

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



March 2023

Designed by RLS MS

March Highlights

- 1 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 5-12 NLSW
- 8 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 12 Spring Ahead - DST Starts
- 14 Cultural Arts Assembly (9-10am)
PI Day!
- 15 Chapel (8:40 am) Covenant Players
- 17 NJHS Induction Ceremony (8:30-9:30am)
EARLY RELEASE (11:30am dismissal)
- 22 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 23 Special Assembly (9-10am)
- 29 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 31 EARLY RELEASE (11:30am dismissal)

April 3-10

NO SCHOOL - Easter Break

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

-- Isaiah 40:31

Making Disciples For Life

National Lutheran Schools Week Themes!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dress like a Tourist	Mismatch	Spirit Wear	Wacky Hair/Hat	Hippie Day
				

Making Disciples for Life (Matthew 28:19) is the theme for the 2023 National Lutheran Schools Week Celebration March 5th-12th. NLSW provides more than 1800 schools with the opportunity to celebrate God's work. Join us during this week in proclaiming the blessings within the communities we serve. Students are encouraged to participate in themed dress days.

RLS Middle School Instagram

Follow the RLS Middle School on Instagram!

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A note on Birthday Treats - Please keep in mind that we have 48 middle school students who are all present during lunch when birthday treats are passed out.

Language Arts

Mr. Timm - tylertimm@rlscary.org

We're currently finishing up our Playwriting unit, with students submitting their final scripts at the end of the week. For most, this is the FIRST time they've ever written something like this, so we learned a lot!

Our next unit will be Public Speaking. Students will be writing speeches and speech outlines, learning about finding your voice in your writing, and delivering selected speeches to the class.

Many students will have some level of uncomfortability with getting up in front of the class and speaking, but this unit is a great opportunity for them to gain confidence and work on skills related to presentation of self.

Speech topics will include Special Occasion, Demonstration, Persuasion, and Extemporaneous.

Literature Studies

Ms. Valvano- jamiervalvano@rlscary.com

We will be finishing our novels during the next two weeks. The student discussions surrounding the extraordinary lives of Malala Yousafzai and William Kamkwamba have been meaningful.

6th grade: Students will be taking a closer look at William's character by writing a paragraph citing textual evidence for their conclusions. We will watch William's TED talk and the inspiring movie in order to compare and contrast the approaches used to present similar themes and topics.

7th and 8th grade: Students will analyze speeches given by Malala that occurred after the time period covered in our novel. An *I AM* poem, similar to the one that students wrote last year about themselves, will be written from the point of view of one of the characters from the novel. Finally, a short answer test will be administered to cover plot development, characterization, and theme.

“Peace in every home, every street, every village, every country- this is my dream.”

Malala Yousafzai

Math

Mrs. Farmer - amandafarmer@rlscary.org

6th Grade Math: We are finishing our study of geometry by calculating surface area and volume of 3-D figures. Next we will explore probability and making predictions based on data trends.

Compacted 7th & 8th Grade Math: We just wrapped up our study of all things linear. Next we will look at angle relationships, transformations, surface areas, and volumes. This will require some memorization of formulas!

8th Grade - Math 1: We are wrapping up our study of exponential functions in the first week of March. Then we will dive into quadratic functions. In this unit we will study how quadratics shift, how to write functions, and how to solve using multiple methods.

Math Help: Come see me **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** during lunch in room 242.

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Math

Mrs. Boyle - judyboyle@rlscary.org

8th Grade: We have begun our study of geometry. We will be finishing parallel lines, angles, congruence and similarity. Next on the horizon will area, and volume followed by transformations. Expect ongoing review assignments in preparation for the final at the end of the year. Keep up the good work and focus!

7th Grade: Nice work on our recent chapter! We are heading into all things geometry! Don't be afraid-you can do it! There will be some required memorization, so be ready.... You guys continue to be great students. Keep up the focus and the positive attitude.

6th Grade: Ratios, Rates and Proportions-oh, my! What a fun and practical chapter ahead. It will continue to bolster our knowledge of fractions as well. Keep up the awesome attitude and effort!

Help is available before school from 7:40-8:15 and during lunch.



7th and 8th Grade Science

Mrs. McCuiston - Jennifermccuiston@rlscary.org

And just like that we are almost to fourth quarter. We had a fabulous February that seemed to just fly by. Our middle school NCTies team is so excited for their showcase 3/9.

7th Grade

A new month brings new studies, this week we started our chapter on motion and Newton's laws. This will be such a fun and interactive unit. We also started our research paper on diseases. We will be walking through the research process together and learning how to write a research paper.

Following our motion chapter we will begin our chapter on energy conservation and transfer.

