

# W.O.W.

## Word of Walden

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### IMPORTANT BUSSING INFORMATION.....

Parents if you intend to use an alternate address or dual custody for next school year forms must be filled out. This must be done annually and must be turned in prior to July 1 to be in effect for the next school year. Forms received after July 1<sup>st</sup> will not go into effect until after the third Friday. If you have any questions please call 631-7138 or 619-4652.

### CALENDAR 2010 – 2011

#### MAY

- 2 School resumes
- 4 M.S. goes to "African Cats" movie
- 5-8 Band & Orchestra trip to St. Louis
- 11-20 Penny War
- 13 Bomberball Tournament 6-9pm
- 13 Early Release – dismissal at 12:31
- 13-20 Spirit Week
- 17 PTSA Meeting – 6:30-8:00pm
- 21 Prom
- 24 R.O.P.E. Ceremony
- 24 Market Day Pick-up 2:30-4:30pm
- 26 Ice Cream Social Concert – 6:30pm
- 27 Springing Walden
- 28 RACINEkids Spirit Walk/Run at North Beach
- 30 Memorial Day – no school
- 31 Choir & Orchestra Concert Holy Communion Church – 6:30

### \*\*\*\*NOTE THE NEW ENDING DATES\*\*\*\*

#### JUNE

- 1 H.S Awards Day – 9:00am
- 3 Walden Wheels- 11:00-12:00noon
- 3 Graduation
- 9 M.S. Awards Day – 9:00am
- 9 M.S. Beach Day
- 10 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation
- 10 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dance
- 10 Conference Day – dismissal at 11:28
- 13 Conference Day – no classes

### ART NEWS.....

Walden III will be represented by some interesting and awe inspiring art works at the Spring Racine Unified Art Show which exhibits the best works from each school K – 12. The show will begin May 7<sup>th</sup> and end May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Wustum Art Museum. The following Walden students will have art work in the show: Tiyah White, Kedona Thompson, Mike Leslie, Sierra Lomo, Johnnie McCracken, Natalie Barber, Juana Gomez, Darian Garrison, Sergio Reza, Rachel Mueller, Melanie Pearce, Dakota Sky Bowen, Nicole Woodward, Coral Buchaklian, Sarah Horn, Ross Devecchis, Breanna Vanderplow, & Ryan Seeberger.

### WALDEN WHEELS SHOW.....

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Walden Wheels is June 3, 2011. We are starting to take names of volunteers willing to help before, during and after the event. We are also asking the community for door prize donations and sponsorship: Any and all help is needed and very appreciated. Contact Julie Fornary, staff advisor or Christopher Roberts, student chairperson. Contact by e-mail at [christim1992@yahoo.com](mailto:christim1992@yahoo.com).

## COUNSELOR NEWS...Katie McCauley

### ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Colleges consider the following when evaluating your application:

- \* GPA & class rank
- \* Rigor, or challenge of high school curriculum
- \* ACT or SAT scores
- \* Leadership abilities
- \* Involvement outside the classroom

### EVERY YEAR COUNTS – not only senior year.

A high GPA and choosing challenging courses will improve your chances for both scholarship eligibility and getting into the college of your choice. Keep these points in mind as you schedule your classes.

### COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

There are many websites to search for information about colleges and scholarships. Go online to [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com), [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) or [anycollege.net](http://anycollege.net). For financial aid information, try [finaid.org](http://finaid.org), [ed.gov](http://ed.gov), or [fafsa.ed.gov](http://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.)
6/11/2011	5/6/2011	5/7-20/2011

### SAT Registration Dates for 2010-2011

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date
6/4/2011	5/6/2011	5/20/2011

Register online to take the ACT test at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or at [www.collegeboard.com](http://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.

**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](http://www.sss.gov). Register today!

### FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION

Seniors can apply online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://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.

**JUNIORS:** Please remember to register for the ACT test – there is one more test this school year – June 11<sup>th</sup>. You can register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Please also stop in to see me regarding any questions you have about college, scholarships. Thanks, Katie McCauley

## WALDEN III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

There are three Walden III Memorial Scholarships still available this year. Two are for graduating seniors (Jerome Kamin Award (Avid Readers) & Kevin Kummings Music Award) & the Sarah Lajiness Creative Writing Award which is for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade. For more info stop in the Main Office.

