



# Jr/Sr Newsletter

March 2010

## *Igniting Minds and Souls*

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*A Note from the Executive Director Pastor Carol S. Gates*

### Have you ever considered...

Have you ever considered becoming a host family to a foreign exchange student? One of our goals for the upcoming year is to extend and enhance the educational experience our students receive by expanding the foreign exchange program. It is our hope that we will be host to 30 high school students from around the world, which will bring a variety of cultural diversity to RLS, enhancing the educational experience throughout our school system.

We invite you to consider becoming a host family. The blessings host families receive are numerous, the most significant being the development of the relationship between the student and host family. The exchange program covers the exchange program expenses for the student including tuition, medical and personal items. The cost to the host family is minimal.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, an incentive program will be offered to RLS host families in the form of partial tuition credit for the host family's children enrolled at RLS. If a host family does not have a child in the RLS system, RLS will offer a stipend to defray the costs associated with hosting a foreign exchange student.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a host family. For further information about the program, please contact Kim Semmelroth at 815-877-9551 x 126.



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## Calendar Clips

### MARCH

1-No School –Pulaski Day  
 4-Dipettes  
 9-Market Day pick up 3-4 p.m.  
 12-Winter Play *Go Dog. Go.*  
 7:30 p.m.  
 12-RLS Food Drive  
 13- Winter Play *Go Dog. Go.*  
 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
 14-Winter Play *Go Dog. Go*  
 2:30 p.m.  
 15-Booster Club meeting  
 6:30 p.m.  
 16-Orchestra Concert 6:30  
 p.m.  
 17-High School Placement  
 Testing  
 17-19-Stanford Testing for 7th  
 & 8th grade  
 19-Career Day –early  
 dismissal at 1 p.m.  
 19-Dinner Auction at  
 Giovanni's

22-23 -ACT Prep Class 6:30  
 p.m.  
 25-Financing College Seminar  
 7 p.m.  
 26–High School Contest  
 Concert 7 p.m.  
 27-Battle of the Bands

### APRIL

1-Dipettes  
 2-9-Easter break  
 10-ACT testing  
 13- Market Day pickup  
 16-High School track-home  
 meet  
 17-High School Placement  
 Testing  
 19-Making College Count  
 presentation for seniors-9:30  
 a.m.  
 21-JH track home meet  
 29-30-Garage sale set up

### MAY

1-Garage Sale 8a.m.-2 p.m.  
 3-Booster Club meeting-6:30  
 p.m.  
 5-High School Concert  
 5-Blood Drive  
 6-Dipettes  
 8-Jr/Sr Prom  
 11-JH Concert  
 11–Market Day pickup  
 18-Awards Night  
 26-Baccalaureate-7 p.m. at Our  
 Saviors  
 26-Final Exams/early dismissal\*  
 27-Final Exams/early dismissal\*  
 28-Final Exams/early dismissal\*  
 28-Sr graduation/last day of  
 school

\*See Final exam schedule for  
 details.

## 2010/2011 Spirit Squad Try Outs

High School girls interested in trying out for the 2010/2011 Spirit Squad must be in attendance at the following:

Monday, April 12 - 6:30pm, Parent Mtg, 7-9pm, Clinic

Tuesday, April 13, 7-9pm, Clinic

Wednesday, April 14, 6:30pm, Try Outs

Please call Pam Blume in the athletic office @ 815-877-9551 x 114 with questions.

### 2009-10 TESTING DATES

ACT: February 6, April 10\*, June 12\*

(\*Denotes test is given at RLHS)

SAT: May 1, and June 5

Registration forms are in the Guidance Office for the ACT and SAT.

Students can also register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for the ACT  
 and [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for the SAT.

RLHS high school code is 143-709

## Graduation FAQs

1. When is graduation? 7 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010
2. Where is graduation? First Evangelical Free Church 2223 Mulford Road (southeast corner of Mulford Road & Springcreek Road)
3. Do I need tickets? No. Rockford Lutheran does not issue tickets for the commencement ceremony.
4. Is there a limit to how many family members I can invite to the ceremony? There is not a limit to how many family members you may invite. First Evangelical Free Church has plenty of room.

