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

EAGLE BANNER

January 14, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. January 14

-Macaroni n Cheese

-Feb. Lunch Order Forms Due

Thur. January 15

-Hamburgers

-\$2 8th Grade PJ Day

-Registration Opens for
Returning Families

Fri. January 16

-Turkey Cheddar Wrap

-School Colors

Mon. January 19

-No School – Records Day

Tues. January 20

-Hot Dog Tuesday

-T-Shirt Tuesday

-PTL Meeting 4:30 p.m.

-Social Studies Fair and
Open house 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD....

2026-27 Registration
Opens tomorrow, January 15th
for returning families.

Tuesday, January 20th

PTL Meeting – 4:30 p.m.

Social Studies Fair
&
Open House
5:30-6:30 p.m.

TRAITS of GIRAFFES

(Read on, please...there is something to be learned from this!)

Today the kids were schooled a bit on giraffes. These 20-foot-tall creatures, have some special abilities that we can learn a lesson on availability from.

As part of a herd, these animals **look out not only for their own interests, but also for the well-being of others** as they travel in search of food and water. Young giraffes are left behind under the care of one or two older giraffes. These “guardians” or “baby-sitters” **gladly take turns stepping up** to watch for the young.

When it's time for the giraffe to take a drink, members of the herd look out for the ones drinking that become vulnerable while their heads are down. They literally **have each other's backs!**

Giraffes are excellent examples of AVAILABILITY. They are all about:

- Putting others ahead of themselves
- Finding a way to help, not hide
- Being glad for a chance to serve

😊 BE A GIRAFFE!

WORSHIP WITH US!

Join friends and family from school at one of these worship services to celebrate the Confession of St. Peter.

Saturday, 1/17 @ Faith – 4 p.m.

Sunday, 1/18 @ Faith – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, 1/18 @ Holy Cross – 10:00 a.m.



TELLING THEIR STORIES

Mrs. Knoch's story is posted! Read how she became part of the ministry at Concordia on our **Set Apart to Serve bulletin board.**

Up next **Mrs. Tempesta**, our 2nd Grade Aide, will be sharing her story.

SECOND QUARTER ENDS FRIDAY

The second quarter will end this **Friday, January 16th**. It is vital for students that have been absent to submit all their missed work and remain current on their assignments prior to this date. **REPORT**

CARDS will be issued on Weds, Jan. 21st to students whose financial accounts are current. This includes payments due for childcare and other incidentals.

TAX DEDUCTIONS

Did you know that you can deduct up to \$4,000 dollars of your tuition per K-8th grade student? Or are you looking to deduct childcare from your 2025 taxes? Please let the office know if you need a letter stating the amount you paid for either or both above categories

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN TOMORROW, JANUARY 15TH FOR 2026-2027 RETURNING FAMILIES

Beginning TOMORROW 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. **An informational letter is coming home today and an email.**

CAN COLLECTION WINNERS

Congratulations are extended to **Preschool** for weighing in with the most cans! Each of these students will receive a FREE item of their choice for **Fab Food Friday** on Friday, January 23rd. Please keep saving cans and turning them in. **Our next can turn in week is February 2nd – 6th.**

POSITIVE OFFICE REFERRALS

Congratulations to the following students recently recognized: **Finn O'Conner, Marissa Morrison, Novia Mann, Brayden Woodley, Weston Sadowski, Liyana Lang, Levi Kovach, Logan Morrone, Andee Koll, Hannah Naatz, Raelyn Malvasio, Luz Krensky, Ashely Biesanz, Aria Meryes, Ophelia Benson, Jonah McNeal, Bailey Ivanoski, Mekhi Ozier, Sophia Rodriguez, Calvin mayo, Corbin Malkasian, Levi Cottingham-Odders, Audrey Foulk, William Cihler and Landon Lancaster.** for letting their lights shine for Jesus and his people. We are so proud of your accomplishment!

GOING ABOVE & BEYOND

The area of academic emphasis for the month of December was **Music**. The following students, thus far, are to be commended for going above and beyond: Leila Eaton, Rylee Stout, Janiyah Daniels, Chloe Bishop, and Ophelia Benson.

January's challenge is to go "above & beyond" in **Written Expression**. Your child's teacher sent home a challenge with information on how he/she can do this. Go for it!

PTL MEETING, SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR & OPEN HOUSE COMING UP! BRING A GUEST!

Please mark your calendar to attend this event on January 20, Join the **PTL meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 4:30 p.m.**, followed by the **Social Studies Fair & Open House beginning at 5:30 p.m.** The Social Studies Fair will conclude at 6:30 p.m.

GRAB A GOOD READ ON EFFECTS OF PHONES

The Anxious Generation has sparked a global conversation about the effects of smartphones and social media on young people's development, inspiring millions of parents, teachers, and leaders to take action. Check it out!

