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

EAGLE BANNER

December 11, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. December 11

- Chapel
- Chicken Nuggets
- January Lunch Forms go home

Thurs. December 12

- French Toast Sticks
- PTL Culver's Dine & Donate on Douglas Ave. 4 – 9 p.m.

Fri. December 13

- Munchable
- School Colors Day
- Fab Food
- Parents' Night Out (8th Grade fundraiser)

Mon. December 16

- **NO HOT LUNCH PROVIDED**
- Send a cold lunch!

Tues. December 17

- Hot Dog Tuesday
- T-Shirt Tuesday

Wed. December 18

- Chapel
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ZOOM Open School Board Meeting

January 13th @ 6 p.m.

IMPORTANT TRUTHS FOR YOU!

As part of our mission at Concordia, all we do revolves around teaching about and learning from God's Word. We believe God's Word is divinely inspired and as such is without error.

Over the next weeks seven essential truths that we teach, which come from the Bible, will be placed here to teach, reflect upon, and include in prayer.

Important Truth # 1 – GOD LOVES US

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

~ John 3: 16

I came that they have life and have it abundantly.

~ John 10:10

Ever feel like you don't fully experience this love and happiness? Our important truth next week will explain why!

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!

Join friends and family from school at one of the worship services to celebrate the Third Sunday in Advent.

Saturday, 12/14 @ Faith – 4 p.m.

Sunday, 12/15 @ Faith – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, 12/15 @ Holy Cross – 10:00 a.m.

Advent Services

Wednesday, 12/11 @ Holy Cross 4 p.m.

Wednesday, 12/11 @ Faith 7 p.m.

SET APART TO SERVE

Please take a moment to check out **Mrs. Ratkovec's** story, posted on the Set Apart to Serve bulletin board. Her story here started 5 years ago. What's her story before that??

Coming up on January 8th, Mrs. Martinez will share the Lord's leading on her path to service to Him at Concordia Lutheran School.

ZOOM ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

You are encouraged to join a **brief Zoom meeting** on **Wed. December 18 at 5:30 p.m.** to offer suggestions for Concordia's 55th anniversary celebration. On the agenda are menu items, catering options, and kid-friendly activities. [Here is the link:](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6214981056?pwd=S1prcTZ3WXgrRmRiQmNlYXQ4cDQrQT09&omn=86580336719)

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM OFFERING THANKS

Thank you to all the families who joined us Thursday night and Friday morning to hear our students share the message of Jesus's birth. The kids did an outstanding job!! With your generous giving we collected a total of \$1,786.09 to put towards our new gym floor. An additional \$500 donation arrived shortly thereafter bringing those gifts to \$2,286.09. Thank you for letting your lights shine!

GYM FLOOR CONNECTIONS? NOMINATIONS?

Do you have a connection to an organization that helps with funding improvements like a gym floor? What about connections with the Milwaukee Bucks or specifically Pat Connaughton? Pat Connaughton's Foundation supports making sports accessible to students to inspire and motivated young athletes. Connaughton supplies courts to schools in need. **Anyone is eligible to nominate a facility for a Connaughton Court.** Among the primary criteria considered is that the court must be used by young athletes and it must currently be in poor condition. Visit patconnaughtonfoundation.org to nominate us!

DON'T BE FOOLED

Please disregard the Racine Unified "School Choice" registration emails or mailings. They do not apply to you unless you desire to attend RUSD. The "School Choice" wording is confusing and has led parents to believe that by applying they are making application for a voucher to participate in the Parental Choice Program. That is not the case. If you apply for RUSD School Choice registration, you will be enrolled in Racine Unified. Please take note!

PTL THANKS YOU

Thank you to the families that attended Rocky Rococo Night Out on October 17th. You raised **\$175.91** for class trips and school supplies in the classroom. PTL is grateful for your generosity!

CAN COLLECTION WINNERS

Congratulations are extended to our **1st grade class** for weighing in with the most cans! Each of these students will receive a FREE item of their choice at **Fab Food this Friday**. Please keep saving cans and turning them in. **Our next can turn in week is January 6th – 10th.**

PTL CULVER'S NIGHT TOMORROW 😊

Please us for Concordia Lutheran PTL Family Night, **Thursday, December 12th at Culver's - 4542 Douglas Avenue from 4 – 9 P.M.** We look forward to seeing you there for fellowship and great food. We will receive 15% of your order to go towards classroom supplies and field trips. Thank you for your support!

"PARENTS' NIGHT OUT" THIS FRIDAY!