If you have any other questions do not hesitate to call the school office at 815-877-9551 during school hours.

## Final Exams/End of year schedule

*Wednesday, May 26*

- 1st hour-7:45-9:05
- 2nd hour-9:15-10:35
- 3rd hour-10:45-12:05

*Thursday, May 27*

- 4th hour-7:45-9:05
- 5th hour-9:15-10:35
- 6th hour-10:45-12:05

*Friday, May 28*

- 7th hour-7:45-9:05
- 8th hour-9:15-10:35

Students missing exams must provide a written doctor's excuse.

Students will be dismissed

at the conclusion of daily exam schedule.

Please make appropriate ride arrangements for your student.

No lunch will be served on these days.

## 2010-2011 Tuition Rates

The Board of Directors after prayerful deliberation, as well as input from Administration, set tuition for the 2010/2011 academic year.

- Half day Pre K, (MWF) \$2475
- Half day Pre K (M-F) \$2970
- Full day Pre K (MWF) \$3564
- Full day Pre K (M-F) \$4950
- Half day K \$3060
- K-6th grade \$5100
- Grades 7-12 \$5725

Additional fees due with first tuition payment:

- Consumables \$20

- Technology \$50
- Fees billed monthly /as incurred:
- Before Care \$4 per hour
  - After Care \$4 per hour
  - Academic Support \$10 per hour (billed monthly)

Jr/Sr High School fees due with first tuition payment:

- Technology \$50
- Transportation \$25
- Graduation (seniors) \$65
- 6th grade consumables \$30
- 7/8th grade consumables \$30
- Freshman retreat \$75

Class fees due when schedules are final

- Accounting \$30
- Art \$25
- Business Math \$20
- Science \$10

Fees billed per semester Resource Room

- 2 days per week \$337.50 year
- 4 days per week \$675 year

Fees billed as incurred

- Activity/Sports \$75 each

## Registration for New Students Now Available

Rockford Lutheran School invites you to encourage families and friends to visit our school and find out more about the exciting opportunities at Rockford Lutheran. Please tell family and friends to come tour the schools, meet faculty and ask questions.

For more information or to set up a private tour please call Sue Woolbright, Admissions Counselor, at 815-877-9551 ext. 108.

## Crusader Thrift Shop

The Crusader Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers to work in the shop. After completing fifty hours of volunteer time, \$400.00 is sent to Rockford Lutheran School and credited toward a designated student's tuition. The shop is open Monday-Saturday, 10:45 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The thrift shop would prefer

volunteers to work a set schedule but can also use people to be on call for emergency situations. Parents or Grandparents who are interested in this opportunity to earn tuition assistance please contact Marilyn Fitz at 815-877-5024.

The shop will also accept donations of clothing,

household items, and other saleable items. Proceeds from sales of donated items are shared with Rockford Lutheran School and are used for tuition assistance for our families. Saleable donation items can be dropped off at Crusader Thrift Shop, 310 Seventh Street, Rockford, IL 61104.

## All State Orchestra Selections

Congratulations to Kendall Ferguson and Annika Ewaldz for being selected for the Illinois All-State Orchestra. They spent Thursday, January 28—Saturday, January 30 in Peoria rehearsing and

performing with this honor group. Their selection makes them part of the top 2% of high school musicians in the state of Illinois. This is the eighth year in a row that RLHS has had All-State Musicians chosen. Also

selected from Lutheran was Benaiah Sombke as first cello alternate. Great job Kendall, Annika and Benaiah!



The winter play *Go Dog, Go* by P. D. Eastman will be on a thrust stage with audience participation, a truly unique theatrical experience.

Show dates are March 12, 13 and 14.

Tickets: \$7.00, Senior Citizens & 18 and under \$5.00; RLS students free.

## Guidance Office News

### CONGRATULATIONS

Rachel Krause, Greg Harris and Connor Corirossi represented RLHS at the Lange Leadership Conference at Valparaiso University on February 5-7.

### IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE FOR 09-10

Parent Nights  
"Financing College" for all families – March 25, 7:00

### Testing

Stanford Achievement/High School Placement Tests for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students – March 17, 18, 19  
ASVAB for Junior students – March 18

### Student Presentations

"Making It Count" assemblies – Seniors – April 19, 9:30  
Careers Day – March 19

ACT Prep Class – March 22 and 23, 6:30  
Awards program – May 18 - Junior High School, 6:00/  
Senior High School, 7:15

ACT PREPARATION: The ZAPS Learning Company will be hosting an ACT prep workshop at RLHS on March 22 and 23. The cost of the class will be \$79. Registration forms have been mailed to junior students. Students must

register online by March 19.

### COLLEGE FINANCIAL PLANNING NIGHT:

All are invited to this FREE family seminar on Thursday, March 25. During this one-hour long presentation you'll gain an understanding of how the college financing process works. The seminar will begin at 7:00 and be held in the Band Room, #304.

2010 FAFSA: Senior students and parents remember that these forms can be filled out after January 1. Families should fill out the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The Guidance office has worksheets that families can use prior to going online. If families would like to fill out a hard copy of the FAFSA they can be picked up in the Guidance office as well.

### 2010-11 COURSE

SELECTION: "Wish Lists" should have been turned in to the Guidance office. If you have not turned in your class "wish list" do so ASAP.

### 6/7/8 GRADE TESTING:

During the week of March 15, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade

students will be taking the Stanford Achievement Tests and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking the High School Placement Tests. It is important that students get a good night's sleep and have a good breakfast for optimum concentration for these tests. It would be very helpful if students could be in attendance at school for these tests because it is difficult to schedule make ups.

ASVAB: The Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery will be given at RLHS on Thursday, March 18. The assessment is free of charge and is open to any junior student. Students must sign up in the Guidance office by March 12. The results of this test help students better define their strengths and weaknesses as they relate to career choices.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

(AP) TESTING: During the first two weeks of May, RLHS will give qualified seniors an opportunity to take the AP exams in Biology, Physics, Calculus, English, Spanish, French and German. Registration for these tests must be completed in the Guidance office by March 19. The 2010 exam fee is \$86 for each test.

## Scholarships

Below is a list of scholarships which senior students can apply. Be aware of deadlines. If you are interested drop by the Guidance office for information and applications.

Rockford Kiwanis Club Scholarship  
Deadline: March 12

Confederate Veterans Scholarship  
Deadline: March 15

Rockford Lions Scholarship  
Deadline: March 15

ISPE Engineering Scholarship  
Deadline: March 15

Soil/Water Conservation Scholarship  
Deadline: March 19

Junior League of Rockford Community Service Award  
Deadline: March 19

General Assembly Scholarship  
Deadline: March 31

Township Officials Scholarship  
Deadline: April 1

Alpine Kiwanis Club Scholarship  
Deadline: April 1

Rockford Health Systems; Cholke/Bullard Scholarship  
Deadline: April 1

Rock River Trail Horseman Association Scholarship  
Deadline: April 1

## Summer Opportunities

The Guidance office has registration applications for these summer programs

United States Military Academy at West Point, "Leadership Seminar" May 29-June 4 or June 5-11

Northwestern University College Preparation Program, various dates and courses available throughout the summer

ISU Katie School of Business Management Program, August 1-6

Fresh Films, "Extraordinary Cinema" for more information go to [www.fresh-films.com](http://www.fresh-films.com)

## Cell phones at school

According to the Student Parent Handbook of Rockford Lutheran School:

Electronic communication devices such as cell phones and pagers are not to be in use in school during school hours (from 7:30-3:15). A violation of this policy will result in confiscation and a detention. Items will only be

returned to parents. All devices are to be turned off, and kept out of sight. Any item detected in a classroom can be confiscated. The school is not responsible for theft. All CD players, portable TV's, and other electronic entertainment devices are not to be in use during

school hours (from 7:30-3:15). A violation of this policy will result in confiscation and a detention. Items will only be returned to parents. All devices are to be kept concealed, or they will be confiscated. The school is not responsible for theft.

