

## Concordia Lutheran School

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# EAGLE BANNER

December 18, 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wed. December 18**  
- January Lunch Forms Due

**Thurs. December 19**  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Walking Tacos  
- Thrilling Thursday/FAB Food

**Fri. December 20**  
- Pizza  
- School Colors Day

**December 23 – January 3**  
- No School Christmas Break

**Mon. January 6**  
- School Resumes  
- Turkey Bacon Cheddar Wrap  
- Mariage/Family Sex Ed. Week

**Tues. January 7**  
- Hot Dog Tuesday  
- T-Shirt Tuesday  
- KHC Kick Off Event

**Wed. January 8**  
- All School Chapel  
- Ravioli  
- Feb. Lunch Forms Go Home

### ZOOM Open School Board Meeting

January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.

A link will follow in January.

### MORE IMPORTANT TRUTHS

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) This scripture points to our first important truth: **GOD LOVES US!**

So, why then don't we fully feel and experience the love and happiness that flows from God's love? The answer is our next important truth!

#### IMPORTANT TRUTH #2 – WE REBEL AGAINST GOD

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

~ Romans 3:23

Your iniquities have made a separate between you and your God.

~ Isaiah 59:2

Now, the question is... WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS?

Our next important truth will provide the answer! Coming in our next edition of *Important Truths!*

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### COME WORSHIP WITH US!

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

Saturday, 12/21 @ Faith – 4 p.m.  
Sunday, 12/22 @ Faith – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, 12/22 @ Holy Cross – 10:00 a.m.

### Advent Services

Wednesday, 12/18 @ Holy Coss 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, 12/18 @ 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 8<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Martinez** will share the Lord's leading on her path to service to Him at Concordia Lutheran School.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION COMING SOON FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

On January 15<sup>th</sup> families that are currently enrolled in the school can reapply. This provides you with two weeks of lead time to register your children before enrollment is opened to new families. All families must complete this online process and are asked to do it promptly. More information on “how to” will be sent the first week of January.

## 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Please note that the 2024-2025 school yearbooks have not been pre-ordered or pre-paid. An order form will be coming home in the new year. Yearbooks can be purchased for **\$16.00**. *If you miss the deadline, we do order a few extra copies and will be available at \$22.00.*

## PTL \$2 PJ DAYS ARE BACK IN JANUARY

Pajama Thursday return in January. Please bring in \$2.00 every Thursday you wish to participate. Make sure to label your baggie or envelope with your child(ren) names. This fundraiser helps raise funds for your classroom supplies and field trips. Thank you!

## 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](http://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!

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY/SEX EDUCATION WEEK

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, beginning January 6, 2024. Teaching materials are available for your review this week. Please contact your child's teacher to request an opportunity to look at materials.

## ZOOM ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING

You are encouraged to join a **brief Zoom meeting** on **TODAY December 18 at 5:30 p.m.** to offer suggestions for Concordia's 55<sup>th</sup> 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>

## KIDS HEART CHALLENGE COMING!

Your child is coming home with a “Save the Date” for our KHC event this year (Jan. 30). This is a great opportunity to get a jump on registering and earning some fun prizes, too! Ready? GO! Our kickoff is January 7. More information will follow that event.

## 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](http://firststudent.com) additional information.

## 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.

## ANNIVERSARY 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 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m.** Set it aside!

## DECEMBER'S NEW FRIENDZY THEME

Our “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work” unit will be wrapping up soon. To bring this concept home within your household, try taking some time together focusing on the unique gifts that each person brings to your family. Celebrate what's awesome about each person and the contribution they make to your home and our world!

We hope our students will see how each individual's contribution is important. God designed us to work together as a TEAM!

## 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: **Janis (Lily, Weston), Jaramillo (Zeke, Sophina, Lucy), Johnson (Elsie), Justice (Paul), and Mrs. Joyce (Before Care Supervisor).**

Your ongoing prayers are appreciated for **Ms. Matus** while she is out on medical leave and recovering from a recent fall resulting in a break in her shoulder. Thank you for lifting her up!

## CHAPEL OFFERINGS

**“The Veteran’s Outreach”** is our chapel offering project for the month of November and December. Today we raised **\$64.00** bringing our total to **\$750.00**. We have reached our goal of **\$600.00** (or more). Thank you for your generous gifts to this project.

## TODAY’S VERSE TO REMEMBER

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon[a] his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called[b]  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

~ Isaiah 9:6

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It’s not what’s under the tree that matters, it’s  
who’s around it.

~ Charlie Brown

**Our Mission at Concordia:** *Bringing Christ and excellence in academics to our children for life and forever.*

Our faculty and staff send **warm Christmas wishes** to you and your family as you celebrate Christ’s birth! We look forward to sharing the new year with you!



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