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Word of Walden

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CALENDAR 2012 – 2013

APRIL

- 1 **No School – Easter Break**
- 4 Conference Day – dismissal at 11:28am
- 5 Conference Day – no classes
- 4 & 5 Book Fair in Main Hall
- 10 6th grade to Golden Rondelle
- 11 Cubs Game
- 11 Dine Out – IHOP
- 12 Dodgeball Tournament
- 12 Early Release – dismissal at 12:31
- 16 PTSA meeting 6:00-6:30pm
- 18 7th/8th Theater Guild
- 18 & 19 Talent Show – 6:30pm
- 24 MS Tech Awareness Day
- 26 Spring Formal Dance
- 30 Market Day Pick-up 3:30-4:40pm

MAY

- 1 Senior Trip to the Dells
- 3 MS Chicago Field Trip
- 7 Dine Out – Charcoal Grill
- 10 Early Release – dismissal at 12:31
- 18 Prom
- 21 PTSA Final Mtg. 6:30 – 8:00
- 24 Springing Walden
- 27 Memorial Day – No School
- 28 Market Day Pick-up 3:30-4:40
- 28 ROPE Presentation Night
- 29-31 Band Trip

JUNE

- 7 Walden Wheels
- 7 Graduation – 6:00pm - Parkside
- 7 MS Beach Day
- 10 8th grade Graduation/Dance
- 10 Conferences – dismissal at 11:28am
- 11 Conferences – no classe

WALDEN'S TALENT SHOW.....

Come one, come all to Walden's Talent Show. See our students perform their talents. This is a great show, our students our amazing. The show will be April 18 & 19, 2013 at 6:30. See you all there.

WALDEN WHEELS SHOW.....

The 13th annual Walden Wheels is June 7, 2013. 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 Leslie Lee, student chairperson.

PTSA DINE OUT NIGHT.....

Dine Out at tow new restaurants this spring! Help the Walden PTSA raise funds for our students and staff by eating at **IHOP on Thursday, April 11th** for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner – anytime between 6:00am an 10:00pm.

In May, out Dine Out date will be **Tuesday, May 7 at the Charcoal Grill** from 11:am to 10:00pm.

Vouchers are required for both of these restaurants, so watch for them on our website, and to come home in your child's backpack the week of the event. Thanks for supporting our school!

YEARBOOK INFO.....

Yearbooks are still for sale – just \$48.00. Cash or check, made out to Walden III. Get it to us soon!

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

JUNIORS should be planning to take their ACT test. Below are test dates and signup information. See Katie or email: Katherine.McCauley@rusd.org with questions.

ACT Registration Dates for 2011-2012

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date (Fee Req.)
6/08/2013	5/3/2013	5/4/17/2013

SAT Registration Dates for 2011-2012

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date
5/4/2013	4/5/2013	4/19/2013
6/1/2013	5/2/2013	5/17/2013

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, 2012. See Katie in room 319 or call 664-6262 for more information.

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.

At time of publication we have not been given information about Summer School classes or schedules.

Walden III All School Reunion

1972 - 2013 - Racine, Wisconsin



Walden III Alumni Celebrate 40+ Years with Summer Events

Walden III School, 1012 Center Street, was founded in 1972 around the belief that students should be a part of the decisions that affect them at school. The school's mission is to be student-centered and staff-driven and to create life-long learners. The school motto, "In the Process of Discovery" is evident in everyday school life as students and staff continue to set benchmarks for the entire Racine Unified School District with high graduation rates and test scores. Walden III School serves children in grades 6 through 12, and has become a leader in the community in its "green" efforts.

Dr. Jackson Parker, founder of Walden III School said, "Walden III has become a source of pride and reputation in the community. The Green School is a wonderful example of what is possible".

August 23 through August 25, students, alumni, staff, family and friends will celebrate Walden's rich history and continued success at events throughout the Racine community, culminating in an all-school reunion at the Reefpoint Brew House.

