

Welcome to Ripon Christian School Circle! What is School Circle? Simply put, we are the parent fundraising organization, similar to PTA of the public schools. Meetings are open to anyone willing to assist in this area. The organization is under the supervision of the Ripon Christian School Board.

We meet the first Friday of every month from 8:45-10:00 a.m. (coffee and refreshments provided) at the Almond Valley Christian Reformed Church in Ripon. We open our meetings with prayer and devotions, followed by a brief business meeting. Nursery is provided for your infants and toddlers. **NEW THIS YEAR: There will be a monthly drawing for \$50.00 in your choice of T.R.I.P. You must be present to win! Drawing will take place at the end of each meeting. One ticket will be given for attendance, and another ticket if bringing a parent new to School Circle.** The first day of school we will be serving cookies and coffee and hope that you can stop by to meet some of the School Circle members.

Proceeds of the Circle fundraisers are used for the needs of RCS upon previous consultation with the administration. RC School Circle is always looking for more volunteers. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and build relationships. Many people are needed for the fundraisers and events that we hold during the year to be a success. These fundraisers save each of us directly in helping keep tuition costs down. The following are some of the projects we are involved in:

**Family Fun Night**~This is our biggest fundraiser and is held at the Ripon Community Center. Family Fun Night will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011. After listening to others' input, it is with prayerful consideration that we've decided to act on implementing some fun and exciting changes to FFN. More details to come later!

**Sally Foster/Gold Canyon**~ Sally Foster/Gold Canyon is a fall fundraiser that runs between September and November. **NEW THIS YEAR: The option to participate in both fundraisers or choose the one that best suits your family's needs!**

**Hot Lunch**~ Profits are minimal as we offer this service to our students as a labor of love on each Wednesday of every month. **ATTACHED IS THE ORDER FORM!**

**Polo Shirts**~ This fundraiser was formed to provide an option of exchanging previously worn polo uniform shirts, between our RC families at a minimal cost. Funds raised benefit both family and school, as shirt expense is lessened and as School Circle income is put to use for other school needs. Sales are announced and held throughout the year. ***We will be having a sale at the Knights Kick Off on August 11, in the aerobics room off the high school gym.***

**Melaleuca/Healthy Home**~ This is an ongoing fundraiser and a percentage of every order from RC members (and those they refer) goes to RC in the form of a check each month. Melaleuca

carries over 400 non-toxic household products including cleaners, cosmetics, and over-the-counter pharmacy products. You can get more information at [www.rchealthyhomes.com](http://www.rchealthyhomes.com) Whether your child is in elementary school, middle school, or high school, we would like to see every family represented in School Circle. If you are not familiar with our fundraisers, please feel free to call a School Circle member. The officers for the 2011-2012 school year are:

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*The School Circle has long supported the financial needs of Ripon Christian with its fundraisers. The funds raised help keep tuition costs from rising beyond our reach. However, without parental support the School Circle and its vital fundraisers will cease to exist. Please prayerfully consider assisting Ripon Christian and its students through your participation and volunteering in either a position on the School Circle "Board" or in the events during the year. PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT. We are still in need of a vice-president this year.*

Thank you for your tremendous, continued, faithful support. Our events are always successful because of YOU!

Kerry Harris

School Circle President