

January 9, 2012
Ripon Christian
Elementary/
Middle School

Lead Me to the Rock

As with many of you, the start of a new year brings about planning and anticipation for a fantastic new calendar year for me. In my superintendent role, I begin the process of planning the budget for the next school year. This planning requires me to look back at revenues and expenditures for the first part of this school year, check to see if we are on track for the remaining months, and prepare for the anticipated needs of the upcoming year. Obviously, one of the driving forces in all of this planning is our current enrollment and projecting the enrollment of the next school year. Why am I sharing this with you? Well, I am asking for your assistance. The best way to keep our tuition rates down is to maximize our resources. Maximizing our resources involves filling the empty seats in our classrooms with God's covenantal children. This is where you come in. Most new parents when asked how they heard about RCS indicate that it was from a neighbor or acquaintance; in other words, "Word of Mouth" advertising. I would like to ask each of you, over the next seven days, to make a concerted effort to tell 10 of your neighbors or acquaintances about the benefits of sending their child(ren) to Ripon Christian Schools. In fact, you could use the upcoming RC Information Night as a door opener when conversing with them about our great school. Please check your email to find a flier for the RC Information Night which will be held in our Performing Arts Center on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. If you are not comfortable speaking with your neighbors, partially tuck a copy of the flier under some doormats in your neighborhood. You might also see if any of the businesses you frequent would be willing to post the flier. Thank you in advance for your help.

Kerry



Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch this Wednesday, January 11, is sloppy joes and chips.



P. E. - Students in grades K-3 will start a unit on tumbling this week. Mrs. Engel requests that students not try the tumbling movements at home without adult supervision.



Christian School Circle invites you to their first 2012 meeting, to be held at Almond Valley Church this Friday, January 13. Decisions for allocation of fall funds raised have been carried over into 2012, so we encourage your attendance and participation in this very important meeting. Nursery provided; TRIP sold. Refreshments served at 8:20 with the meeting to follow. Hope to see you there!

Chapel: This month's chapel topic is *Hope—when we wonder about the future*. The K-8 chapel will be this Tuesday, January 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.



Report Cards: Report cards will be e-mailed home for grades 4 – 8 this Friday, January 13. Students in grades K-3 will receive a hard copy to take home.



Exploratory Thank-You: Middle-school students and teachers thank all parents who transported/chaperoned students participating in off-site exploratories held the week before Christmas. We appreciate your gifts of time and interest.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – J. Manus, M. Franzia, B. Spicer
Wed. – F. Larson, F. Braga, D. Smith
Thurs. – D. Nichelson, S. Koolhaas
Fri. – D. Menonides, G. Perez
Mon. – No School



Middle School Sports

1/11 – 7th & 8th boys' BB
@ Hart Ransom– 3:30 p.m.
1/13 ,14 - 7th & 8th boys' BB
Gustine Tournament– TBA
1/9 - 6th grade boys' BB
@ Central Valley Chr. Acad. -
3:45 p.m.



January Calendar

1/13 K-12 report cards
1/13 Homecoming
1/16 Martin Luther King Day –
No School
1/19 New Family information night –
7:00 p.m. in the PAC