



# WALDEN III

*In the Process of Discovery*

## A Word from Principal Bob Holzem

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## CALENDAR 2009-2010

### February

- 12    Valentine’s Dance
- 16    PTSA Meeting            6:30-8:00 pm
- 16    Chicago Field Trip
- 23    Market Day Pickup      4:00-5:00 pm
- 24    Walden Blood Drive    7:00-1:30
- 26    Winter Break Day – No School

### March

- 19    Early Release –dismissal 12:31pm**
- 17    PTSA Meeting            6:30-8:00 pm
- 23    Market Day Pickup      4:00-5:00 pm
- 25    Conferences – dismissal at 11:28 am**
- 26    Conferences – no school**

### April

- 2.9    Spring Break
- 12    School Resumes
- 20    PTSA Meeting            6:30-8:00
- 27    Market Day Pickup      4:00-5:00

## MAP Testing

Feb. 1-10

### Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

MAP tests are achievement tests in math, reading, & language usage that are taken on a computer. MAP test provide teachers, students, & parents with an accurate assessment of student progress in mastering the basic skills. Teachers use this assessment information for instructional planning for individual students or an entire class.

Walden’s winter test window is February 1-10.2010. Please encourage your child to do their personal best on these tests. The results are very important in helping teacher set goals and monitor progress.

Welcome to the start of third quarter!

A lot of thought has gone into the idea providing a breakfast option for students at Walden. Recently, students have overwhelmingly supported the idea and the next steps for us to work through involve how to implement it. With very little time available prior to the arrival of students to school, and little time for kids to enjoy some nourishment prior to the start of classes, and a few other issues to configure, we’ll be working on a way to do it.

Over the course of this year, the Walden data team (Chris Semrad, Janet Berard, Annette Terselic, Michelle Stauder, and Oralynn Klemen) have studied Walden test performance and devised goals for our staff to address in our own school improvement plan. Each RUSD school is required to have devised such a plan, as a way to participate in the North Star initiative. With the fine work of students and staff, Walden is in great shape, and we continue to do what we do. Thanks for your support, as always.

## FORENSICS CLUB NEWS.....

Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
On Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Walden III Forensics participated in their first tournament of the year. We are fortunate this year to have 27 students on the team, up for 12 last year. Students competed in various categories, such as radio, speech orations, poetry interpretations and play acting. Those competing at the Mukwonago Tournament include: Matt McVeigh, Thomas Aviles, Dylan Friss, Kathryn Singer, Kait Carmody, Maggie Matson, John & James Christenson, Beau Wishner, AJ Stibbe, Chelsie Sweeney, Jeremiah Jeffrey, Savannah Royer, Ebony Phillips, Erica Rick, & Heather Salvo. Special congrats to Matt, and “the Sneethes” for their gold medal performance. Next the team travels to Westosha, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and Lake Geneva, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. It is expected all 27 students to participate.

**Counselor News ...Katie McCauley**

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

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
April 10	Mar.5	Mar 6-Mar 19
June 12	May 7	May 8-21

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
March 13	Feb. 4	Feb 18
May 1	March 25	April 8
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

**RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT  
IN HIGH SCHOOL**

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 February 26 for fall of 2010 classes.**

**RACINE PTA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP**

Seniors – if you are enrolled in college next fall don't pass up your opportunity to receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Racine PTA Council. Applications must be completed by the student and postmarked no later than **March 6, 2010**. See Katie for an application.

**CREDIT RECOVERY CLASS**

Lighted Schoolhouse courses are open to students who need to recover a failed grade in order to graduate. Priority is given to seniors. There will be a module from **Jan. 26 to Mar 31**. The class is held Mon-Wed for 1.5 hours at the end of the school day at Case, Park, or Horlick. See Katie for an application or more information.

**College Goal Sunday...”Weekend Edition”.....February 21 & 22**

College Goal Sunday is a free event held at Gateway Technical College to help families complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form.

This form *is required* in order to apply for federal assistance for college and may also be necessary to receive college scholarship money. This is a great opportunity to receive assistance in filling out the form. Students should bring both their personal and parents' completed income tax return for 2009 and W2 forms.