## Rockford Lutheran School Crusader Parent Network Pledge

Rockford Lutheran High School recognizes that the use of alcohol and other drugs and the challenges associated with them are a major problem in our Rockford community, particularly among our youth. Would you like to take part in making a difference? Would you like to take a stand to promote and maintain an alcohol and drug free school, and to promote an alcohol and drug free lifestyle for our students? Then look for more information on the Crusader Parent Network Pledge at [www.rockfordlutheran.org](http://www.rockfordlutheran.org). You will find the pledge under the "parents" tab. If you would like to join the network, please complete the following form and return it to our office. Thank you for taking a stand!



### Rockford Lutheran School Crusader Parent Network Pledge

As a signed member of the Crusader Parent Network, I will demonstrate consistent support for these measures, and the application of school policy to violations. It is understood that confirmed violation of these expectations on my part will result in removal of my name as a member of the network. Members of the network will be listed on a school website in order to encourage communication with fellow parents.

Students printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Rockford Lutheran Booster Club

## “You make the difference!”

### Next Booster Club Meeting

March 15th at 6:30 PM

### Save the Date

Rockford Lutheran School Dinner Auction  
at Giovanni's  
Friday, March 19th

#### Uniform Resale

Please contact Kathleen Adler, kadler@1stepmortgage.com, to purchase used uniforms. Appointments can be made by calling (815) 985-6509. All donations of used uniforms may be sent into the front office.

#### Garage Sale:

The Booster Club is still in need of a chairperson for this event. Please Help!

#### Chair Needed

Please consider volunteering to be a chairman for the Mother/Son Event. For information please contact

Dan Clark (815-218-0507).

2010-2011 Crusader Booster Positions:



The first five positions fill The Executive Board of the Booster Club\*. All other positions are

leadership roles that are responsible for a specific activity or fundraising event. Please consider how you can assist the Spirit Club in one of these roles.

President –  
Vice President –  
Secretary –  
Treasurer –  
Past President—Dan Clark  
Concession Coordinator -  
Grill Master –  
Check Awards—

#### Booster Club Board

President – Dan Clark  
Vice President – Brian Wieting  
Secretary – Dyan Lofgren  
Treasurer – Clint Anderson  
Past President - Pam Kellen

Dip-ettes –  
Directories –  
Evergreen Ball –  
Father/Daughter Event –  
Fruit, Wreath, and  
Garage Sale Coordinator –  
Golf Play Day – Brian Peck  
Junior High Events –  
Membership –  
Mother-Son Event –  
Renaissance –  
Stress Free Finals -  
Spirit Wear –  
Teacher Appreciation –  
Tuition Raffle –  
Uniform Resale –  
Waterfront –  
Upcoming Meetings:

- March 15
- May 3

Officer elections will be held at the May 3 meeting.



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## ROCKFORD LUTHERAN BOOSTER CLUB

### SPIRIT WEAR ORDER FORM

| Item  | Sizes Available                | Price   | Size Needed | Quantity |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Sweatshirts/Shirts - Adult Sizes</b>                   |                                |         |             |          |
| <b>NEW</b> Purple Hooded Sweatshirt with Quarter Zip Neck | XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL                | \$38    |             |          |
| Black Hooded Sweatshirt                                   | XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL                | \$38    |             |          |
| Black Track Zip-Up Sweatshirt                             | XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL                | \$37    |             |          |
| Silver T-Shirt  | S-M-L-XL-2XL                   | \$12.50 |             |          |
| Purple Dri-Fit S/S Shirt                                  | XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL                | \$20    |             |          |
| Black L/S Mock Turtleneck                                 | XS-S-M-L-XL-2XL                | \$31    |             |          |
| <b>Sweatshirts/Shirts - Juniors Sizes</b>                 |                                |         |             |          |
| <b>NEW</b> L/S Black Hooded Zip (Lightweight)             | Juniors: S-M-L-XL-2XL          | \$27    |             |          |
| Charcoal T-shirt  | Juniors: M-L-XL-2XL            | \$12.50 |             |          |
| Charcoal S/S Hooded Shirt                                 | Juniors: S-M-L-XL              | \$22.50 |             |          |
| Black S/S Hooded Zip                                      | Juniors: S-M-L-XL              | \$18    |             |          |
| Burnout Tee with L/S White t-shirt                        | Juniors: S-M-L-XL              | \$35    |             |          |
| <b>Accessories</b>  |                                |         |             |          |
| NEW Baseball Caps   |                                | \$15    |             |          |
| Decals - Various sports/activities                        |                                | \$1     |             |          |
| <b>NEW</b> Golf Umbrella                                  |                                | \$35    |             |          |
| <b>NEW</b> Purple Stadium Seat                            | Embroidery of name<br>Included | \$60    |             |          |
| ENTER NAME HERE:  |                                |         |             |          |

