

# W.O.W.

## Word of Walden

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### HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.....

Bob & the Walden staff would like to thank the PTSA, parents, & students for a great school year. We hope you have a fun & enjoyable summer. Stay safe & we will see you in September.

### IMPORTANT BUSSING INFORMATION.....

Parents if you intend to use an alternate address or dual custody for next school year forms must be filled out. This must be done annually and must be turned in prior to July 1 to be in effect for the next school year. Forms received after July 1<sup>st</sup> will not go into effect until after the third Friday. If you have any questions please call 631-7138 or 619-4652.

### WALDEN WHEELS SHOW.....

The 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CALENDAR 2012 – 2013

#### 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

- 5 **H.S Awards – 8:45-9:20**
- 7 Walden Wheels
- 7 Graduation – 6:00pm - Parkside
- 7 MS Beach Day
- 10 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation/Dance
- 10 Conferences – dismissal at 11:28am
- 11 Conferences – no classes

### PTSA DINE OUT NIGHT.....

In May, our 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!

## COUNSELOR NEWS...Katie McCauley

### ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Colleges consider the following when evaluating your application:

- \* GPA & class rank
- \* Rigor, 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.

### COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

There are many websites to search for information about colleges and scholarships. Go online to [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com), [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) or [anycollege.net](http://anycollege.net). For financial aid information, try [finaid.org](http://finaid.org), [ed.gov](http://ed.gov), or [fafsa.ed.gov](http://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 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
6/1/2013	5/2/2013	5/17/2013

Register online to take the ACT test at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or at [www.collegeboard.com](http://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](http://www.sss.gov). Register today!

### FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION

Seniors can apply online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://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.

**JUNIORS:** Please remember to register for the ACT test – there is one more test this school year – June 8<sup>th</sup>. You can register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Please also stop in to see me regarding any questions you have about college, scholarships. Thanks, Katie McCauley

## YEARBOOK INFO.....

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

## WALDEN III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.....

There are three Walden III Memorial Scholarships still available this year. Two are for graduating seniors (Jerome Kamin Award (Avid Readers) & Kevin Kummings Music Award) & the Sarah Lajiness Creative Writing

Award which is for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade. For more info stop in the Main Office.

**WORLD LANGUAGE DEPT.....**

Walden is hosting its first annual International Day celebration on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. During 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> hours, Language students will be taking part in a variety of activities as part of a project. There will be Latino and French foods available for purchase, music, dance lessons, display tables with historical and factual information, and various talent demonstrations during the 4<sup>th</sup> hour. During lunch hour, there will be FREE dance lessons given by our very talented student body. To close out the event, students will participate in a kickball tournament between the French and Spanish students, which will simulate the Battle at Puebla, Mexico. Mexico's victory at the Battle at Puebla is celebrated on the well-known date of May 5<sup>th</sup>, also known as Cinco de Mayo.

**SCIENCE DEPT.  
NEEDS.....**

The high school science department needs a replacement refrigerator/freezer. If any parent has an old refrigerator and freezer to donate to the high school science department, please e-mail Jon at [jon.christian@rusd.org](mailto:jon.christian@rusd.org).

Jon can use old and/or unwanted piezoelectric (sparking) barbecue lighters for a chemistry lab. Please contact him or have your child bring unwanted lighters to Jon in room 300.

**2014 WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP.....**

Seventh graders will be receiving information concerning the 2014 Washington, D.C. class trip soon. Please watch for these materials from your

seventh grader. Contact Jon at [jon.christian@rusd.org](mailto:jon.christian@rusd.org) if you have questions.

**FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER.....**

I would like to take a moment of your time and share a few thoughts. I'm very proud to be a member of the Walden III PTSA. Six years ago I transferred here and joined this active pro youth/teacher/parent association. I am amazed with all the activities and assistance rendered every year by PTSA. Members are always welcome and needed so please consider joining every year.

