

# W.O.W.

Word of Walden

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## CALENDAR 2009-2010

### May

- 11 Artistic Showcase Talent Show
- 13 Dine Out at Georgie Porgie's 5-9pm
- 14 **Early Release –dismissal 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 Springing Walden
- 29 [RACINEkids.org](http://RACINEkids.org) Fun/Run Walk
- 31 Memorial Day – No School

### June

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

**DON'T FORGET THE PTSA DINE OUT EVENT FOR MAY – IT'S AT GEORGIE PORGIE'S FROM 5-9:00PM ON THURSDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>. NO VOUCHER IS NEEDED. JUST TELL THEM YOU ARE FROM WALDEN!!!!!!**



**[RACINEkids.org](http://RACINEkids.org) Fun/RunWalk is May 29<sup>th</sup>! Please participate.**

### IMPORTANT WALDEN PHONE NUMBERS

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

# WALDEN III

*In the Process of Discovery*

## MESSAGE FROM BOB.....

If you've visited Walden this spring, or if you've read the local paper lately, or if you've been to a PTSA meeting, you're aware of some changes going on to our facility. Repair work is taking place almost daily to address some of the concerns staff and parents have documented over the years, from flaking paint, to missing floor tiles, along with other remaining issues. Some of these issues have been addressed, and some continue to need attention. Some jobs will need to wait until summer, when the building is void of students and staff, and some will need to wait until more funding is available to pay for it. Our collective thanks need to be given to the district for taking care of the work, as well as our staff and parents, for helping to create an atmosphere of understanding of the needs.

More thanks from me on behalf of the Walden community, to Leadership Racine Group 3, part of RAMAC. These are the people who have taken it upon themselves to 'reclaim a room' at Walden, namely, the basement room that was once an art room but had to be closed due to its condition. My dream was (and still is) to have this room reconditioned to habitable status for use as a computer lab and research resource room. Their first fundraising event was a great success and all indications are that they will reach their goal of \$15,000 to get the job done. Bravo friends! Please support their efforts on our behalf.

Lastly, your Walden PTSA has worked hard to gain an understanding of the repair of Walden. They've been diligent in regards to the safety of our kids and we thank them for it, as it is our common purpose. If you haven't attended a PTSA meeting, consider doing so. And don't forget the variety of events coming up to end this school year described elsewhere in the issue....

**2009-2010 ACT/SAT TESTING DATES**

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
June 12	May 7	May 8-21
SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
June 5	April 29	May 13

Register online to take the ACT and SAT tests at:  
 ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
 SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
 The code for Walden is 501-919

**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

**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](http://finaid.org.ed.gov) or [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov).**

Scholarship application deadlines are fast approaching. There are still a few scholarships available. Stop in or call Katie McCauley for information.

\* Including scholarships for students who will pursue music as a major or students who plan to attend UW-Parkside or Gateway Technical Institute.

**Selective Service Registration:**

Within 30 days of a male’s 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**LIBRARY NEWS.....**

The end of the year is approaching quickly. It is time to think about getting all library books back to the library so we can do a library inventory. The deadline for returning books to Walden library is Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This allows enough time to get all books back and follow up with students who have not returned books. All books that are lost must be paid for by the end of the school year. Library notices will be sent home in May for all students who have not returned their books. Thank you parents for your co-operation and assistance in getting your children’s books back to Walden School Library by this due date. If you have any questions please call Eileen Welch – Walden School Librarian at 664-6265.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### BOOK RENT

**Book rent is now overdue!** The fee is \$17.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Book rent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is \$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.

### *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.....

Walden Walnuts! Time is getting short to get your beautiful Walden III yearbook. There are now **3(three)** convenient ways to pay: cash, checks made out to Walden III, or at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). They are still available at the low price of \$43.00. Simply include the students(s) name and homegroup teacher with your order, and drop it to Joe Kane's room(304) or to Joe's mailbox. Don't delay – get yours today!

## MUSIC DEPT.....Vanessa Marciniak

### SPRING CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Walden Spring Choir & Orchestra Concert will be held on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL: BAND CONCERT...

This year's Ice Cream Social will be a performance for the band only, on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Walden gym. We need parent **VOLUNTEERS** to serve ice cream, and Silent Auction donations. Please see Vanessa to volunteer.

## ART NEWS.....

Walden high & middle school students will be exhibiting some of the best artwork done over the school year at spring art shows.

Racine Unified School District K-12 grades show is held May 2-May 22 at the Wustum Museum of Fine Art. The following Walden students will have their art shown: **Sara Horn, Michael Jorgenson, Taylor Davidson, Cheyenne Lentz, Sam Krause, Paku Thor, Maggie Matson, Dakota Bowen, Aly Rebro, Katelyn Flynn, Melanie Pearce, Kayla Simanek, Alexandria Mayfield, Ashley Wright, Emily Weiss, & Teahelahn Keithraffety.**

RUSD School Board Room Exhibit at the Administrative Service Center will be ongoing during the month of May showing K-12 work from Racine Unified students. **Sarah Horn & Myah Knurowski** will have their art shown.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District is having a one day exhibit May 8 at Janesville, WI that has art judges critiquing for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place. **Paku Thor** and **Christina Ibarra** will have art work in this show.

Congratulations to everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## WALDEN WHEELS.....

Everyone is invited to the **10th Annual Walden Wheels Show** to be held Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Walden III families** will be participating in the [RACINEkids](http://www.RACINEkids.org) Fun Run/Walk on May 29<sup>th</sup> and the RACINEkids Bike Ride on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be there to show our school spirit and raise monies that will support our school. Every pledge we'll help our academic and enrichment programs. We would like everyone to be a part of this event.

**There are a couple ways to get involved.**

1. You can join our Walden III families by participating and raising pledges,

**INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION :**

- [PDF Registration Form](#)
- [ONLINE Registration Form](#)
- [Pledge Sheet](#)
- [Rules](#)
- [Donation Receipt Forms](#)

2. Or you can support our event by becoming a sponsor ([Become a sponsor](#)).

3.

Visit [www.RACINEkids.org](http://www.RACINEkids.org) for detailed information.



**REMEMBER - May 13th**

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## What is Walden's Future? Survey Says...

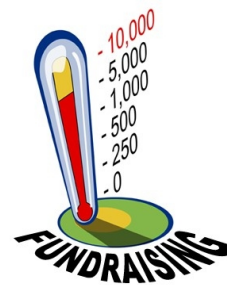
**Please look for an online survey coming out next week.** It is a brief outline of the many directions Walden Works (the buildings committee at Walden III) has been investigating over the last 3 months.

In it you will be asked to provide us direction about future options for Walden. Your choices are crucial for helping the committee decide how to proceed and guide our resources.

Some of the decisions we need to make concern reinvesting in our current location or pursuing a new location for Walden

Although the survey is anonymous, the results will dictate our focus and how we continue. So please make time to provide us with this very important feedback.

**The Walden Works Committee,**  
*parents, teachers and students working to improve Walden III*



**Committee Members NEEDED!**  
**WE NEED NEW FACES!**

We are looking for Walden III Parents who would like to support our fundraising efforts for the 2010/2011 school year.

**Team Leaders are needed to:**

- Manage Family Night
- Promoting the [www.RACINEkids.org](http://www.RACINEkids.org) Event
- Grant Writing
- Scholarship programs
- New Events (Got an idea? Share it with us!)

If you can spare some time and help us out, please contact:

Patrick Flynn at 262.620.2018 or eMail [Patrick@RACINEonline.com](mailto:Patrick@RACINEonline.com)