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# RLA NEWS AND NOTES



**"May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace**

as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with  
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

## *Salt & Light: At Home and in the Classroom*

I know salt can be messy, especially when my one year old discovers the power of shaking a salt shaker all over himself, the table, and the floor! Salt is a controlled substance in my house. Teenagers accuse each other of being "salty" when they have issue with one another, although "bitter" might be more appropriate of a description. We have salt in abundance in our food, in our counters, and in our blood making our blood pressure go up! Perhaps that is why Jesus' statement in Matthew 5 is a bit confusing with modern sensibilities:

*<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

*<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Mathew 5:13–16 ESV

In Matthew 5, Jesus has gathered himself quite the gathering of disciples, people who are choosing to follow him as a result of his healings, exorcisms, and proclamation of the Kingdom of God coming into the world. In a brief pause of the action, Jesus begins to teach them on the side of a mountain, and we receive what is now called the sermon on the mount. Jesus looks out and calls the people blessed, not because they are great or holy, but because they are poor in spirit.

Then Jesus calls them salt and light. Salt cleans meat; it purifies it so that it may be ready for sacrifice. Light, in turn, enables sight so that people may follow the path laid out them. These people to whom Jesus preached are salt in the sense that they bring the cleaning power of the kingdom to bear in the midst of the daily vocations. They are light because by their actions and words they show people the way to God.

You are salt and light. Did you know that? Jesus, too, calls you blessed, even though your spirit may be weak. In our many vocations like pastor, parishioner, parent, teacher, and especially student, we too can be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In the halls, classrooms, and homes of the community of Resurrection Lutheran Academy there are plenty of opportunities to spread a little salt and to shine a little light. Every time a child extends a hand in friendship, there is a little salt. Every time a classroom goes to the Lord in prayer, it's like turning on the light. At home when you ask questions like, "what did you learn today?" or, "what Jesus story did you talk about?" There we see the light, not being hidden, but shown clearly.

*Lord, may our words be seasoned with salt, and our actions shine your light wherever we go, as long as we continue to follow you. Thank you for shining the light clearly when you walked out of the tomb to show us the way of everlasting life. Amen.*

Staying salty,  
Pastor Jeremiah  
St. Paul Lutheran, South Bend, IN

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

**“A” Honor Roll** – Cole C (8), Cole H (7), Rachel H (7), Olivia L (7), Lexie S (7), Sohan P (6), Emma H (5), Evangeline L (4), Josiah P (4), Levi R (4), Ava L (3), Micah R (3), and Lydia S (3).

**“A/B” Honor Roll** – Layla B (8), Aaron H (8), Keegan M (8), Isabelle S (8), Espen L (6), Easton M (5), Tanner L (4), and Gunj P (3).

Congratulations!! Keep up the good work!!!

### Tomorrow

8:15am – Preschool Starts  
9:30am – Doors Open  
9:45am – Classroom Check-in (K-8<sup>th</sup>)  
10am – Special Person Day  
11:30am – Preschool and Special Person Dismissal  
3:15pm – Dismissal (K-8<sup>th</sup>)

### 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](http://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.

### Upcoming Events

Feb. 13 – New Student Open House (6:30-8pm)  
Feb. 14 – K-8<sup>th</sup> Late Start Day (9:45am)  
Feb. 14 – Special Person’s Day (10-11:30am)  
Feb. 17 – No School (Possible Snow Make-Up)  
Feb. 20 – School Board Meeting (7pm)  
Feb. 22 – Chili Cook-Off and Desserts (5:30-8pm)  
Feb. 23 – Church Sing at Our Redeemer  
Feb. 28 – PTL Basketball Night (6:30-8:30pm)



### Chapel

Join us on Wednesdays for about a 30 min worship at 8:30am.  
**Special Event: On Feb. 26, we will be observing Ash Wednesday.**

### 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.

### Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction

Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction on Feb. 22 (5:30-8pm). Come and taste a feast of chilies or set up a booth of your own! Donate home-made desserts or show off your paddle bidding skills! This is a fun for all event that helps our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders raise money for their class trip to Washington DC!

### 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.

February donations will go to provide dinner at Hope Ministries.