As your Social Worker, I hope I was able to assist you in some helpful way. I encourage all of you to reach out for Social Work Services when life challenges occur. Every one has life decisions to make. If and when you are uncertain, upset, worried, excited or perplexed do yourself a favor and communicate with some one about your issues. This may be a family member, friend or even a Social Worker. Do not hesitate to be helped – you are worthwhile! You are the most important person in your life! Love you and you can then love others.

I have truly appreciated working here for all of you. I think all of you for your kindness. I pray that you all travel roads of safety and joyfulness all the days of your life's. As I enter into my retirement, I say take good care and so long for now!  
Hugs, Suzette

# WALDEN III 40TH ALL SCHOOL REUNION

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: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)*

**Pre-Registration, Wrist Band & Packet Pick up Reef Point Marina from 5:00 pm to 7pm. Friday Aug. 23, 2013**

<b>Friday Night</b>	<b>VERO International Cuisine (Confirmation Pending)</b>
<b>Icebreaker</b>	
August 23	All Registered Walden III Staff from 1972 to 2013 will enjoy an evening at a private party held just for you at Vero's private banquet room and roof top party space. The night will include appetizers and cash bar
<b>STAFF PARTY</b>	

**Friday Night**

**Icebreaker**

August 23

**Class of 1972**

**thru 1979**

**Ben's Beach Bar & John's**

**Dock**

Our first graduating classes will enjoy Friday evening at Ben's Beach Bar & John's Dock (Co-Owned by Walden's own John Dunk). The Dunk's have a long history at Walden. John and his son Ben (including his brothers and sisters) are all Walden Alumni.

**Registered Guests will**

**receive:**

A coupon for the restaurant, live music at no charge by "Nightwing" and non stop fun at their Caribbean themed beach bar with sand, sun, and fun. But wait... there's more! The first half barrel of beer is included so get there early and take advantage this wonderful setting on Racine's Root River and gateway to Lake Michigan.

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**Friday Night**

**Icebreaker**

August 23

**Class of 1980 thru 1989**

**Envi's - 316 Main Street**

A bar, lounge, nightclub and restaurant. This ultra lounge is a place where alumni can dine, dance and drink in an atmosphere that promotes social intercourse. The first floor has a bar and a dance floor, the mezzanine is set up as a lounge area, third floor is another bar, and the patio is set up to lounge as well. New and trendy, have a great bite or drink, or have a wonderful time.

**Registered Guests will receive:**

Welcome back! The 80's rocked Ivanhoe at our last reunion and we don't expect that to change! Were moving over to Envi's where we will enjoy music of the 80's all night provided by Envi's in house D.J.

camaraderie & laughter as you walk down memory lane, watch videos of the old school and students.

**Registration includes :**

- Dinner buffet
- Appetizers
- 2 drinks
- **Entertainment will be provided by the music group "Gerard" and the Brew House D.J.**

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**Friday Night**

**Ivanhoes – 231 Main Street**

**Icebreaker**

August 23

**Class of 1990  
thru 1999**

An upscale Pub & Eatery in downtown Racine that improves the quality of life for my community and my team. We will provide the best service, food, and drinks with consistency and cleanliness, while providing attention to detail and having fun.

**Registered Guests will receive**

**Beach Party for Walden Families at 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. Rent a Canoe, Kayak or Jet Ski. (Check back for exclusive offers made available only to our registered guests)

**Sunday**

**August 25**

10 am - ?

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**Friday Night**

**Pepi's Pub**

**Icebreaker**

August 23

**Class of 2000  
thru 2013**

TBA

**Registered Guests will receive**

**Pre Registration Required to attend private parties. Open to All Walden III Staff, friends, families, alumni and those who attended but moved on to other schools.**

**ONLINE AT:**

[www.Waldeniii.org/alumni](http://www.Waldeniii.org/alumni)

or on Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/waldenalumni/>

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**Saturday**

August 24

6 pm to 10 pm

**Reunion Celebration** at the Reefpoint Brew House - 1 Christopher Columbus Parkway, Racine.

**Pre-registration is required:**

This is the big event! This PRIVATE event is open to all registered guest that have been part of Walden's rich history. Enjoy the

**DISCOUNT CODE "2013" FOR REGISTRATION to save \$5.00 until May 30, 2013**