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A Word from Principal Bob Holzem

During this time when winds blow colder and we're reminded of nature's beginnings and endings, I want to share a few words along the lines of thanks and hope.

I am thankful for those who work hard to help others learn valuable lessons, and for those who welcome the better angels of our virtue as frequent visitors.

I am thankful for young people who are sincere in their desire to make the world a better place for all living things and to those who work to make it so.

I am thankful for the efforts of parents who give their children to us to work with daily and for their support in helping these students grow to their potential.

I am hopeful that we will continue to look more to the good in people rather than dwelling on the deficits.

I am hopeful we can together contribute to creating a safer and fairer community.

I am hopeful for the future, because we believe in the value of preparing and sustaining our young people.

Thank you for reading this, I hope you feel the same way....

Happy Holidays,

Bob

CALENDAR 2010 – 2011

DECEMBER

- 3 Barnes & Nobles Book Fair
9:00am – 11:00pm
- 9 Cocoa Concert 7-8:30pm
- 14 Market Day pickup 4-5:00pm
- 16 Choir/Orchestra Concert – Holy Communion 7:00
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Holiday Recess

JANUARY

- 3 School resumes
- 13 Dine Out at Domino's
- 14 Early Release – 12:31
- 17 MLK Day – no school
- 18 PTSA meeting 6:30-8:00
- 20 Conferences – dismissal at 11:28
- 21 Conferences – no school
- 21 Winter Formal 5:30-9:30pm
- 25 Market Day pickup 4-5:30pm

WALDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS.....

VOLLEYBALL

Middle School Volleyball is in full "swing" with over 60 boys & girls involved in the intramural program! After Thanksgiving the traveling teams will play against the other 5 middle schools in Racine. It looks to be a great season in the making! Coaches Sam & Sue

YEARBOOK INFORMATION.....

Yearbook Cover Contest – Congratulations go to **Cortney Becker** for submitting the winning design for this year's Walden III Yearbook! As always, it was a difficult choice and we sincerely thank all those who submitted very fine designs: **Sierra Lomo, Sarah Horn, Elizabeth Inloes, and Taylor Davidson.**

COUNSELOR NEWS...Katie McCauley

On December 8, 2010 all 9th & 10th grade students will be taking the Explore and PLAN tests respectively. These tests are preliminary ACT tests.

The ACT is a test that most students take in the spring of their junior year or the fall of their senior year as part of their college application process.

The tests are being paid for by the school district and students will take the test in our building on the morning of **Wednesday, December 8th**. A brochure explaining the test is being given to your student on Monday, November 29th. Please review the brochure and call me with any questions you have.

* No cell phones, I-pods, food or drink will be allowed in the testing rooms. Students will need to leave these items in their lockers or at home.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Katie McCauley, Counselor, 664-6262

BADGER BOYS/GIRLS STATE

Current juniors that are interested in government should consider applying for Badger Boys State or Badger Girls State. Badger Boys is held at Ripon College **June 11-18, 2011** and badger Girls is held at UW-Oshkosh **June 19-24, 2011**. Juniors must qualify to attend these programs. They must be in their junior year of high school, be a U.S. citizen, be interested in government and citizenship, rank in the top third of their class, have outstanding qualities of leadership, good moral character, cooperativeness, dependability, participate in extra-curricular activities and be in good health. More information can be found online at www.badgerboystate.com (for boys) and www.badgergirlsstate.org (for girls). Juniors who are interested need to see Katie McCauley for the application process. Deadline to apply is December 10, 2010.

COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

There are many websites to search for information about colleges and scholarships. Go online to Fastweb.com, collegeboard.com or anycollege.net. For financial aid information, try finaid.org, ed.gov, or fafsa.ed.gov.