The events include:

Friday, August 23rd Icebreaker -Select Downtown Racine nightclubs

Mixers (cocktails & appetizers), for Staff, former Staff and Alumni; 7 pm

Saturday, August 24th Reunion Celebration,

5 - 11 pm at the Reefpoint Brew House 1
Christopher Columbus Parkway, Racine.

Sunday, August 25th 10 am - ? Beach Party for Walden Families

North Beach. Come and go as you please (no agenda.)Reunion After-Party Celebrations continue at various Racine locations with a beach party for families on Sunday. North Beach.

For more information about any of the events call Plan Ahead Events, at 877.651.2440, or to register for the Walden III Reunion, visit:

<http://www.waldeniii.org/alumni>

**- Pre-registration is required -
Discounted Registration
until April 30**

You can also stay connected with updates at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/waldenalumni/>

WISCONSIN ACADEMIC DECATHLON 2012-2013 Theme: RUSSIA

The Wisconsin Academic Decathlon program held its 30th Annual State High School Competition March 14 & 15th, 2013 at the Glacier Canyon Conference Center/Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells. Once again, at Regionals, **Walden III** students qualified for the State Competition.

State Competition culminates a year's vigilant study on the overall theme of Russia, from pre-Revolution Soviet Union through the Cold War. Specifically students prepared a written essay about the Space Race, prepared and delivered 3 different types of speech, read *Dr. Zhivago*, painstakingly studied correlated subjects of Art, Music, Language/Literature, Economics, Science, Math, and Social Science (a total of 995 pages of resource materials, not including the novel.). The final event, a public event (with 500+ cheering fans from all over the state,) The Super Quiz Relay Competition, included random questions (in multiple-choice format) from six academic areas. The Relay took place before a live audience of 500+ at the GC Conference Center. Our competition, the 19 top high school teams from Wisconsin were: Athens, Bay Port, Durand, Green Bay East, Iowa-Grant, Marathon, Mauston, Melrose-Mindoro, Menomonee Falls, Mount Horeb, New Berlin Eisenhower, New Richmond, Northland Pines, Slinger, Sun Prairie, Union Grove, **Walden III (Racine)**, Watertown, Waukesha West and Wilmot Union. These Wisconsin students, representing 115 teams, advanced from the Local and Regional events. Teams consisted of nine students, with three students in each category: Honor, Scholastic and Varsity. Categories are determined by the students' A, B and C, or below, grade point averages. The USAD program offers the appeal of mental competition to all achievement levels for high school students. Students vied for more than 300 Medals, 9 Plaques, 39 Trophies, cash and Direct Scholarships. The overall winner, moving forward to the national competition was New Berlin Eisenhower. In Division 3, **Walden III HS** scoring sufficient points for the second place trophy , however the dedicated team placed 8th in the entire state against all divisional levels.

Although **Walden III** was edged out of 1st by one super quiz question, individual team members won many individual awards and scholarships. The competing team proudly accepting their awards were: Willard Kwak, overall highest scoring,(receiving a cash scholarship), 3rd place in super quiz and language; Kyle Sandow, 1st in speech and honored for his melodic rendition of the USA National Anthem; Adrian Traverso, 2nd in super quiz; Cody Haws, 2nd in super quiz; Jacob Zygmunt, 2nd in super quiz; Kristian Iliev 3rd in interview, Keegan Geisler, 1st in interview (receiving scholarship for a perfect score); Jacob Bedoian, 3rd in music. Sierra Lomo received a 2nd place team medal along with our supportive alternates: Emily Weiss and Anthony Paonessa. This is the second year Michael Seyller has coached Walden III USAD, achieving 1st place in 2012 and 8th in Division 3 for the on-line national competition, and the current 2nd place finish. Walden III is proud to have represented RUSD, demonstrating how a small school with a big heart and mind can compete with the top ranked schools. A special thank you to our chaperones Sandy and Tom Hunt. Materials studied were made possible by the generosity of Walden III PTSA, a special grant from SC Johnson, and a most generous donation from Ms. Carol LaPointe, owner of Elite Human Capital of