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CALENDAR 2012 – 2013

FEBRUARY

- 1 Movie Night – 5:00-9:00pm
- 15 Middle School Dance
- 15 Early Release – dismissal at 12:31
- 18 Staff Development Day – No School or First Contingent Snow Day
- 19 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 20 Walden Blood Drive
- 21 Dine Out! At TBA
- 26 Market Day Pick-up 3:30-4:40pm

BUS REMINDERS FOR PARENTS.....

When there is inclement weather of any kind (e.g. snow, rain, fog), please expect bus delays. Ensuring our students arrive to school safely is the number one priority of our drivers, which may mean buses make a slower commute when weather conditions are poor. If your bus is more than 15 minutes late, you may contact Durham School Services at (262)-886-1312. Students must board and depart the bus only at their designated stop. Parents are not allowed on school buses at any time. This policy is in place for the safety of all children who ride the bus.

If you have questions or concerns about bus policies, please contact the RUSD transportation department at (262)-631-7138 or Durham School Services at (262)-886-1312.

MARCH

- 1 Movie Night – 5:00-9:00pm
- 11-15 Spring Break – No School
- 20 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 22 Pops Concert -
- 26 Market Day Pickup 3:30-4:40pm
- 29-April 1 Easter Recess – No School

WALDEN MUSIC DEPARTMENT.....

March 22nd – Pops Concert! Listen to the Orchestra during a catered spaghetti dinner and the Band during dessert and dancing. \$10.00 per person. All proceeds go to help pay for our stage curtains, lights, & sound.

Annual Music Trip – headed to Nashville!! The trip will be at the end of May. Final dates will be set within the next 4 weeks. Price is estimated at \$350.00 per student.

PARENTS OF WALDEN III 8TH GRADER....

There is still time to register your child for the 2013 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. Dates for the trip are from June 19 through June 25.

Have your child see Jon in room 300 for order forms and brochures or visit the WorldStrides websites at: <http://www.worldstrides.org/>. Most of your questions can be answered at the website or by Jon. You can register online if you wish. The trip ID is 80007.

Don't miss this chance for your child to see out wonderful nation's capital! There is a "soft" deadline of Feb. 20, 2013, so don't delay if you are interested. You may e-mail Jon at jon.christian@rusd.org if you have questions.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EVENTS.....

Movie Nights – Feb. 1st – 5:00-9:00pm
 Despicable Me & Avengers
 \$3.00 per movie, \$5.00 for both
 Hotdogs, Popcorn, Nachos, Candy, Water, & Soda will be sold.
 Proceeds go to our Student Gov't to help raise money for our stage curtains, lights, & sound.

March 1st - TBA

COUNSELOR NEWS...Katie McCauley

ATTENTION PARENTS of students in Advance Placement classes: Information on AP testing will be available in February. Registration and the test fee will be due in March 1st. See or call Katie McCauley, AP Coordinator, for more information(262)-664-6262.

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 2012-2013

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date (Fee Req.)
4/13/2013	3/8/2013	3/9-22/2013
6/08/2013	5/03/2013	5/4-17/2013

SAT Registration Dates for 2011-2012

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date
3/09/2013	2/08/2013	2/22/2013
5/04/2013	4/5/2013	4/19/2013
6/01/2013	5/02/2013	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.

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 23, 2013 & Sunday, February 24, 2013. Go online at www.collegegoalwi.org for more information and locations.

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!

RACINE PTA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

All seniors enrolled to attend an accredited college or university in the fall of 2013 are eligible to apply for a \$1,000.00 scholarship form the Racine PTA council. Applications must be completed by the student and postmarked no later than March 1, 2013. 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, 2013. 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 2013 classes.**

CREDIT RECOVERY CLASSES

Lighted Schoolhouse courses are open to students who need to **recover a failed grade in**

order to graduate. Priority is given to seniors. See Katie for an application or more information.

BADGER BOYS & GIRLS.....

Current juniors that are interested in government should consider applying for Badger Boys State or Badger Girls State. Badger Boys is held at Ripon College June and Badger Girls is held at UW-Oshkosh June. Juniors must qualify to attend these programs. They must be in their junior year of high school, be a U.S. citizen, be interested in government and citizenship, rank in the top third of their class, have outstanding qualities of leadership, good moral character, cooperativeness, dependability, participate in extra-curricular activities and be in good health. More information can be found online at www.badgerboystate.com (for boys) and www.badgergirlstate.org (for girls). Juniors who are interested need to see Katie McCauley for the application process.

Emergency Notification E-mails – valuable source for Snow Day information

You wake up to 12 inches of snow outside your window. You're at work in the afternoon and blizzard conditions are quickly approaching the Racine area. Want to be among the first to know if school will be closed? Subscribe to the RUSD Emergency Notification e-mail list, and you will receive an e-mail as soon as a decision is made to close schools for the day, delay the start of schools, close schools early or cancel activities.

To join the emergency notification list, visit the District's website: news.rusd.org/RUSDe-news (case sensitive). School closings or delays will also be announced to local media outlets and will be posted to the District's website, but by joining our emergency notification e-mail list, updates will be delivered directly to your inbox.

You may also check any of the local news stations to find out about school closings or delay starts.

WALDEN BLOOD DRIVE – FEB. 20TH.....

The American Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and plasma in the U.S. On February 22nd,

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.

RAM KARATE CLUB AT WALDEN.....

Do you want to stay fit this winter? Do you need a workout program that includes mental as well as physical challenge? Be sure to stop in the Walden gym on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm to observe The Roy A. Morales Karate Club in action.

Roy charges no fees for the classes (he doesn't mind a small donation to offset gym user fees). He is able to provide low cost uniforms and supplies. In addition, Roy has been the leader of this club for over 20 years. If you would like more information, please give him a call at 262-497-2443.

WALDEN'S US ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Walden's USAD team went to Regional Competition on Jan. 11th at UW-Whitewater. After 6 grueling tests our team earned 18 individual awards, 9 team awards and an overall 3rd place finish. **AND THEY QUALIFIED FOR THE USAD STATE COMPETITION ON MARCH 14TH & 15TH.**

Our team members are: Cody Haws, Willard Kwak, Anthony Paonessa, Kristian Iliev, Kyle Sandow, Keegean Geisler, Adrian Traverso, Jacob Zygmunt, Jacob Bedoin, Sierra Lomo, & Emily Weiss.

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A BIG THANKS.....

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who brought food to Walden on conference day. The staff really appreciates it great lunch.