HONORS INFORMATION

RUSD Central Office sends honors information to the Racine Journal Times, using the following criteria:

High honors = GPA of 3.5 and above

Honors = GPA of 3.25 – 3.49

ACT Registration Dates for 2010-2011

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date (Fee Req.)
2/12/2011	1/7/2011	1/8-21/2011
4/9/2011	3/4/2011	3/5-18/2011
6/11/2011	5/6/2011	5/7-20/2011

SAT Registration Dates for 2010-2011

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date
1/22/2011	12/23/2010	1/7/2011
3/12/2011	2/11/2011	2/25/2011
5/7/2011	4/8/2011	4/22/2011
6/4/2011	5/6/2011	5/20/2011

Register online to take the ACT test at

www.actstudent.org or at

www.collegeboard.com for the SAT. The code for Walden is **501-919**.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SENIORS

A variety of scholarships are available to seniors.

They should stop and see Katie McCauley for more info and deadlines in room 319.

OTHER INFORMATION:

COLLEGE GOAL WISCONSIN is a free event held annually at Gateway Technical College and other colleges in the area. The program is designed to help families complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form, which is required to apply for federal assistance for college fees. The event takes place **Saturday, February 19, 2011 & Sunday, February 20, 2011**. Go online at www.wicollegegoalsunday.org for more info.

Selective Service:

All 18-year old men must register for Selective Service. If you fail to register, you cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college.

Registration is easy and can be completed in less than two minutes via the Internet at www.sss.gov. Register today!

RACINE PTA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

All seniors enrolled to attend an accredited college or university in the fall of 2011 are eligible to apply for a **\$1,000.00** scholarship from the Racine PTA council. Applications must be completed by the student and postmarked no later than **March 6, 2011**. The scholarship recipients and two guests will be invited to attend the Annual PTA Council Banquet at the Racine Marriott. See Katie in room 319 for an application.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION

Seniors can apply online at www.fafsa.gov for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is the form needed to apply for government aid and may be required by your college. Seniors & their families can apply after Jan. 1, 2011. See Katie in room 319 or call 664-6262 for more information.

MODEL O.A.S./U.N.

Congratulations to the Walden Model O.A.S./U.N. Club for the great job they did at the UW-Parkside Conference on November 11 & 12. **Coral Buchaklian, Sergio Reza, Lauren Instenes, and Reese Grabowski** all proposed resolutions and had them passed in committee. Our Head Delegates **Cheyenne Lentz, Isabel Orno, Kara Rossbach, and Jacob Spiegelhoff** (filling in for an ill **Anneka Barrow**) gave good speeches to the General Assembly. Now we will begin planning for the March Model U.N. Conference at UW-Milwaukee. Great Job Walden O.A.S./U.N. students. The following students round out this great group: **Kristine Pujanauski, Katlyn Flynn, Ethan Bloom, Ryann Kosterman, Anna Evans, Zack Evans, Elizabeth Inloes, Nick Vantubergen, Stacy Martini, Matalin Schoone, Heba Ali, Riley Stiemsma, Brandon Embrey, Breanna Vanderplow, Teahelahn Keithrafferty.**

U.S. ACADEMIC DECATHLON.....

Congratulations to our U.S. Academic Decathlon team. We took 1st place at the competition at Kenosha Gateway Technical College on November 9, 2010. We are a Division III school and beat 4 Division I teams. One of them did not even show up. Maybe they heard we were coming!!!!

Interesting addenda: Walden was the 5th place team statewide qualifying for Regionals. Walden was the top-scoring team in Division III statewide.

The Walden superheroes are: **Augie Jensen, Will Kwak, Dylan Friss, Sarah Horn, Antonio Moctezuma, Kristian Iliev, Paul Hickey, Jacob Zygmunt, Tyler Potter, Keegan Geisler, Grace Bedoian, & Sage Sanchez.**

Extra, Extra – the teamed learned that **Augie Jensen and Sarah Horn** won the 2nd & 3rd place ribbons respectively in Art in the C.E.S.A.# 7 U.S.A.D. region of the U.S.A.D. Local Competition. Given that C.E.S.A. #7 includes Waukesha West and all the big state decathlon teams, that result is not too shabby at all. Way to go little froggies!!!