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Word of Walden

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CALENDAR 2009-2010

March

- 8-12 Penny Wars
- 8-12 Spirit Week
- 9 Park Jazz Festival
- 13 Solo/Ensemble Competition
- 16 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 18 Dine Out at Rocky Rococo's 5-9pm
- 19 **Early Release –dismissal 12:31pm**
- 23 Market Day Pickup 4:00-5:00 pm
- 25-26 Book fair in the Main Hall
- 25 **Conferences – dismissal at 11:28 am**
- 26 **Conferences – no school**

April

- 2.9 Spring Break
- 12 School Resumes
- 20 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00
- 20 PTSA College Night 7:00-8:00
- 27 Market Day Pickup 4:00-5:00

May

- 11 Artistic Showcase Talent Show
- 13 Dine Out at Georgie Porgie's 5-9pm
- 14 **Early Release –dismissil at 12:31**
- 15 Prom
- 18 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00
- 20 Band Concert & Ice Cream Social 7pm
- 25 Market Day Pickup 4:00-5:00
- 25 R.O.P.E. Ceremony 6:00pm
- 28 Spring Walden
- 31 Memorial Day – No School

June

- 1 Choir & Orchestra Concert 7:00pm
At Holy Communion Church
- 4 Graduation 6:00pm
- 4 Walden Wheels
- 11 Middle School Awards 9:00am
- 11 8th grade Graduation Dance 6-9:00pm
- 8-9 Conferences

WALDEN III

In the Process of Discovery

FORENSICS CLUB NEWS.....

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

On Jan. Feb. 13th, Walden III Forensics participated in another competition, this time at Lake Geneva Badger. Students competed in various categories, such as radio, speech orations, poetry interpretations and play acting. Those competing include: **John Christensen: Solo Humorous, 2nd place, Beau Wishner, AJ Stibbe: Playacting, 3rd place, Jessica Yester: Playacting, 2nd place, Erica Rick, Ebony Phillips, Heather Salve, Savannah Royer, Jeremiah Jeffries: Group Interp., 3rd place, Reece Grabowski: Four Minute Speak, Finalist, & Kait Carmody: Radio, Finalist.**

Other proud performances from: **Matt McVeigh, Thomas Aviles, Alex Aviles, Kathryn Singer, Josh Fick, Maggie Matson, James Christensen, Stevie Hanneman, Dylan Friss, & Caracal Keithrafferty.**

Your excellent efforts are applauded and respected!

On to our next Challenges: Delavan & Subdistrict.

IMPORTANT WALDEN PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	664-6250
Attendance	664-6259
RUSD	635-5600

2009-2010 ACT/SAT TESTING DATES

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
April 10	Mar.5	Mar 6-Mar 19
June 12	May 7	May 8-21

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
May 1	March 25	April 8
June 5	April 29	May 13

Register online to take the ACT and SAT tests at:

ACT: www.actstudent.org

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

The code for Walden is 501-919

RACINE PTA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Seniors – if you are enrolled in college next fall don't pass up your opportunity to receive a **\$1,000.00 scholarship** from the Racine PTA Council. [Applications](#) must be completed by the student and postmarked no later than **March 6, 2010**. See Katie or click here for an [application](#).

ATTENTION: High School Students:

Colleges consider the following when evaluating your application:

- Vigor, 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.

HONORS INFORMATION

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

- H.S. – High Honors = GPA of 3.5 and up
- Honors = GPA of 3.25 – 3.40
- M.S. – A Honors = GPA of 3.5 and up
- B+ Honors = GPA of 3.25 – 3.49
- B Honors = GPA of 3.0 – 3.249

Counseling for Families

The Racine office of the National Alliance on Mental Illness(NAMI), offers monthly support groups to help deal with a wide variety of mental health issues, including bipolar disorder/depression, survivors of suicide, SAD(Seasonal Affective Disorder), and others. Teen and Adult support groups are available. For more information call 637-0582.

Wisconsin Lions Camp

The Wisconsin Lions Camp has offered quality programs for Wisconsin youth and adults with disabilities since 1956. In order to run their summer camp program, they need summer staff for the positions of male and female counselors, program specialists (swimming, boating, crafts, nature, music & outdoor living, challenge course), healthcare staff, and other support staff. Anyone who is 18 and older can apply. Staff applications are available online at www.wisconsinlionscamp.com.

Dark Side of the Internet:

The Dark Side of the Internet with Special Agent Eric Szatkowski has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 8 from 6-8pm at McKinley Middle School. Call Mr. Dial, Mckinley Counselor, at 664-6172 or see your counselor for details.

Constitution Bowl:

The Racine Elks'Lodge invites all graduating seniors to attend the WI Elks Annual Constitution Contest. This contest allows students to show their knowledge of the US constitution. In doing so, they have an opportunity to win a \$300 scholarship or qualify to participate in the Elks State Constitution Contest with an even greater prize. The local Racine Lodge contest will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 1:00pm at the Racine Elks Lodge. Students should arrive at least 10 minute early. The contest has 40 multiple choice questions and an essay.

Selective Service Registration:

Within 30 days of a male's 18th birthday, he must register for Selective Service. If there is a national emergency, Selective Service provides untrained manpower for the Armed Forces. The list would be used to identify men for the Armed Forces. If you do not register, you cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college. Register at www.sss.gov.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

BOOK RENT

Book rent is now overdue! The fee is now \$17.00 for the 1st semester. Book rent for the 2nd semester is \$12.00 until March 15th, after that it will be \$17.00. Make checks out to Walden and write "Book rent" in the memo line. Remit to your Home- group teacher or directly to the Office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURES

It's the middle of the day in February and a snow storm takes

a turn for the worse. Is school going to close early?

