and adults/students and parents/athletes and coaches, etc. If additional assistance is needed to resolve a concern after a sincere effort has been made with no results, we are directed by Scripture to then seek the assistance of another/others. Thank you for your support in teaching and observing this directive from Scripture which we observe as school policy.

CHAPEL SERVICES AND OFFERINGS

The remainder of the month, our gifts will continue to be directed to supporting the Orphan Grain Train mission. Offerings collected this week totaled \$68.00, bringing the total collected thus far to **\$359.92**. Thank you! Your continued contributions and prayers are greatly appreciated.

A VERSE TO REMEMBER

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

~ 1 John 4:12 (NIV)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Start your child's day with love and encouragement and end the day the same way."

~ Zig Ziglar