8th Grade

We just wrapped up rocks and minerals last week and this week we started our new chapter on fossils, we will focus on inferring the relative age of rocks and fossils. Later this month when we conclude our earth history studies we will begin studying ecosystems and complete research project

Thank you parents for all your continued support!

6th Grade Science

Mrs. Lee - stephanielee@rlscary.org

I can't believe it is already March!

The new month brings a close to our plant specific lessons and focuses on animals. We will be learning about invertebrates and chordates this month and throughout chapter nine.

After learning new vocabulary (from amnion and ectotherm to pharyngeal pouch), we will put our growing knowledge to use while dissecting an invertebrate in class...squid! Our school has ordered six squid for our class which means teams of three will be getting quite hands on during the lab. It will be a day to remember and I am looking forward to the experience both personally and for your phenomenal kids.

Thank you for checking in on your students frequently as this content continues to grow in difficulty. I am still in shock that I get to see them each day and truly cherish the opportunity that I was given to call them "mine" again!

Spanish

Bienvenidos a nuestra clase de español con la
Sra. Miller lisamiller@rlscary.org

6th Grade:

We are working hard on all things clothing! The students are working on a project where they will color an outfit from a coloring book, write a descriptive paragraph and present in class - all this, of course, in Spanish!!

7th-8th Grades:

?Que hora es? What time is it?

All students are working hard on learning how to tell time in Spanish. They will be working on schedules of different types including class schedules, which means they will put to use their "mis clases" vocabulary list. This unit will take up most of the month of March.

Hasta luego,

Enjoy the warm Spring weather!!

Social Studies

Mr. Costello
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6th Grade:

We have learned about the Western United States and are now working on our Oregon or California Trail Projects. Students are collaborating with a classmate and taking the 2,000 mile journey from Missouri to either Oregon or California...wow what creativity they have!!! After this we will learn about Canada and its territories.

7th Grade:

We left South Asia with China, North and South Korea, and Japan. We have landed in Southeast Asia. The Mariana Trench is off the coast of the Philippines and Japan. deeper than the height of Mt Everest at approximate 36,000 feet, and home to the once prehistoric Megalodon that was 60' long! Sunlight does not penetrate that deep in the Pacific Ocean.

8th Grade:

We have learned about the War of 1812 and the United States taking on Great Britain again. We have beat Britain and watched as the British army set fire to the White House and Francis Scott Key writes our Star Spangled Banner. We recently learned about the Latin American Revolutions that help shape our foreign policy with the Monroe Doctrine and our westward expansion into Oregon and California territories.



Electives

Art - Ms. Moravec

Q3 Art students did an excellent job on their superhero grid drawings! We are now working on creating various foods out of clay as well as painting a banner for the Spring Fine Arts Festival in May.

Birdwatching - Mr. Costello

What exciting time we have had with going out into the field and observing song birds and waterfowl. Students helped with cleaning up a memorial garden at RSL so we can see our residential Eastern Bluebirds make a home in a birdhouse. They are now studying the calls of ten birds we have experienced at school or home. Birds are awesome!

Personal Finance - Mr. Timm

This month, we'll be finishing up our class by discussing Economics, Labor, and Insurance. Our stock market simulation has been a wild experience with 4 companies going bankrupt last week!

Yearbook - Mrs. Barnette

The Yearbook Team has been busy designing the pages for our 20th Anniversary edition! The deadline for creating your custom pages has been extended to Friday, March 31st. Remember to order your RLS Yearbook now!

PE - Coach D- Putting on our rally caps, swinging for the fences, and turning doubles! Everyone loves a solid bat flip during a baseball/softball game.

Religion

6th Grade Religion class is finishing Exodus and will begin our study of Joshua and the siege of Canaan.

7th Grade Religion has looked at Joshua's faith and the Walls of Jericho, and Ruth and Naomi's struggle with personal tragedies and faith in God. Students memory work in Bible scriptures has been top notch!!

8th Grade Religion is discussing some of the big questions that we all struggle with such as 'Why do bad things happen', 'where does life begin', and 'what about angels and demons'. It brings a lot of good discussion and questions!

National Junior Honors Society

Service Hours: For 3rd quarter, 4 service hours will be needed due March 15. Hand your hours in to Haley Rankin, and if you have any questions, feel free to ask her.

Induction: We will be inducting new members on Friday, March 17th at 8:30am. **We will meet in the gym at lunch on Tuesday, March 7th to practice.**

Important Meeting Dates: All meetings during lunch in room 242 - All meeting for the rest of the rest of the year will be held on Tuesdays

All Members: March 7th

Executive Board: March 21st