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RUSD ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER NEWS.....

The Racine Unified Administrative Service Center (ASC) will be closed to the public over the Spring Break holiday April 22-29. During this time, the District's server will be relocated to the new District office site at 3037 Mt. Pleasant Street. While it is being relocated, ASC staff will have no phone or computer access. Please be aware that you will not be able to contact staff at the ASC during this time. In addition, there will be no public access to the ASC building. The ASC will reopen to the public on May 2.

If you have any questions prior to April 22, please contact your school principal or the ASC at 262-635-5600.

MESSAGE FROM BOB.....

Despite the dearth of spring-like weather, Spring is here, and so is the 4th quarter. With excellent talent show performances, continuing great WKCE results, super Academic Decathlon & Model U.N. representation, fine upcoming Forensics participation, and the awarding of solar panel generated funds being placed by the district back into the Walden Green School account, things are really coming along at Walden.

Staff at Walden have been busy during the professional development dates throughout the year working on our school improvement plan goals, thinking about how we go about purposefully teaching our students, revising the Governance process, and exploring new developments in technology with the SchoolNet system. After the recent conferences, we start this final push of this school year, and want to thank you for your support throughout this year. Some years are more challenging than others, but if we all keep a positive attitude, have our goals in mind, and work toward the best interests of our students, we will help ensure that great learning experiences continue for these students. By doing these things, we collaboratively enhance all of our futures.

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CALENDAR 2010 – 2011

APRIL

- 7 6th grade Technology Day
- 19 Market Day Pick-up
- 19 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 20 Cubs Game
- 21 Bachelorette/Bachelor
- 22-May 1 Spring Recess (school resumes May 2)

MAY

- 2 School resumes
- 4 M.S. goes to "African Cats" movie
- 5-8 Band & Orchestra trip to St. Louis
- 13 Early Release – dismissal at 12:31
- 17 PTSA Meeting – 6:30-8:00pm
- 20 Prom
- 24 Ice Cream Social Concert – 6:30pm
- 24 Market Day pick-up
- 27 Springing Walden
- 30 Memorial Day – no school
- 31 Choir & Orchestra Concert Holy Communion Church – 6:30

JUNE

- 3 Walden Wheels- 11:00-12:00noon
- 3 Graduation
- 9 8th grade Graduation
- 9 8th grade Dance
- 9 Conference Day – dismissal at 11:28
- 10 Conference Day – no classes

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, 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.)
6/11/2011	5/6/2011	5/7-20/2011

SAT Registration Dates for 2010-2011

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date
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.

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!

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.

COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT.....

Park High School will be hosting a College Information Night on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 6:00pm in the Theatre. Walden families are encouraged to attend. Stop on out to talk to college admission counselors and hear information about application & scholarship procedures, financial aid and admission requirements. The following colleges will have representatives there: Marquette, Carthage, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Madison, UW-Parkside, UW-Oshkosh, Gateway, & Great Lakes Higher Education Corp. Katie McCauley, Walden's counselor, and Park staff will also be available to answer any questions.

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

SOPHOMORES: Please let your parents know about the WisCareers computer based program we accessed in March. Let me know if you have any questions. Also, stop in to see me regarding your PLAN results if you did not receive them yet. Thanks, Katie McCauley

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WALDEN MUSIC DEPARTMENT.....

Congratulations to the following students going on to State Solo & Ensemble: Willard Kwak – piano, Hannah Gudbaur – viola, Erin Peterson – violin, Johnan Gamble – cello, Sarah Gudbaur - & Sam Patterson – viola.

Congratulations to all who participated in the district Solo & Ensemble. You all played very well! Your awards will be given out on awards day at the end of the year. Anyone who participated last will receive last year's awards at the same time.

Remaining performances for Bands:

1. St. Louis Trip – May 5-8
2. Gilmore Band Clinic – May 13, during the school day
3. Ice Cream Social Concert – May 24, 6:30pm

Remaining performances for Orchestras:

1. St. Louis Trip – May 5-8
2. Spring concert with the choir – 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please call Vanessa or send a note with your child if you can help out.

1. I will need 1-2 chaperones for the Gilmore band clinic on May 13th. You will be responsible for keeping watch over the Walden students, and helping to organize and distribute the pizza when it arrives.
2. I will need 6-10 volunteers to help serve ice cream at the Ice Cream Social on May 24.

