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# RLA NEWS AND NOTES

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."**

Joshua 1:9

## Pray About Everything

By Sheila Walsh of Proverbs31 Ministries

<https://proverbs31.org/read/devotions/full-post/2020/08/27/pray-about-everything>

***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:6-7 (NIV)***

I will never forget the day my mom told my sister, my brother and me that we were going to ask God for new pants for my brother. He had hit one of those growth spurts that young boys often do and needed new pants as part of his school uniform. My mom was a widow raising three school-age children, and there was very little spare cash. So, after supper one night, she asked us to join her at her favorite chair by the fire for prayer. She explained that God knows everything we need and wants us to bring all our requests to Him.

I was fascinated by this new piece of information. I knew we asked God to bless our family every night. I knew when I messed up, I could ask God to forgive me, but I never imagined God cared about pants. I had so many questions I wanted to ask. *Does God keep spare pants in heaven? Do angels wear pants?* Her prayer was a very simple one: *Father God, thank You for caring about our family. Thank You for telling us to pray about everything. You know Stephen needs new pants, so we ask You to help us, and we thank You in advance for always taking care of us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.* Mom went back to her normal evening chores, but I sat by the fire, wondering if we should put the fire out. *Would God send them down the chimney or would they be delivered in the mail?* This was new territory for me.

A couple of days later, one of mom's friends from church came over for coffee, and when she left, I noticed a brown paper package on the chair where she'd been sitting. When Mom came back into the den, she opened it, and there, inside, were three brand-new pairs of pants. They were the perfect size for my brother. I was amazed. "Did you tell her you needed them?" I asked. "No," she said, "We told God, don't you remember?"

The greatest lesson I learned at my mother's knee was to pray about everything, as our key verse says: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philipians 4:6-7). We receive God's peace about our circumstances not when He answers our prayers in the way we want, but when we simply present our requests to Him, with thanksgiving.

My mother taught me there was nothing too big or too small to talk to God about. That practice of praying together became a lifelong connection with my mom. Her simple faith in the goodness of God and belief in the power of the Word of God is a legacy that lives with me today.

I don't know what concerns you are facing right now. You may be worried about your children, your finances, your health or your marriage. I want to remind you today that God cares about every single detail of your life. Nothing is too big. Nothing is too small. As you tell Him what you need, thank Him for loving you and receive His peace.

***Heavenly Father, thank You for caring about my life. Thank You that I can talk to You about everything. I have lots of concerns so I'm bringing each one to You. Thank You for promising to give me Your peace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.***

## **Fast Direct**

One of the tools that we use is an electronic system called FastDirect. As a parent, you are able to log in to see grades, financial information, and the lunch calendar. In addition, we use it as the primary communication source between the school (office, teachers, etc) and home through the messaging system, which functions similar to email.

Contact Miss Lisa in the office if you need help with your user name/password.  
[www.fastdir.com/rlasouthbend](http://www.fastdir.com/rlasouthbend)

## **Mums the Word**

- The PTL is kicking off the school year with a fundraiser, selling mums. You should have received an order form that went home last Thurs.
1. Orders are due on Wednesday, September 2nd.
  2. Order forms can be turned in to Lisa in the office OR submitted electronically, using a google form ([forms.gle/EtHWvJADgS8HNy7n8](https://forms.gle/EtHWvJADgS8HNy7n8)).
  3. Money must be turned in to Lisa in the office. Checks must be made out to "RLA PTL"
  4. Orders must be picked up at RLA on Friday, September 11th.

If you have not sold mums before, these mums are big and beautiful. The 8" pot refers to the size of the pot they come in, not the size of the plant. This fundraiser supports the PTL AND allows 7th and 8th graders to earn money for their class trip. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jen or Scott Rowsell via fast direct. Thank you!

## **Yard Signs for Sale**

If you or someone you know would like a double-sided RLA yard sign, they can be purchased in the office for \$12. If you let Miss Lisa know, she can bring it out to your car if you don't want to come into the building.

## **Save the Date - Golf Outing**

While our annual golf outing benefiting the Dale Timm Scholarship Fund has gotten off to a late start, we are on the calendar for Sept. 26. We will be looking for both golfers and prizes. Stay tuned for more information.

## **Coming Soon - New RLA Apparel**

Watch for a flier next week for the new RLA apparel. We will be selling t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts \*new\*, and hoodies.

## **Dress Code**

Parents, check your child before leaving for school to make sure s/he is following the dress code. The full code can be found in the Parent Handbook on pages 9-11. In particular, pockets and a zipper do not make a uniform pant, as we are seeing too many tight, stretch, legging styles. The pants are to be cotton/twill style. The same holds true for jeans and shorts. Also, shorts and skirts should be no higher than mid-thigh. If the length is borderline, keep in mind that bending at lockers and sitting in a chair, makes it appear even shorter. If your child's shirt/sweatshirt covers the shorts/skirt, the shorts/skirt is not long enough. Keep this in mind for gym and practice attire too.

## **Parking Lot Reminders**

Please be aware of these parking lot protocols for the safety of our students and parents.

- Watch your speed and pay attention to people walking and merging into the traffic flow.
- If you are picking up your preschool child from extended care between 3 and 3:30pm, park in the small lot by the brown building or through the dismissal car line.
- Stay in the dismissal line until your child(ren) are in the vehicle.
- **Do not exit your vehicle while in the carline. If you need to come into the building, park in the main lot.**
- Don't park/stop between the orange cones, they designate our pedestrian walkway.
- No phones in the carline!

## **Did You Know?**

You can pay school bills online through FastDirect. You can also sync your phone to our school's google calendar. Contact the office to learn how!