For more information, call 866-578-4625, or go to [www.wicollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.wicollegegoalsunday.org). FAFSA applications can be found online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

**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.

**College Goal Sunday.....February 21  
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Racine Campus**

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**UW-Parkside ACT Prep Workshop**

UW-Parkside is offering 4 weekend classes in February and March to help students prepare for and develop test-taking strategies for the ACT test. The cost is \$125.00. There are two sessions to choose from:  
Saturdays 9:00am-12:00pm Feb. 20-Mar. 13  
Sundays 1:00pm-4:00pm Feb. 21-Mar. 14  
To register or to get more information, call the UW-Parkside Precollege Program at 262-595-2176. The official ACT requires separate registration.

## Counseling for Families

The Racine office of the National Alliance on Mental Illness( NAMI), offers monthly support groups to help deal with a wide variety of mental health issues, including bipolar disorder/depression, survivors of suicide, SAD(Seasonal Affective Disorder), and others. Teen and Adult support groups are available. For more information call 637-0582.

## Wisconsin Lions Camp

The Wisconsin Lions Camp has offered quality programs for Wisconsin youth and adults with disabilities since 1956. In order to run their summer camp program, they need summer staff for the positions of male and female counselors, program specialists (swimming, boating, crafts, nature, music & outdoor living, challenge course), healthcare staff, and other support staff. Anyone who is 18 and older can apply. Staff applications are available online at [www.wisconsinlionscamp.com](http://www.wisconsinlionscamp.com).

## Engineering Career Day for Girls:

Northwestern University invites you to Career Day for Girls scheduled for Saturday, February 27. The theme of the program is "Engineering: Explore Create Transform. This program is designed for female middle and high school students who have an interest in science and math. See your counselor for details or visit <http://msgroups.tech.northwestern.edu/swe/>. The deadline to apply is February 12<sup>th</sup>, but it may close earlier if maximum attendance is reached.

## Dark Side of the Internet:

The Dark Side of the Internet with Special Agent Eric Szatkowski has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 24 from 6-8pm at McKinley Middle School. Call Mr. Dial, Mckinley Counselor, at 664-6172 or see your counselor for details.

## Constitution Bowl:

The Racine Elks'Lodge invites all graduating seniors to attend the WI Elks Annual Constitution Contest. This contest allows students to show their knowledge of the US constitution. In doing so, they have an opportunity to win a \$300 scholarship or qualify to participate in the Elks State Constitution Contest with an even greater prize. The local Racine Lodge contest will be held on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 1:00pm at the Racine Elks Lodge. Students should

arrive at least 10 minute early. The contest has 40 multiple choice questions and an essay.

## 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).

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### BOOK RENT

**Book rent is now overdue!** The fee is now \$17.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Book rent for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester is \$12.00 until March 15<sup>th</sup>, after that it will be \$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.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSURES

It's the middle of the day in February and a snow storm takes a turn for the worse. Is school going to close early? Or maybe you wake up to stormy weather – will RUSD delay the start of school or close school for the day? Subscribe to the district's **Emergency Notification** email list, and you will receive an email as soon as a decision is made to close school for the day, delay the start of schools for 2 hours, or close school early.

To sign up, go to [www.racine.k12.wi.us](http://www.racine.k12.wi.us) and click on to "Register Your Email Address" under "Emergency Announcements". You can also subscribe to the RUSD e-newsletter "Inside Unified" which comes out approximately 4 times a month. Learn about district issues such as redistricting, school start times and transportation changes before they happen. Log on to [www.racine.k12.wi.us](http://www.racine.k12.wi.us) and enter your email address on the bottom right hand corner under "Email Newsletter"

### STUDENT PARKING

Students may use the South parking lot during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters (Nov. 9 – March 26) for parking.

**ALL DRIVERS** – please use caution when entering or leaving the parking lot.

## WALDEN BLOOD DRIVE....Feb 24

The American Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and plasma in the US. Did you know that:

- Every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood.
- A heart surgery uses an average of 6 pints of red blood cells and 6 units of platelets.
- Red blood cells have a shelf life of 42 days.
- Platelets last only 5 days – donors are always needed!

Next month on February 24, **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.



**Contact Chris if you or someone you know can donate blood or if you can VOLUNTEER to help on February 24.**

## 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!

## Correction:

The correct dismissal time on conference days is 11:28am. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Next conference day out March 25 & 26, 2010.

## CHICAGO FIELD TRIP...FEB. 16

**NOTICE:** The Chicago field Trip is Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

**All students must have a chaperone.**

You must provide your own transportation to the Kenosha Train Station – **Be there by 7:00am** to check in with Jeanne & Jeff.

