



## RLA News and Notes

October 2, 2008

### Principal's Note

I had the opportunity to lead Chapel Wednesday morning. What a joy to get to ask the students questions pertaining to the lesson. We were talking about various forms of communication available to us. I expected to hear cell phone and text messaging among the first answers. I got some really great answers. Of course, using our voices was the first answer offered (and boy do we do that well!). But, maybe the best answer was that we communicate with our heart. To top it off the children understood that to do that it is your actions that let the world know what you believe.

We continue to work on this topic on a daily basis. By the answers and comments I received Wednesday it appears that the lessons are sticking. For instance, one student interjected the Golden Rule into the discussion. Trying to create a good exchange of ideas, I pretended to believe that the Golden Rule doesn't work. Boy, did I get an earful!

Of course, the Golden Rule works. Unfortunately, even though we know what it is and that it is good for us to follow it, we don't. What a joy to see that the children are getting it. And yes, they also knew why we don't always follow the Golden Rule and do what is right. We are human and we sin. But it didn't end there. Jesus Christ was sent into the world to take our place. He suffered and died and rose from the dead so that we might have eternal life.

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Have you ever watched a soccer game where most of the players have never played before? The one thing I can guarantee is that if you locate the ball you will find about seven of the eleven players. Everyone wants in the middle of the action. But, the real reason for this phenomenon is that teammates have not yet developed trust in one another. The better a team gets the farther away from each other the players will be from each other. The same is true of other sports I have coached. In football, not everyone can try to go directly to the ball carrier and make the tackle. Someone has to "stay at home" in case the ball switches direction. In baseball, sometimes it isn't wise for everyone to try for the big hit when it might be better to hit behind the runner and move the base runner up a base. In basketball, a coach will keep emphasizing spacing, so that one defensive player cannot guard two offensive players. The point is that everyone in the game has a role. Not everyone can score the goal, make the basket, or hit the home-run. It takes the whole team to do their job for a team to win consistently. I see some similarities to this lesson in the development of our school. Every year there appears to be more trust in one another to do their job. Parents must parent, teachers must teach, and students must learn. If parents parent and teachers teach, but students don't pay attention and study the effort fails. It takes a team effort for a school to achieve greatness. May God grant us strength, wisdom and courage to continue our efforts to be the best school our Lord created us to be.

### Chapel Offering

Our Chapel offering for 10/1 was \$30.41. This quarter we are going to be donating our offerings to the Hope Mission in South Bend so they can continue to serve hot meals to the needy. Chapel is held on Wednesdays at 8:30. Parents are always welcome to worship with us.

### Search Engine

Instead of using Google try GoodSearch.com. RLA earns a penny for every search. GoodSearch also has a new shopping program that can raise funds to support RLA.

### Volunteers Needed

- 1) Classroom helpers
  - 2) Lunch helpers - 11:00-12:30
  - 3) Library helpers
- Call the office if you would like to help out.

### Market Day

Order forms for October have been sent home.

### Calendar

The complete school calendar for this year is posted on our web-site ([www.rlasouthbend.com](http://www.rlasouthbend.com)).

### Wish List

Here are a few items:

apple juice  
TV sets (that work!)  
DVD players  
computers - Pentium 4 or newer  
tools that are in good shape:  
    electric drill

### Athletics

Our soccer season continues. We play tonight at Grace Lutheran in St. Joe, MI. Our first home game is Monday, Oct. 6 at 4:30. Our home field is at the Jr. Irish Soccer Complex. We will be playing on field #4.

### Culver's

Thank you to everyone who supported RLA by eating out at Culver's. We made \$259.90. Great job!

### National Lutheran School Accreditation

Mr. Fred Weiss, retired principal of Concordia Lutheran High School in Ft. Wayne, has been appointed as our NLSA consultant. He will be making a presentation to the RLA School Board

during their regular meeting time Oct. 9 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will highlight the process that RLA will be undergoing over the next 18+ months. We encourage any parent who is interested to attend. Parents will be having a role on various committees that will be formed over the next two months.

### Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, Oct. 10 from 9 am – 7 pm and Saturday, Oct. 11, 9 am – 1 pm at St. Peter Lutheran Church. Clothes, household items, furniture and other miscellaneous items are for sale. A silent auction for quilts and miscellaneous items will also be held. St. Peter is at Bremen Hwy and Dragoon Trl.

### RLA Fellowship Dinner

On Friday, Oct. 24 we will be celebrating the end of the first quarter with a chicken dinner provided by the Skillet Restaurant. Tickets cost \$6.00 and 25 % of the proceeds come back to RLA. The menu will include broasted chicken (it's really good!), mashed potatoes, noodles, biscuits, brownie and beverage. This event is sponsored by the School Board both as a fund-raiser and as an opportunity for our RLA family to come together for fellowship. Parents of RLA students and members of the five MLEA churches are asked to support this effort. Tickets are on sale in the school office as well as all five churches on Sundays.

### Dates to Remember:

10/2 – 4:00-7:00 -St. Peter's Sauerkraut Supper  
10/2 – 4:15 – Soccer Game at Grace, St. Joe  
10/3 - 1<sup>st</sup> grade field-trip to Amish Acres  
10/6 – 9:00 - Preschool field-trip to The Patch  
10/6 – 4:30 – Soccer Game vs. St. Paul, Bremen (Home)  
10/7 – PBA Day – 11:45 dismissal (Extended Care available)  
10/8 – 9:00 - School Pictures  
10/9 – Soccer Game at St. Paul, Michigan City  
10/9 – 7:00 pm School Board Meeting  
10/10 and 10/11 – St. Peter Lutheran Fall Rummage Sale.  
10/16 – 6:30 – PTL  
10/17 – Teacher Record Day – 11:45 dismissal  
10/24 – 6:00 - RLA Fellowship Dinner (gym)