

# RESURRECTION LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



January 2023

Designed by RLS MS

## January Highlights

- 2 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break
- 4 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 11 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 13 EARLY RELEASE (11:30am dismissal)
- 13-15 Lutheran Schools Basketball Tournament
- 16 NO SCHOOL (MLK Day)
- 18 Chapel (8:40 am)
- 25 Chapel (8:40 am)



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

Come cheer for our basketball teams  
January 13-15th in the  
2023 Lutheran Schools Tournament.  
"Soarin' to the Hoop"

### January 13 - FRiDAY

Game 1	<b>Girls</b>	3:30	RLS vs Emmanuel
Game 2	Boys	4:45	Concordia vs Emmanuel
Game 3	<b>Girls</b>	6:00	Concordia vs First Lutheran
Game 4	Boys	7:15	RLS vs First Lutheran

### January 14 - SATURDAY

Game 1	<b>Girls</b>	8:30	Emmanuel vs Concordia
Game 1	Boys	9:45	RLS vs. Concordia
Game 2	<b>Girls</b>	11:00	RLS vs First Lutheran
Game 2	Boys	12:15	Emmanuel vs First Lutheran
Game 3	<b>Girls</b>	1:30	winner game 1 vs winner game 2
Game 3	Boys	2:45	winner game 1 vs winner game 2
Game 4	<b>Girls</b>	4:00	loser game 1 vs loser game 2
Game 4	Boys	5:15	loser game 1 vs loser game 2
Game 5	<b>Girls</b>	6:30	loser game 3 vs winner game 4
Game 5	Boys	7:45	loser game 3 vs winner game 4

### January 15 - SUNDAY

Game 6	<b>Girls</b> Championship	1:00	winner g3 vs winner g5
Game 6	Boys Championship	2:15	winner g3 vs winner g5

# RLS Middle School Instagram

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## Language Arts

Mr. Timm - [tylertimm@rlscary.org](mailto:tylertimm@rlscary.org)

December went by way too fast! We got caught up in fun Christmas activities and so much of what was planned for mid-December has been pushed to January.

6th and 7th Grade will be working on letter-writing assignments throughout January. We will be starting to look at writing for business, with an emphasis on professional writing and vocabulary. We'll talk about how to properly construct an email, memorandum, and newsletter.

8th Grade will be studying Resumes and Cover Letters, discussing the job interview process, and creating their own resumes and cover letters in preparation for future jobs!

## Literature Studies

Ms. Valvano- [jamievalvano@rlscary.com](mailto:jamievalvano@rlscary.com)

All classes will be starting 2023 with a focus on **POWER** words. These are words that help students answer reading comprehension questions in all subjects. I will place a list on google classroom if you would like to take a look and start using these words in your daily conversations.

**Example:** Since you are watching television, I can **INFER** you have no homework. :)

**6th Grade:** Students will complete our Hero's Journey projects and enjoy the movie based on our Quarter 2 novel. We will be reading *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* written by William Kamkwamba in Quarter 3.

**7th and 8th Grade:** Students will be reading *I am Malala* written by Malala Yousafzai. We will be taking a closer look at how we can overcome challenges and live an extraordinary life.

# Math

Mrs. Farmer - amandafarmer@rlscary.org

## 6th Grade Math:

We will be completing our midterm on Monday and Tuesday (Jan. 9th and 10th). Then we will be moving on to our study of ratios, proportions, and percentages. We have started using our class set of graphing calculators. Your student should have a 4-function or scientific calculator to use at home.

## Compacted 7th & 8th Grade Math:

We will be completing our midterm on Monday and Tuesday (Jan. 9th and 10th). Our next unit will be on solving equations and inequalities.

## 8th Grade - Math 1:

This week we will finish our unit on linear functions. Next we are moving into our study of systems of equations and inequalities.

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

*January  
News!*

# Math

Mrs. Boyle - judyboyle@rlscary.org

**Math midterms will be January 9th and 10th**

## 8th Grade:

**Great job working on all things graphing! We are moving onto working with exponents and then into geometry topics with angles, parallel lines, congruent/similar figures and angles/polygons. CChapter 8 will introduce us to all forms of transformations.**

**7th Grade: Excellent work recently on proportions. We have some more work in this chapter and then we head into working with percents and its practical applications. Chapter 7 will be full of geometry topics which is a nice change of pace.**

**6th Grade: Always a joy to work with each of you! We will be continuing calculations and equations with fractions in chapters 5 and 6 before moving into ratios, proportions and percents in chapter 7. Following those topics we will be exploring geometry topics. Keep up the good work!**

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



## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

Mrs. McCuiston - [Jennifermccuiston@rlscary.org](mailto:Jennifermccuiston@rlscary.org)

Happy New Year !!! Our year is off to a great start. When we came back from break it was so great to hear what a wonderful time everyone had over the holidays. We are very excited to share that our NCTies proposals got approved. I shared the great news with students last week and everyone who was interested filled out a Google Form. As Mrs. Lee shared down below we will be taking these entries and teacher input to form our middle school team.

