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Word of Walden

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JUNE CALENDAR

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| 1 | Choir & Orchestra Concert | 7:00pm |
| | At Holy Communion Church | |
| 4 | H.S. Graduation | 6:00pm |
| 4 | Walden Wheels | 11:00am |
| 7 | Middle School Awards | 9:00am |
| 8 | 8 th grade Graduation | 10:00am |
| 8 | 8 th grade Graduation Dance | 6-9:00pm |
| 8 | ½ day of classes then conferences | |
| | Dismissal at 11:28 | |
| 9 | No Classes – conferences | |

IMPORTANT WALDEN PHONE NUMBERS

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

IMPORTANT NOTICES

BOOK RENT

Book rent is now overdue! The fee is \$17.00 for the 1st semester. Book rent for the 2nd semester is \$17.00. Make checks out to Walden and write "Book Rent" in the memo line. Remit to your Homegroup teacher or directly to the Office.

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 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 III

In the Process of Discovery

MESSAGE FROM BOB.....

As we close in on the end of this academic year, it is my hope that our students at Walden have experienced another fine year full of valuable learning experiences. Some years are more challenging than others, and the rewards of learning can be found in all kinds of situations, both negative and positive. The key, I believe, is for students of all ages to come to know the benefit of observation, research, perseverance, and their own attitude, toward helping themselves become productive in the learning process. Learning opportunities are all around us, at all times. If we are open to the process, we tend to understand more. So, happy summer learning to all of us.

Recently, I was contacted by our Buildings and Grounds department. As you know, more work is scheduled to be addressed this summer on our building. The question came up, that if there is an opportunity to have at least our hallways painted sometime in the future (no guarantees), which murals would we like to keep and not have painted over. Groups reviewed our walls and identified nearly all of the murals on Walden walls to remain. There were the inevitable rumors to the contrary, but this is the fact of the matter. I am impressed with the attention that is being given our building and want to thank all of those responsible for helping clean and fix up the 'old homestead,' from our supportive parents, helpful students and staff, and those whom we've been learning to trust more, and place real faith in, from Buildings and Grounds (specifically Frank Jaroz, Bill Rodenberg, and Bob Pirk) and, of course, John Cooper, Head Engineer along with Sean and Denise who are working harder than ever to make us look better.

Over the summer, staff who have taken the challenge, will be working to create next year's school improvement plan, something that now takes place for every school in our district. We will be examining data and creating goals based on that information along with our own informal data. We are committed to helping foster the kind of setting and opportunity for learning that will serve our students well into their futures. Thanks for sending your kids to us – we'll see you in fall.

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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ACT Registration Dates for 2010-2011

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late-fee required
Sept. 11, 2010	August 6, 2010	August 7-20,2010
Oct. 23, 2010	Sept. 17, 2010	9/18-10/1, 2010
Dec. 11, 2010	Nov. 5, 2010	Nov. 6-19, 2010
Feb. 12, 2011	Jan. 7, 2011	Jan. 8-21, 2011
April 9, 2011	Mar. 4, 2011	Mar. 5-18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011

Register at www.actstudent.org School code: 501-919

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

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.gov.**

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.

**SUMMER SCHOOL/
NORTH STAR ACADEMY**

Summer School is now called North Star Academy. Classes are available this summer for both middle and high school. Students can register for enrichment classes and courses that need to be made up due to failure. Please contact Katie McCauley with questions or for registration form.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS are due back in the library now in order to finish the end-of-the-year book inventory. Please look through your books for those belonging to the Walden Library and return them promptly. Enjoy the summer and keep our Walden students reading!

REF: KEYBOARDING

Many of our Walden students (especially Middle School) are lacking in keyboarding skills. This is very critical skill in today's technological world. We are trying to address this in the future with an additional computer lab. We offered a middle school keyboarding class this spring and found some great keyboarding lessons that can be done right through the Internet. It is free and you don't have to buy any software programs or books. I have set these up in our library catalog and they are very easy to access. I encourage you to have your children complete one of these programs over the summer. The program "Keyboarding drills" has seventeen lessons that cover the entire keyboard. They take about 30 minutes per drill. You can have your child complete a typing test at the beginning of the program and retake it again after completing the seventeen drills. You will see amazing progress! I have also included some fun typing games on the site as well. So in addition to keeping our Walden children reading, please have them work on improving their keyboarding skills. They are both a great investment of their time. Enjoy your summer!

At home go to <http://instech.racine.k12.wi.us/>

- Click on Library
- Click – Select a Library Option
- Select and Click -RUSD Destiny Library
- Go to High School – Select Walden III
- You are in the catalog – **Select Visual**
- Select – **Typing**
- Select – **Keyboarding drills**
- Start with number one and work through all drills
- You can print a copy of the page for each drill

Other good programs on this site are:
Typing Web Key Lessons or Key Lesson – found under the visual search

WALDEN WHEELS.....

Everyone is invited to the **10th Annual Walden Wheels Show** to be held **Friday, June 4th from 10:45am until noon** in the south parking lot. Walden students, staff, family and friends bring all manner of wheeled vehicles for display. An interesting selection of collector and custom cars and motorcycles are expected. Representatives from the Racine Fire and Police Departments plan to attend. Their sirens have gotten quite some attention in the past. In keeping with our Green school philosophy, we hope to see some environmentally friendly vehicles again this year. All things with wheels are welcome and we hope non-motorized or people-powered vehicles will join in. We are still waiting for our first unicycle.

INFO FROM THE TRANSPORTATION DEPT.

1. If you need to use an alternate address for your student, such as a baby sitter address, forms must be into the transportation department by July 1st. Transportation forms are available on the district web site www.racine.k12.wi.us under transportation and can be e-mailed as well.
2. If you move over the summer please contact the school. After August 1st you will need to contact Bonnie Schattner at central office at 631-7063.

CONGRATULATIONS.....

Congratulations **David Villarreal** – David participated recently in the **Walk Now for Autism Speaks** event in Milwaukee. His team collected over \$1300 in just 3 weeks to finish in the upper 50% of all pledges. Autism Spectrum Disorders affect thousands around the world and many in our own community. Way to go David! You are a shining example of the Walden Way!!!!

“OCEANS” the movie.....

Last month the middle school went to see the movie “Oceans.” Below are 2 essays written by 6th graders.

OCEANS – by Alyssa Venn

Have you ever wondered what it looks like in an ocean? After watching Oceans by Disney Nature, I got to do just that. The whole movie was amazing, and the pictures were magnificent. It’s unbelievable a diver could be that close to those animals. I loved the whole movie, but the best parts were the baby turtles (although it was sad), the otters, and the whales. The baby sea turtles hatched from their eggs and tried to get to the water. Of thousands of babies, only one survived. I actually cried! The otters were grooming and trying to crack a shell. They were so cute when they were playing. There were many whales throughout the movie, but my favorite was when the blue whale was eating in a huge group of krill. Those are my favorite parts of the movie Oceans.

OCEAN – by Kellon Hargrove

Today the middle school went to go see the new movie “Oceans.” It was about animals in the ocean. I really liked the movie. It was a very good movie. They showed all of the animals and more. At the end of the movie they showed the movie being filmed. It inspired me in many ways. Animals are just like humans, so the whole world needs to start treating them that way. Polluting is one of the many reasons animals are endangered. So stop polluting! Everyone needs to see this movie; it will touch your heart. That’s what I thought about “Oceans.”