### Walden students need:

- \* Chaperones are need for all Walden Students
- \* Student ID
- \* \$ for entrance fees, skating, plus lunch
- \* Emergency cell# (given on train with map)
- \* Students may have cell phones with them
- \* Museum information will be available at a later time

Permissin slips were handed out during conferences, or they will be available in Jeanne's and Jeff's room. Cost \$8.00 per student and \$12.00 per adult (round trip) **Money must be in by February 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### Students and Chaperones:

To prepare for your trip, you can research online:

\*List of most popular tourist attractions:

[www.chicagotraveler.com/chicagos-largest-attractions.htm](http://www.chicagotraveler.com/chicagos-largest-attractions.htm)

\*Free art you can walk by:

[www.professionaltravelguide.com/destination/Chicago](http://www.professionaltravelguide.com/destination/Chicago)  
[www.associatedcontent.com/article/71657](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/71657)

\*Outdoor sculpture on way to the Art Inst.:

[www.halhigdon.com/picasso/walkingtour.htm](http://www.halhigdon.com/picasso/walkingtour.htm)

\*sites for things to do with teens(some free):

[www.chipublib.org/forteens/teenhowto/freechgo.php](http://www.chipublib.org/forteens/teenhowto/freechgo.php)

## February 19<sup>TH</sup> IS DINE OUT NIGHT.....

Enjoy a night out with family or friends at Shillings Irish Pub, owned by proud Walden parents, and support the Walden PTSA!!! Dine Out on Friday, February 19, 2010. watch for further information in the NOW or on our website.

**MUSIC DEPT.....Vanessa Marciniak**

PERFORMANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Park Jazz Festival.....Tuesday, March 9**  
The Jazz Band and 4<sup>th</sup> hour HHB will be performing at Park High School in the evening of March 9, times TBA

**Solo/Ensemble.....Saturday, March 13**  
Solo/Ensemble will be held at Case High School on March 13 . Registration deadline is Monday, February 8. Both high school and middle school orchestras will participate – this is a **required performance**.

**Band Festival.....Saturday, March 20**  
Band Festival will be held at Park High School on March 20. 4<sup>th</sup> hour HHB and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band members will participate. There will be a mandatory rehearsal at Park that morning. Times TBA. The performance will be at 7:00pm at Park High School.

**100 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**  
**Solo and Ensemble Competition**  
**Saturday, March 13**

**High school students** this is a great opportunity to fulfill your community service requirement for R.O.P.E.

**Parents – please consider helping out if you can!** It takes many volunteers to keep this festival running smoothly.

**Please sign up for the following shifts:**  
8:00am-12:00pm      1:00pm-5:00pm      All Day  
All day volunteers will be provided with a free lunch. Please contact Vanessa a 664-6250 by February 12 to volunteer.

**WALDEN YEARBOOKS.....**

Now easier than ever to purchase your Walden III Yearbook. Online purchases can be made at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com). Cash and checks made out to Walden III are still accepted. The price is now just \$43.00. Get yours today!!!!

**MODEL UN/OAS.....Tom Kohl, advisor**

Walden’s Model United Nation’s Advisor Tom Kohl will be taking 30 students to this year’s **Model U.N Conference** at the University of WI-Milwaukee on March 22 & 23. We will be staying overnight at the Doubletree Downtown Center Hotel. Students have made a commitment and have returned permission slips signed by parents- nonattendance will be excused for emergency situations only.

Each student should bring:

- \* a small piece of luggage
- \* money for meals (lunch, dinner, and breakfast)
- \* cells phones are permitted

Each student must be dressed according to handbook instructions and must bring a folder containing:

- \* Country and committee handout
- \* Culture gram
- \*Model U.N. handbook
- \*Position paper on committee topic

A final typed position paper will be due on Tuesday, February 16. Parents who are interested in more details should see their children’s Model U.N. handbook or call Tom Kohl at 664-6250

**Students must be at Walden by 6:45am** on Monday, March 22 in front of the main office to board the bus. They will return to Walden at approximately 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 23.

**SKI CLUB.....Annette Terselic**

Our Walden Ski Club is growing! We will have ski trip on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully on Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring a bag lunch or \$\$\$ for dinner (food is expensive at the ski hill). Wear warm clothes, hats, gloves, and snow boarders **MUST** wear helmets!

Reduced club rates apply to family members, so come join the fun – parents are welcome!