

RIPON CHRISTIAN HI-NOTES

November, 2010

PLEASE remember to call the high school office by 9:30 a.m. if your student is absent. A voice message can be left at extension 201 at any time.

Entertainment books are still available from the High School Office, only \$20. Some other ongoing high school fundraisers are Papa Murphy Cards - \$5.00 and Mt. Mike's Pizza Coupons - \$20.00.

The HS band will be selling Dutch slippers (Cloggy) in the shape and style of wooden shoes. If you would like a pair contact a HS band member or check out the "Spirit Wear and Fundraisers" link at www.rcschools.com.

RC Sweatshirts – there are still a few available. Call Mr. De Ruiter in the high school office.



One Million Pennies!! The Athletic and Math departments of Ripon Christian School are attempting to raise one million pennies. 2 liter bottles are at the school and are placed in businesses throughout the community. So far we have counted over 55,000 pennies towards our goal! We also continue to need plenty of clean 2 liter soda bottles to collect pennies in. All proceeds benefit the Ripon Christian Athletic department.

Food Drive for Ripon Interfaith Ministries - Thank-you for supporting our food drive. 59 complete meals were collected along with many extra items. Mr. Heyboer's Economics Class collected 21 complete meals!

TRIP News - Gift cards make great Christmas gifts! You can buy TRIP on Friday mornings in the new gym foyer



on December 3, 10 and 17. Gift cards remain the most requested item on consumer gift lists, making them attractive to all value-conscious shoppers who don't want to waste money on unwanted gifts.

Calendar

12/01	Service Hours Due
12/13	Christmas Concert
12/13-15	Art Show - Pac Lobby
12/15-17	Exams
12/20-31	Christmas Vacation
01/03	School Resumes
01/07	Homecoming
01/08	Winter Banquet
01/14	End of First Semester
01/17	No school
01/20	New Family Info Night

School Circle will meet again on December 3, 8:30 a.m. at Almond Valley CRC (Corner of 2nd & Wilma). New members are always welcome! Come join us for a short business meeting. Nursery is provided. Consider your holiday giving through T.R.I.P., available for purchase at this location also.

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A used RC polo shirt sale will be held on January 7, 2011 at the School Circle meeting location in Almond Valley CRC (corner of 2nd & Wilma).

Ripon Christian is forming a new STEWARDS CLUB led by Mr. Kisse. The club will include the USFIRST Robotics Competition Team called **RobotiCStewards**, and will also have many opportunities for students to demonstrate their calling to be stewards of the gifts God has provided them. The STEWARDS acronym stands for Service Through Engineering, Welding, Academics, Robotics, and Design by Students. We will have our first meeting during the week of December 6th.

Dordt College will be offering a spring campus visitation trip this year! It will be March 24 – 26. Total cost is \$250. If you are interested, please contact Raeanne Alger.

Dear Parents of Seniors considering four year colleges,

Students have taken college entrance exams and have applied, or are applying, to colleges of their choice. The financial aid process is the next step.

For most colleges, only one form is required. The application form, for which there is no processing cost, is called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents are urged to complete the FAFSA, especially if this is the first son or daughter for whom application is being made or if they are applying for scholarships from the college(s) where they have applied.

The FAFSA should be completed as early in February as possible. It is permissible to submit estimates by referring to the 2009 income tax forms. However, completing the 2010 tax forms first does simplify the task of completing the FAFSA. The FAFSA form is found at www.fafsa.ed.gov (Notice, the web address is .gov, not .com. The .com site requires a fee and the FAFSA is free!) On-line completion of this form requires PIN numbers to represent signatures. Both parent and student

must have a PIN number which can be obtained at www.pin.ed.gov Paper copies of the FAFSA are no longer being mailed to high schools, however, they can be obtained by either phoning (1-800-433-3243) or by visiting www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/pubs

The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for federal financial aid as well as for the Cal Grant. Students planning to attend a California college and have a 2.7 or higher grade point average are encouraged to apply for the Cal Grant by completing the FAFSA, postmarked no later than the deadline of March 2. The only other requirement for the Cal Grant is the GPA Verification, which will be handled in the Counseling Office.

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov is an online tool that helps students and parents determine their current eligibility for federal student aid and how much aid they would receive if they applied today.

Financial Aid Information Night Steve Mouw of Dordt College will be leading an information meeting to explain the college financial aid process. Parents of college-bound students, regardless of college choice, are welcome on Tuesday evening, January 4 at 6:30 pm in the Ripon Christian High School Library.



Our Booster Club is selling spiral cut hams. Each ham is 8-9 pounds and only \$20. Please place your order by calling Brandy Hower by December 10. You will need to pick up your hams between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on December 17 in front of the Middle School Gym. Great gift for your employees!

Service Hours are due December 1. Each high school student must turn in 10 service hours by that day.