



Principal's Perch

Report cards are on our minds. During January 18's chapels, Pastor Dave Lindner mentioned grades to our students: "If you get bad grades on your report card, you want to hide it behind your back. If you are proud of your marks, you want to put the card on your forehead!"

Pastor Dave then transitioned to Simon Peter's "record." The first time Jesus assisted him and his friends with catching lots of fish, Peter fell down on his knees and asked Him to leave because he didn't feel worthy of being in His presence. (See Luke 5:1-11.) After Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus once again told His disciples how to pull in a net full of fish. This time, Peter jumped out of the boat and ran to Jesus, having learned that in spite of his "low grades" (e.g., denying that he knew Jesus three times), his Savior loved him. Jesus had died on the cross to cover Peter's failures. (See John 21:1-17.)

We, too, can run to Jesus with our "report card," knowing He is able to use our strengths *and* weaknesses in kingdom work—being fishers of men.

Mr. DeWeerd



Spiritual Emphasis Week:

Our upcoming Spiritual Emphasis Week will include a free family event (for ages 6 on up) led by Dr. Micah Parker, Athletic Director at California Baptist University, on Thursday, February 3 (7:00-8:00 p.m.). Pick up required tickets for *The Game of Life* from one of the school offices. *This week please pray for Dr. Parker as he finalizes his chapel presentations.*

Form Deadline: Today was the turn-in date for the Service Project Day Permission/Volunteer Form e-mailed to middle-school families last week. Please send in the form tomorrow if you haven't already done so. Your assistance is appreciated!



Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, January 26, is hot dog and chips.



Come and join Ripon Christian Knightsounds at the Oracle Arena in Oakland as they sing the National Anthem for the Golden State Warriors vs. the Orlando Magic game on Friday, March 11, 2011. Tickets are \$20. Please contact Becky Rhoda at 402-9328 or e-mail her at becky@almondvalley.org for ticket sign-ups by February 20. Please make your check payable to RCS with *Warrior's game* in the memo area.



Soldier Care Packages:

Ripon Christian will be sending care packages to our soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan during Spiritual Emphasis Week (January 31 – February 4). A list of needed items can be found under the *Spiritual Emphasis Week* tab on the school's website or in the school offices along with collection boxes for your donations.



TRIP: Thank you to all who purchased Scrip this past holiday season. During December we sold over \$105,000 in just three weeks. A reminder that Kohls and Schempers will accept credit payments in Scrip. TRIP hours are as follows:

- Tuesdays – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the high school office.
- Fridays – 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the PAC kitchen.



February Calendar

1/31 – 2/4 Spiritual Emphasis Week
2/18 Teacher in-service – **no school**
2/21 President's Day – **no school**
2/25 K-3 progress reports



Youth Baseball League:

For a number of years now, a group of men interested in giving Ripon Christian 7th-8th graders a quality exposure to baseball have been coaching teams in a youth league at Rainbow Fields, east of Modesto. They would like to make that offer again, starting in February. After three Saturday practices focusing on fundamental skills at Oakdale's Cen-Cal Baseball Academy, subsequent practices will be held after school at R.C in March. A ten-game schedule will be played at Rainbow Fields on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings. The cost will be \$80. To learn how much interest there is, the men ask parents to either e-mail or call Brum deVisser. His email address is brumdv dairy@aol.com and his phone number is 541-4737. Please contact him if you are interested in having your son participate or if you have any questions.



YardDuty Volunteers

Tues. – B. Brouwer, J. Haugg
Wed. N. Nichelson, J. Fisher, C. Van Vuren
Thur. – L. Van Groningen, M. De Abreu, L. Van Vliet, J. Manus
Fri. – C. Sarkozy, J. Sroufe, F. Larson
Mon. – T. O'Neal, R. Booth



Middle School Sports

1/26 6th gr. boys' BB @ home
3:30 p.m.
1/29 6th gr. boys' BB @ OLF
10:00 a.m.
1/25 7th & 8th gr. boys' BB @
home – 3:30 p.m.
1/27 7th & 8th gr. boys' BB @ home
3:30 p.m.
1/29 7th & 8th gr. boys' BB @ OLF
11:00 a.m.