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RLA NEWS AND NOTES

**Thoughts, Words, and Deeds:
Be Pleasing in Your Sight**

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Be 'Aware of God' In Your Situation

By Tim Hetzner, President of Lutheran Church Charities and author of WORD Bible Studies., posted Nov. 2, 2018
<http://devotions.lccharities.org/2018/11/02/be-aware-of-god-in-your-situation/>

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." Genesis 28:16

One night Jacob had a dream. He saw a ladder with angels on it extending all the way up to heaven, and God said to him, 'I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go' (v. 15). The next morning Jacob said, 'The Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' When it comes to recognizing God at work in your life, you can be spiritually tuned in, or be like Jacob and not be 'aware' of Him. It was business as usual for Moses the day he noticed the burning bush – not an uncommon sight in a hot desert climate. Except this time the bush kept burning, and 'when...he turned aside to look, God called to him' (Exodus 3:4). You'll have some of your greatest encounters with God in the everyday experiences of life. But you have to be open and receptive, otherwise you'll miss Him. Author William Barry says: 'Whether we're aware of it or not, at every moment of our existence we're encountering God...who is trying to catch our attention...to draw us into a reciprocal conscious relationship.' And you never know where He'll appear, or through whom He'll speak. After the resurrection, Mary Magdalene thought Jesus was just the gardener. Paul writes, 'Wake up, sleeper' (Ephesians 5:14). You can be awakened by a miraculous healing, a restored relationship, or even a great trial. Don't just look for God in your triumphs; look for Him in your troubles too. Theologian Frederick Buechner said, 'There is no event so commonplace but that God is present, leaving you room to recognize or not to recognize Him.'

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I know You are always at work, forgive me when I fail to see You and help me look more for all You are doing. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Congratulations Honor Roll Students!!

"A" Honor Roll: Meghan C (8), Rebekah R (8), Layla B (7), Cole C (7), Cole H (6), Rachel H (6), Olivia L (6), Sohan P (5), Emma H (4), Easton M (4)

"A/B" Honor Roll: Emily K (8), Olivia S (8), Hannah S (8), Aaron H (7), Keegan M (7), Isabelle S (7), Lexie S (6), Cady B (4), Tanner L (3), Evangeline L (3), Josiah P (3), Levi R (3)

Essenhaus Fundraiser

Our Das Dutchmen Essenhaus fundraiser wraps up next Monday! This is a GREAT way to do a little less Thanksgiving cooking with pies, cookies, or rolls AND help support RLA! We also have \$15 and \$25 gift cards which can be used on site in their bakery, restaurant, and stores!

Winter Weather

RLA does not follow any specific policy for cancellation of school due to bad weather. We do watch to see what other Districts and other private schools do besides going out on the roads ourselves around 5:30am. Watch WSBT, WNDU, ABC57 and Fox28 television stations, as well as their affiliate radio stations: 99.9FM, 95.3FM, 101.5FM, and 960AM. We will send out a FastDirect message and you may also check the calendar at www.rlasouthbend.com. We make every effort to make a decision before 6:00am. Sometimes the weather worsens after 6:00am and we are forced to make later decisions. We try to stay open as often as we can. We will be lenient issuing tardies on bad weather days, so please take your time and arrive safely. ***We also have the capability to send out text messages through Fast Direct. If you need help, please call the office.

Start Thinking About Christmas Presents

Christmas will be here before we know it! Think about supporting RLA (and avoiding the mall)! You can purchase Scrip Cards (gift cards of your choice, at no extra cost) or Poinsettias/Wreaths (from our PTL). As you are doing your holiday or every day shopping online, select RLA (listed as Michiana Lutheran Education Assoc.) on smile.amazon.com.

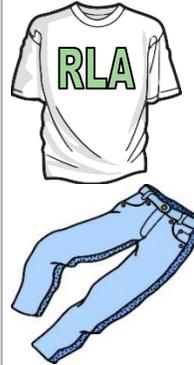
Upcoming Events

Nov. 11: Church Sing at St. Paul, SB (10am)
Nov. 12: Essenhaus Orders Due
Nov. 16: Polish Dinner (5-7pm)
Nov. 20: Essenhaus Order Pick-up
Nov. 21-23: No School - Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 29: Cyber Safety for You and Your Child

Don't Forget!

Empty, sign, and return the family folders to teachers by Monday!

RLA T-Shirt & \$1 Jean Fridays

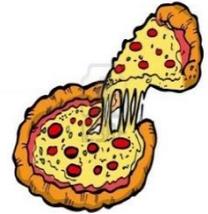


Every Friday, our students may show their School Spirit by wearing official RLA t-shirts. You may also wear jeans for \$1.00 on Fridays. Our National Junior Society chooses and organizes charity drives for the school as part of their leadership.

This month, we will be collecting for the Homeless Shelter.

Pizza Day

We will be serving Marco's Pizza as a hot lunch option on Tuesdays. All orders must be placed the Monday before pizza day. We will be paying upon delivery so the \$3.50 MUST be your family's lunch



account to order. Family balances can be viewed on FastDirect.

Next week will be cheese and pepperoni.



Chapel

Join us on Wednesdays for about a 30 min worship at 8:30am.

Tardies

As a friendly reminder, classes start at 8:15am each morning. While we understand that sometimes things happen, it is important that our students start building responsible habits of timeliness, being prepared, and fulfilling obligations.

Our tardy policy is on page 6 of the Parent Handbook. Tardy slips are being distributed.

Saints

Our first Basketball game is tonight! Check out the full sports schedule online!