Or maybe you wake up to stormy weather – will RUSD delay the start of school or close school for the day?

Subscribe to the district's **Emergency Notification** email list, and you will receive an email as soon as a decision is made to close school for the day, delay the start of schools for 2 hours, or close school early.

To sign up, go to www.racine.k12.wi.us and click on to "Register Your Email Address" under "Emergency Announcements". You can also subscribe to the RUSD e-newsletter "Inside Unified" which comes out approximately 4 times a month. [Learn about district issues such as redistricting, school start times and transportation changes before they happen.](#)

[Log on to www.racine.k12.wi.us](http://www.racine.k12.wi.us) and enter your email address on the bottom right hand corner under "Email Newsletter"

STUDENT PARKING

Students may use the South parking lot during 2nd and 3rd quarters (Nov. 9 – March 26) for parking.

ALL DRIVERS – please use caution when entering or leaving the parking lot.

Doctor Appointments

If your child has an appointment **PLEASE** call the attendance line with this info before 9:00 am. **Your child must check out with the office** at a specific time and can then meet you at the front door. Note – your child must still check out with the office even if you have called us. Following these guidelines will help to avoid interrupting classes. Thank you!

WALDEN YEARBOOKS.....

Now easier than ever to purchase your Walden III Yearbook. Online purchases can be made at www.jostens.com. Cash and checks made out to Walden III are still accepted. The price is now just \$43.00. Get yours today!!!!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR during conferences

Stop by the Scholastic Book fair held during 3rd quarter conferences to buy some great books and support your Walden School Library. The Scholastic Book Fair will be a one-day fair held on Thursday, March 25 from 11:30am – 7:30pm. Your purchases help build our Walden School Libray collection and keep our Walden students reading. Hope to see you there!....Eileen

THIRD QUARTER CONFERENCES

Walden's conferences will be held on Thursday, March 25 & Friday, March 26. Please remember that **students are required** to attend their conference with their parent or guardian.

IMPORTANT!!!!!!

Don't forget PTSA's Dine Out night pm Thursday, March 18, 5:00-9:00 at Rocky Rococo's.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

HELP FOR HAITI

On February 12, Walden's student government sponsored a bachelor & bachelorette auction and dance to raise funds to help the victims of Haiti's earthquakes. 25 individuals or groups auctioned themselves off and raised \$1455.00 in an hour! A huge thank you to all of the staff and students who participated, as well as to everyone who gave their money to such a good cause.

Upcoming events:

March 8-12 Penny War

March 8-12 Spirit Week

March 30-31 Auditions for Walden Artistic

Showcase...Auditions will be held after school or by special appt. See Kate Potter-Barrow March 22-25 to sign up for an audition time.

May 11 – Walden's Artistic Showcase – 6:30

May 28 Springing Walden

**MODEL UN/OAS.....Tom Kohl,
advisor**

Walden’s Model United Nation’s Advisor Tom Kohl will be taking 30 students to this year’s **Model U.N Conference** at the University of WI-Milwaukee on March 22 & 23. We will be staying overnight at the Doubletree Downtown Center Hotel. Students have made a commitment and have returned permission slips signed by parents- nonattendance will be excused for emergency situations only.

Each student should bring:

- * a small piece of luggage
- * money for meals (lunch, dinner, and breakfast)
- * cell phones are permitted

Each student must be dressed according to handbook instructions and must bring a folder containing:

- * Country and committee handout
- * Culture gram
- * Model U.N. handbook
- * Position paper on committee topic

Parents who are interested in more details should see their children’s Model U.N. handbook or call Tom Kohl at 664-6250

Students must be at Walden by 6:45am on Monday, March 22 in front of the main office to board the bus. They will return to Walden at approximately 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 23.

WALDEN’S BLOOD DRIVE

On February 24th Walden students donated blood to the Red Cross. Students had to be at least 16 years of age to donate. They donated 47 pints of blood which earned Walden a \$250.00 scholarship. Way to go Walden!!!!

DINE OUT THIS MONTH

Rocky Rococo's

Thursday, March 18th, 5 - 9 pm

Visit www.WaldenIII.org to obtain a voucher. (voucher needed)

NEW - Scrip Order Form available online

SCRIP ORDER FORM

MUSIC DEPT.....Vanessa Marciniak

PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Park Jazz Festival.....Tuesday, March 9
The Jazz Band and 4th hour HHB will be performing at Park High School in the evening of March 9, times TBA

Solo/Ensemble.....Saturday, March 13
Solo/Ensemble will be held at Case High School on March 13 . Registration deadline is Monday, February 8. Both high school and middle school orchestras will participate – this is a **required performance**.

Band Festival.....Saturday, March 20
Band Festival will be held at Park High School on March 20. 4th hour HHB and 6th grade band members will participate. There will be a mandatory rehearsal at Park that morning. Times TBA. The performance will be at 7:00pm at Park High School.

100 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!
Solo and Ensemble Competition
Saturday, March 13

High school students this is a great opportunity to fulfill your community service requirement for R.O.P.E.

Parents – please consider helping out if you can! It takes many volunteers to keep this festival running smoothly.

Please sign up for the following shifts:

8:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-5:00pm All Day
All day volunteers will be provided with a free lunch. Please contact Vanessa a 664-6250 by February 12 to volunteer.

MUSIC DEPT. FUNDRAISER – MILAGERS

Music students will be selling Milager’s Gift Certificates March 25 – April 16. These gifts certificates are good on all live plants for your spring garden.

SPRING CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Walden Spring Choir & Orchestra Concert will be held on Tuesday, June 1st at Holy Communion Lutheran Church (the church on the hill by the Sixth Street bridge). It will start at 7:00pm.

Be There or Be Square!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!