**Please fill out above form, make sure to note size and quantity, then send with payment to school office.**

All items must be prepaid with cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Rockford Lutheran Booster Club. You will be notified by phone when your order is ready. Questions? Contact Kim Berke at 815.997.3093. Thanks for your support.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**KOCKTORA Lutheran School  
2010/2011 Academic Calendar**

| MONTH     | WEEK 1 |   |    |    |   | WEEK 2 |    |    |    |    | WEEK 3 |    |    |    |    | WEEK 4 |    |    |    |    | WEEK 5 |     |    |    |    | # OF DAYS |  |  |    |    |     |
|-----------|--------|---|----|----|---|--------|----|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|----|--------|----|----|----|----|--------|-----|----|----|----|-----------|--|--|----|----|-----|
|           | M      | T | W  | TH | F | M      | T  | W  | TH | F  | M      | T  | W  | TH | F  | M      | T  | W  | TH | F  | M      | T   | W  | TH | F  |           |  |  |    |    |     |
| AUGUST    | 2      | 3 | 4  | 5  | 6 | 9      | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 16     | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 23     | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 30     | 31  |    |    |    |           |  |  |    |    | 10  |
| SEPTEMBER |        | 1 |    | 2  | 3 | 6      | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 13     | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20     | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 27     | 28  | 29 | 30 |    |           |  |  |    |    | 21  |
| OCTOBER   |        |   |    |    | 1 | 4      | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 11     | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 18     | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 25     | 26  | 27 | 28 | 29 |           |  |  | 29 | PT | 19  |
| NOVEMBER  | 1      | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5 | 8      | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 15     | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 22     | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 29     | 30  |    |    |    |           |  |  |    |    | 18  |
| DECEMBER  |        |   | 1  | 2  | 3 | 6      | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 13     | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20     | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 27     | 28  | 29 | 30 | 31 |           |  |  |    |    | 13  |
| JANUARY   | 3      | 4 | 5  | 6  | 7 | 10     | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 17     | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 24     | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 31     |     |    |    |    |           |  |  |    |    | 20  |
| FEBRUARY  |        | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4 | 7      | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 14     | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 21     | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 28     |     |    |    |    |           |  |  |    |    | 18  |
| MARCH     |        | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4 | 7*     | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 14     | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 21     | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 28     | 29  | 30 | 31 |    |           |  |  |    |    | 22  |
| APRIL     |        |   |    |    | 1 | 4      | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 11     | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 18     | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 25     | 26  | 27 | 28 | 29 |           |  |  |    |    | 15  |
| MAY       | 2      | 3 | 4  | 5  | 6 | 9      | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 16     | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 23     | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 30     | 31* |    |    |    |           |  |  |    |    | 20  |
| JUNE      |        |   | 1* | 2* | 3 | 6      | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 13     | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20     | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 27     | 28  | 29 | 30 |    |           |  |  |    |    |     |
|           |        |   |    |    |   |        |    |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |    |        |    |    |    |    |        |     |    |    |    |           |  |  |    |    | 176 |

**L=LEGAL HOLIDAYS:**  
 September 6-Labor Day  
 October 11-Columbus Day  
 November 12-Veteran's Day  
 November 25-Thanksgiving Day

January 1-New Year's Day  
 January 17-MLKing Day  
 February 21-President's Day  
 March 7-\*Casmir Pulaski day  
 May 30-Memorial Day

**S=SPECIAL HOLIDAYS:**  
 November 26  
 December 20-Jan. 2-Christmas  
 April 18-25-Easter