The 8th grade students and parents will host a "Parents Night Out" evening on **Friday, December 13th from 5-9 pm.** We are offering to watch and entertain children ages 2-11 for the evening so parents can go out, get some shopping done, have dinner, complete some wrapping, or just sit quietly at home alone before their kiddos are home for two weeks on Christmas break 😊😊. While with us, the kiddos can play games, decorate cookies, do crafts, eat pizza, drink juice, and enjoy a snack while watching an age-appropriate Christmas movie. **Cost is \$15/child.**

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 via the local news. For up-to-date information on closings, tune to Channel 4, Fox 6, or Channel 12. Typically, notification is released by 6:00 a.m. **Please keep in mind that if RUSD is closed or goes to a 2-hour delay, Concordia will be closed.** Also 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.

NYE ALLNIGHTER GRADES 6TH – 8TH

Prince of Peace is hosting a night filled with fun, friends, and fellowship! This event will feature exciting games like Double Kickball, Capture the Flag, The Resistance, Super Smash Bros. Tournament, Musical Chairs Scavenger Hunt, Pizza Box Gladiators, and more. Enjoy plenty of yummy food, including pizza, snacks, and donuts as we celebrate the star of 2025 together. **Most importantly, we'll take time to re-focus on God and grow in our faith as a community.** A separate email went out to our family with 6th – 8th graders last week on Friday.

POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRALS

It is important to us to let you and your child know when positive choices and acts of kindness are noted. That is what our Positive Office Referrals are all about! Thanks for praising your child and reinforcing their outstanding behavior, too.

Congratulations to the following students: **Racquel Conda, Frankie Tempesta, Timmothy Robinson, and Elsie Johnson** for letting their lights shine for Jesus and his people.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY/SEX EDUCATION WEEK LETTER TO COME

As in past years, the faculty will be teaching a brief unit on “A Christian’s View of Sex” to students in grades K-8. A letter will be emailed with more details regarding this soon. Teaching materials are available for your review. You may contact your child’s teacher to request an opportunity to look at materials.

FIRST STUDENT IS LOOKING FOR DRIVERS

First student is looking to hire more bus drivers. If this is something you are interested in doing or know of someone looking for employment call 262-290-3534 or visit firststudent.com additional information.

SAVE THE DATE

We will gather for food, fun, and fellowship to celebrate 55 years of “Bringing Christ and excellence in academics to our students”. The festivities will be right here on **Sunday, January 26th @ 1 p.m.** Set it aside!

DECEMBER’S NEW FRIENDZY THEME

“Teamwork Makes the Dream Work” is the Friendzy theme for this month. Please continue the conversations we are having at school with your child at home. and discussing these three points:

1. **Love God** – Our goal is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
2. **Love others** – To love God enables us to love others.
3. **Serve others with your gifts** – When we use the gifts and talents God has given us to serve others and help our team, we can accomplish more than we could on our own.

KEEPING OUR FAMILIES IN PRAYER

As part of our family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We will be including you in our prayers throughout the year, here in school and at our churches. Please join us in lifting up the following families and their children, along with members of our staff, in your prayers: **Imhoff (Mason), Ivanoski (Bailey, Cassidy), Jackson (Zayden), Jacob (Deacon, Simon, Walter) and Mrs. Ingalsbe (Substitute Teacher).**

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

“The Veteran’s Outreach” is our chapel offering project for the month of November and December.

Today we raised **\$63.00** brining our total to **\$686.00**. We have reached our goal of **\$600.00** (or more). Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated. We have two weeks to go! How high can we reach??

TODAY’S VERSE TO REMEMBER

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
~ John 1:9

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Never let the fear of striking out stop you from playing the game.”

~ Babe Ruth

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ATHLETICS NEWS & NOTES

Practice and Game information will be available via Game Changer for “A” & “B” Squad boys and the TeamReach App for “A” & “B” Squad Girls and Cheerleading. Parents who are not yet connected are asked to reach out to Mrs. Holst for an assist!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS All **students** attending athletic events **must be under the direct supervision of a parent/guardian or other adult that has accepted responsibility (prior to the game) to serve in their place.** For the safety and well-being of all, children may not be left unsupervised, permitted to play under or alongside the bleachers, etc. **Children should remain with the adult responsible for them.**

NOTE: Students that were not in school the day of a game due to illness may not attend.

RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS FOR YOU!

- Upcoming Grade School Fan Nights:
Girls Varsity Basketball
- Thursday, December 12th 7 p.m.
Boys Varsity Basketball
- Friday, December 20th 7 p.m.
Bring your Future Crusader Sports Pass for free admission and enjoy the games!
- **8th Grade families**
If you missed our first open house, we are hosting another one on January 15th, 5 – 7p.m. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.