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MESSAGE FROM BOB.....

I'm in the process of reviewing Walden student writing in every grade – 6 through 12 – and I am enjoying myself.

The idea of each teacher, in every subject, in one of the 4 quarters of this year completing a writing project with their students emanates from one of Walden's 2010-11 school improvement plan goals – of increasing writing ability through practice. Walden teachers turn in their class projects to me, and I enjoy seeing the project. Extra practice is good, and ultimately it pays off. You may ask how this is accomplished in an art, phy. ed., or other elective class. Well, it isn't that difficult – there's always a way to incorporate writing given any subject!

Writing has been described as "visible thinking" and, so it is, given my review of the work so far. Young, creative, busy minds are at work at Walden and I've got the proof.

WALDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS.....

Boys Basketball – Jan. 4 – Feb. 24 – M –Th
Must be picked up by 4pm. Activity Bus

Girls Basketball – Feb 28 – Mar. 17 – M – Th
Must be picked up by 4pm. No bus

Floor hockey
Mar. 21 – April 7 – M – Th
Must be picked up by 4pm. – Activity Bus

FEBRUARY

- 1-28 Sundae of the Month at Georgie Porgie's
- 15 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 18 Valentine Dance
- 22 Market Day Pick-up 4-5:30pm
- 23 Walden Blood Drive
- 25 Winter Break Day-no school (contingent snow day)

MARCH

- 8 Park Jazz Festival
- 12 Solo/Ensemble
- 15 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 18 Early Release – dismissal at 12:31
- 22 Market Day Pick-up
- 24 Conference Day – dismissal at 11:28
- 25 Conference Day – no classes

WALDEN MUSIC DEPARTMENT.....

PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Park Jazz Festival...Saturday, March 8th

The Jazz Band and 4th hour HHB will be performing at the Park Jazz Festival at Park High School in the evening hours. More information will be available as the time gets closer. The 6th grade band may play as well.

Solo/Ensemble.....Saturday, March 12th

Solo/Ensemble will be held at Case High School on March 12th. Participants must sign up with Vanessa by January 30th. Both high school and middle school orchestras will participate – this is a required performance. Other students who plan to participate should be working on their piece by now. If you would like to participate but do not yet have your music selected see Vanessa immediately. Registration will take place toward the end of January.

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

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.)
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
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.

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 (FASFA)** 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

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.

THE YOUTH OPTIONS PROGRAM allows juniors and seniors in good academic standing to take college courses at Parkside or Gateway. Fall courses will be **paid for by RUSD** if the district does not already teach that specific course. Current Sophomores & Juniors should see Katie for an application. **Sign up by March 1st for fall of 2011 classes.**

TO PARENTS OF 9TH GRADERS: EXPLORE results were given to your 9th grade students. Please ask them for the results.

TO PARENTS OF 10TH GRADERS: Please remember to sign up for your Individual Planning conference with Katie McCauley. Letters were sent home last week. Call Katie for more info if needed, 664-6262.

PARENTS OF SENIORS:

“**ADS FOR GRADS**” are photos and messages from parents to their graduating senior to be printed in the **Walden Yearbook**. Parents – this is your **last chance** to buy a small senior ad for your student. Prices range from \$15.00- \$100.00 for a variety of sizes from 1/8 page to a full-page ad. Please turn them in as soon as possible – by the end of January or the first week in February.

Dine out at Georgie Porgies on Thursday, February 17th, from 5:00-9:00pm. No voucher is required – just mention that you are there to support Walden.

In addition, we will also be earning money for sales of the sundae of the month at Georgie Porgies – chocolate covered strawberry – yum!

ATTENTION SENIORS!

It’s time to get in your senior facts. What do you need to do? Write your fact down on a piece of paper with your first and last name and bring it to Joe Kane or Darian Garrisson. You can also send it via our email at waldenyearbook@yahoo.com. The fact is just a piece of information about yourself that you’d like to share. For example: “I’ve been playing the guitar since I was five” or “I went skydiving last summer.” The deadline is February 4, 2011.

ACADEMIC DECATHLON NEWS...

Walden III narrowly (171 points) missed the 3rd place trophy at the WI US Academic Decathlon Regional Competition at UW-Whitewater on Jan. 7, 2011. Our team consisted of the following student coached by Tom Feeney: **Augie Jensen, Will Kwak, Dylan Friss, Sarah Horn, Antonio Moctezuma, Paul Hickey, Tyler Potter, Keegan Geisler, & Grace Bedoin.**

A complete ribbon report follows:

Augie Jensen, 3rd Honors Math, 1st Honors Interview, 2nd Honors Art, 3rd Honors Economics, 3rd Honors Overall Scorer;

Sarah Horn, 1st Scholastic Social Science, 2nd Scholastic Art, 2nd Scholastic Music; **Paul Hickey**, 3rd Scholastic Math, 1st Scholastic Art;

Antonio Moctezuma, 3rd Scholastic Math; **Keegan Geisler**, 3rd Varsity Essay; **Will Kwak**, 2nd Honors Math; & **Dylan Friss**, 2nd Honors Speech.

Hurry and buy your yearbook today!

Wonderful and creative work in this unique yearbook for only \$43.00! Make checks out to Walden III. If you have questions call Joe Kane at 664-6250.

FINALLY....WALDEN HAS QUALIFIED AS ONE OF 20 TEAMS ADVANCING TO THE STATE COMPETITION MARCH 17-18 AT THE WILDERNESS RESORT IN WISCONSIN DELLS. This is the fourth consecutive year that Walden III has qualified for State. Overall, it represents Walden’s sixth appearance at the State Championship event in the last eleven years.

WALDEN BLOOD DRIVE....FEB.

23rd

The American Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and plasma in the U.S. Next month on February 23rd, **Walden seniors** will be sponsoring a blood drive to benefit the American Red Cross. We encourage all adults: parents, grandparents, and anyone 17 or older to participate. We are proud of the tradition of our students who continually seek new ways to be of service to our community. Please take part in Walden’s Blood Drive and support this event.