There is now a book for kids you may also wish to read. *The Amazing Generation* by **Jonathan Haidt and Catherine Price** for 9–12-year-olds isn't just a book about what not to do; it's a bold, optimistic, and practical guide to help kids become their most confident selves. (Purchase it on Amazon or at your favorite bookstore. Preview a copy from Mrs. Klein.)

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND RUMMAGE SALE ☺

Our 8th graders are hosting a Valentine's Weekend Rummage Sale from February 14th – 16th to help fund their trip to Washington DC. **They have added an additional item drop off day Monday, January 19, 2026, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to Becky Demuth, Marilyn Jensby, and Chris Drager for your generous donations to our school and DOJO store. We are truly blessed with your generosity and thoughtfulness.

PAJAMA DAYS RETURN IN JANUARY

Our 8th graders are running \$2 Pajama Days in January for their class trip to Washington DC. Please send your \$2 cash in a marked envelope or baggie. Dress code still applies. **Pajama dates:** January 15, 22, & 29.

PTL THANKS YOU!

Thank you to the families who attended or ordered food from Panera on Thursday, January 8th. You earned **\$73.28** for classroom needs and field trips. What a blessing for our students and teachers.

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!

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?

As a Thrivent member you may have Choice Dollars that can be directed to the organization of your choice. LEA is a Thrivent Choice®-enrolled organization. **Directing Choice Dollars is easy!**

Visit thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more OR call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. Please take a moment to direct your [Thrivent Choice Dollars®](#) to support the ongoing work of your LEA. **The deadline for allocating 2025 dollars is March 31st, 2026.** THANK YOU, Thrivent members, for supporting LEA!

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Please be advised that in the event of inclement weather that requires school to close, Concordia will provide notifications 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.

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 including the following families and their children, along with members of our staff, in your prayers: **Kovach (Jaxon, Levi), Krencisz (Oliver), Krenzke (Lux), Krieger (Patrick), Mrs. Kozsuta (Preschool Teacher's Assistant), and Mrs. Kramer (Preschool Teacher) .**

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS AHEAD

Buckets Pub 2nd Round: Wednesday, January 21st
4 – 9 p.m. 2031 Lathrop Ave., Racine, WI. 10% of all sales go back to the 6th – 8th graders for their Camp LuWiSoMo & Washington D.C. trips.

QDOBA Night: Tuesday, February 10th from 4 – 8 p.m.
6035 W. Durand Ave, Mount Pleasant, WI. Order online with Digital Coupon Code on flyer, show the flyer at the restaurant or enter code QDOBAGIVES online. 25% of Sales go back to the 6th – 8th graders for their Camp LuWiSoMo & Washington D.C. trips

Marco's Pizza: Wednesday, February 11th Help our 8th graders raise funds for their Washington D. C. Trip.

Marco's Pizza will donate 20% of your online orders, and 15% for orders placed over the phone; you need to mention CLS name. When ordering online use code: **CLSFUND** A flyer will be coming home in a couple weeks with more information.

PTL DINE & DONATE FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Raising Cane's Dine & Donate: Thursday, February 19th from, 4 – 10 p.m. 6303 75th Street, Kenosha, WI. Mention the fundraiser at the Restaurant or apply code RCFUND96 to online or app orders.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Our chapel offerings for January and February will go to "Hearts for Jesus – Dominican Republic." Our gifts will contribute toward a building for one of our congregations sharing Jesus in this country.

Today we raised **\$41.00** bringing our total to **\$94.00**. A goal of \$600.00 is set for this project. Your gifts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

TODAY'S VERSE TO REMEMBER

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind

~ Psalm 107:8

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

~ Helen Keller

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ATHLETICS NEWS & NOTES

Practice times and information will be available via the TeamReach and Game changer apps.

Please note: For the safety and well-being of all, **students attending athletic events must be under the direct supervision of a parent or other authorized adult.**

COME OUT & CHEER YOUR EAGLES ON!

January 23rd

Away vs KLA

5 p.m. B Squad Girls

6 p.m. B squad Boys

7 p.m. A squad Boys

January 24th

Away vs Illinois United
9 a.m. B Squad Girls
10 a.m. 5th Grade Boys
11 a.m. A squad Girls
12 p.m. 6th Grade Boys

January 31st

Away vs Illinois United
9 a.m. B Squad Girls
10 a.m. B squad Boys
11 a.m. A squad Girls
12 p.m. A squad Boys

RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH NEWS FOR YOU!

Racine Lutheran High School invites prospective students and families for the **2026–2027 school year** to our **Winter Open House on Today, Wednesday, January 14, from 5:00–7:00 PM**. This is a **drop-in event with no registration required**. Academic enrollment applications are well underway, and we anticipate a waitlist forming by February. Families are encouraged to tour our beautiful building, meet our teachers, staff, administrators, coaches, and students, and pick up an enrollment application folder.