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

CHOIR

The choir is working with Market Day on a fundraiser that will help them purchase more music. They are selling pies for the April Market Day orders. The pies look scrumptious and would be a wonderful addition to any meal! Please see any choir member or Kate to place an order. April's Market Day pickup is on Tuesday, the 19th – just in time for Easter.

NEWS FROM THE ART DEPT.....

Walden High School students will have their artwork exhibited at the Racine Unified School Board room from April 18th to May 13th. A couple dozen students will have a variety of artwork on display; drawings, prints paintings, & photos. Check it out after school and you might get a glance of this exhibit on cable channel 20 when a board meeting is taking place.

Another event for eight of Walden's middle and high school art students will be a May 3 afternoon workshop. Students will have the experience of working with a famous portrait artist Robert Shetterly.

WALDEN WHEELS SHOW.....

The 11th 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.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS NEWS....

Congratulations to the Walden Model United Nations Club for their outstanding performance at UW-Milwaukee on Monday, 3/21 & Tuesday, 3/22. This year's members include: Isabel Orno, Nick Vantubbergen, Matalin Schoone, Teahelian Keithrafferty, Cortney Becker, Emily Weiss, Jacob Spiegelhoff, Reese Grabowski, Anneka Barrow, Katelyn Flynn, Coral Buchaklian, Anna Evans, Ethan Bloom, Kristin Pujanauski, Kara Rossbach, Zack Evans, Heba Ali, Stacy Martini, Ryann Kosterman-Thillemann, Tyler Smith, Cheyenne Lentz, Breanna Vanderplow, Sergio Reza, Lauren Instenses, Paku Thor, Henry Clickner, & Erin Peterson.

U.S. ACADEMIC DECATHLON NEWS...

The Walden United States Academic Decathlon team rocked at the state championship on March 17th & 18th.

Representing R.U.S.D. and Racine, the Walden III Decathlon team coached by Thomas Feeney scored 33,068 points to win Second Place and a trophy in the Division III school category. The Walden team consisted of the following individuals by competition category: HONORS: August Jensen, Will Kwak, Dylan Friss; SCHOLASTIC: Sarah Horn, Antonio Moctezuma, Paul Hickey; VARSITY: Keegan Geisler, Tyler Potter, Grace Bedoian; ALTERNATE: Kristian Iliev.

In the competition which involved ten written and oral academic events, the following students also won individual medals: Varsity Interview GOLD MEDAL: Grace Bedoian; Scholastic Art SILVER MEDAL: Sarah Horn; Honors Mathematics SILVER MEDAL: Will Kwak. Team Division III SILVER MEDALS went to August Jensen, Will Kwak, Dylan Friss, Sarah Horn, Antonio Moctezuma, Paul Hickey, Keegan Geisler, Tyler Potter & Grace Bedoian. In addition, Augie Jensen won a Shooting Star Trophy and \$200 scholarship for being the Top Scorer on the Walden team.

This year's state championship represents the fourth consecutive year and the sixth overall that Walden has represented Racine in the state event. The team looked goooooood and made Walden look great!!!!!!

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FORENSICS CLUB NEWS.....

Congratulations to the Walden III forensics Team!!!! The team succeeded at the district competition on March 26th. All team members advanced to the State level. Those going to Madison on April 15-16 are the following: Caracal Kiethrafferty (4-min); Josh Fick & Kyle Sandow (radio); Kait Carmody, Cassie Peterson, & Chris Hawk (play-act); Kristen Ilieve & Pierce McVeigh (playacting); and Sarah Carmody, Kate Heineck, Sarah Kveton, & Elizabeth Inloes (playacting). Also, thanks to Mrs. Carmody, Mr. & Mrs. Fick, & Mrs. McVeigh for their continued support and efforts with concession sales. Way to go team!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS.....

Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction:

Walden's hysterical Bachelor/Bachelorette auction is coming on April 21st! Parents/grandparents/adult friends are welcome to join us in Walden's gym that day for a riotous event that will help raise money for a school in Haiti. Students and staff have already begun working on their "acts" and would really appreciate it if you would join us or bid on them!

What do you get if you bid on someone? The feeling of satisfaction that comes with helping make the world a better place! (Or, you can demand services. I bid on my son once and made him clean his room!) This event will take place in the Walden gym at 10:00am on Thursday, April 21st. PLEASE JOIN US! Kate

Penny War and Spirit Week – May 11-20th.
See the May WOW for more info!