## WALDEN MUSIC DEPARTMENT.....

Ice Cream Social Concert – May 26, 6:30pm \*  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE ICE CREAM**---this is a new date.

Choir/Orchestra Concert – May 31 @ Holy Communion Lutheran Church – 6:30pm

All performances are required and count for 25% of the overall grade. Please make sure you mark your calendars.

\* If you are renting an instrument from the school, all instruments need to be returned by June 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time you will have an opportunity to rent it over the summer. The rental fee is \$15.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION CEREMONY...

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the gym. Please limit guests to parents, siblings and grandparents.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DANCE.....

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance “Neon Dance Party” will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm @ Walden in the cafeteria. **CHAPERONES NEEDED\***

## BOMBERBALL TOURNAMANET.....

Walden will have a Bomberball Tournament on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm in the gym. Cost is \$5:00 per person, \$25.00 per team(limit 5), \$3.00 admission for non-participants.

All proceeds will go toward the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for their graduation celebration.

\*Volunteers are needs to chaperone. Please contact Vanessa if you can help.

## RACINEkids SPIRIT WALK/RUN.....

Join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual RACINEkids Spirit Walk/Run **9:00am, Saturday, May 28, 2011** starting at North Beach.

Walden will keep **90% of the pledges** our families collect, with 10% going to the Racine PTA Council. With just 10 pledges of \$10 each, Walden will earn \$90.00. If 100 students rais 10 pledges, Walden earns \$9,000C! We can do this!

The Spirit Walk starts at North Beach and travels along the Root River Pathway. Be sure to stop at the REC Center’s Grand Opening along the way.

Registration forms and pledge sheets will be sent home with students, or you can obtain one online by visiting this website [www.RACINEkids.org](http://www.RACINEkids.org).

# Walden III PTSA News

## Sophomore Family Needed to Help at Walden Graduation Reception Friday, June 3

Each year, the PTSA hosts a reception for graduating seniors and their families following the evening graduation ceremony. We need a Sophomore Family to VOLUNTEER to assist this year's coordinators, Patrick and Mindy Flynn, and then be the coordinator for next year.

What does a commencement host do?

1. Plan and purchase food for the reception.
2. Check supplies of napkins, etc. stored at Walden and deliver to site.
3. Set up tables at Gifford before the commencement
4. Enjoy the unique experience of a Walden graduation.
5. Serve at the reception immediately following program.
6. Clean up

**Please take your turn in providing a wonderful night for our Walden graduates!**

## RACINEkids Spirit Walk/Run May 28, 2011

Walden III Families – take part in the 2nd Annual **RACINEkids.org** Sprit Walk/Run on **Saturday, May 28, 2011** **9:00 am at North Beach.**

Walden keeps **90%** of the monies raised on the day (10% goes to the Racine PTSA Council, who will return it in scholarships to RUSD students)  
If 100 Walden students  
get 10 sponsors of only \$10 each,  
**Walden will make \$10,000! In one afternoon!**

Go online to **www.racinekids.org** for pledge sheets and to register.

## Open PTSA Positions for 2011-2012 *Walden's PTSA needs you!*

Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions:

- **Treasurer .....1yr position** Provide monthly reports at board and PTSA meetings. An accounting system is provided.
- **Secretary .....1yr position** Take minutes at monthly PTSA and board meetings
- **Membership Chair.....2011-2012** Collect and enter membership information at the beginning of the school year
- **Fundraising Chair** We have several established school fundraisers; continue overseeing existing or develop new ones.
- **Editor of the eNOW - open immediately** Write the weekly PTSA email newsletter. Constant Contact makes it easy!  
Training will be provided.

For more information, email **ptsa@waldeniii.org**

**Elections will be held at the PTSA meeting on May 17.**

## eNOW Editor Position Open

If you like being in-the-know about school events, we need YOU to be the new editor of the eNOW. The purpose of the eNOW is to keep families up-to-date with school news.

***This is a vital service to all Walden families.***

The newsletter format makes it easy!  
Templates, calendars, and training will be provided.  
Time commitment: approximately 3 hours/issue.

Let's talk! Call Lisa, 681-2414