### 7th Grade

We are beginning a new chapter on the environment, the fossil record and change over time. We will investigate various types of fossils, how they were formed, discovered, and what we can learn from them. Last week we completed a lab and pretended to be paleontologists. This lab led to many wonderful discussions. Our following chapter will be on the human body systems, we will begin this towards the third week of January.

### 8th Grade

Prior to break we started a new chapter on the states of matter. Last week we learned about how matter changes state. This week we will be wrapping up the chapter making rock candy and investigating the behaviors of gases. Our next chapter will be on understanding the atom, which we will begin mid month.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

Mrs. Lee - [stephanielee@rlscary.org](mailto:stephanielee@rlscary.org)

### **New Year, New Unit!**

**Our Exploring Life unit will consist of exploring life's classification, structure, and all things cells!**

**This is a difficult unit with many hands-on components. It will be more crucial than ever for your students to consistently bring home their science binders to study a bit each night. Your gentle reminders with this would be greatly appreciated to ensure academic success during this unit.**

**Further, we are excited to announce that our RLS student showcase proposals were approved for the NCTies conference in March. Six students from grades 3-5 and 6 students from grades 6-8 will present a science/technology project and represent RLS. Your sixth graders filled out an interest form & application last week. The 6 approved students will be announced shortly after teacher input. Mrs. Barnette, Mrs. McCuiston, and I are anxious to begin! More information can be found here: <https://www.ncties.org/>**

## *Spanish*

Bienvenidos a nuestra clase de español con la  
Sra. Miller [lisamiller@rlscary.org](mailto:lisamiller@rlscary.org)

It's exciting to start our new year 2023!

### 6th Grade:

We will continue working with articles and  
classroom objects vocabulary. We will also incorporate  
colors with this unit - Fun!!

### 7th-8th Grades:

Our classes will continue working with articles,  
review numbers and learn how to use the verb "hay"  
which means - "there is"

## *Social Studies*

Mr. Costello  
[samcostello@rlscary.org](mailto:samcostello@rlscary.org)

### **6th Grade:**

We are currently in Chapter 4 learning about the Eastern United States. Students have already memorized the 27 states of the Eastern United States and taken a quiz on it. Students are not learning about a brief history of the Eastern United States and we will soon cross over the Mississippi River into our next unit of the Western United States. Ask your scholars to name some of the states from the the Eastern United States or the Great Lakes!!

### **7th Grade:**

We have finished learning about some of the geographical places of Eastern and Western Europe with Volga as the longest river in Western Russia and the Ural mountains dividing Europe to Asia. We just finished learning about the history of Eastern Europe and Western Russia with is satellite countries of WTO; the first satellite called Sputnik that started the space race, and the collapse of the Soviet Union as the Berlin Wall comes down. We will be wrapping up this Chapter on Thursday with a Chapter Test, and then heading into the colorful countries of Asia!

### **8th Grade:**

We have moved through American History as students created comic strips on the French and Indian War and found that this conflict caused the American Colonies to rise up against British rule. Other Acts have pushed the colonies to protesting and boycotting British goods. Students made protest posters against British taxation; they are writing poems about the Boston Massacre, and ending with comparing and contrasting the Boston and Edenton Tea Parties before heading to Lexington and Concord. 8th graders are becoming true American Patriots!!



# Electives

## Art - Ms. Moravec

Students are wrapping up their clay unit in art class this week! The assignment was to create a realistic food item of their choice. Popular pieces this quarter include cakes, pies, and fruits.

## American Literature (Graphic Novel) - Mr. Costello

We have dived into our graphic novel as each student has a reading part to bring the book to life. Students are watching three stories develop into one as the protagonist fights against his Chinese ancestry that defines him and his desire to be an American boy. Jin, Danny, and the Monkey King all walk separate paths, but they led to one main road...acceptance for who they really are. Ask your Comic Book Hero to keep you abreast with the newest chapter of "American Born Chinese!"

## Drama- Mr. Timm

Since our performance of the Christmas Drama was postponed, you can catch our Chapel performance as it is live-streamed on Wednesday, January 11th, starting at 8:40am. We're so excited to share our hard work with everyone!

PE - Coach D- After a restful break, I am excited to introduce new activities and concepts for a variety of sports. In the midst of "Bowl Season" and NFL playoffs, we are starting an action packed football unit in the month of January.

# Religion

6th grade Religion is beginning our deep-dive into the book of Exodus, where we read about Moses, God's Law, and how we can worship God using the Tabernacle as a template for discipleship.

7th grade Religion class has been discussing the Sacrament of Baptism; and is continuing their walk through the Bible "Alive With Jesus", also currently in the book of Exodus.

8th grade Religion has been looking at God's work in creation. Here we see our identity as God's creation and His desire of redemption for all people!

## *National Junior Honors Society*

**Service Hours:** Quarter two is here! For this quarter, 4 service hours will be needed due January 11. Hand your hours in to Haley Rankin, and if you have any questions, feel free to ask her.

**Important Meeting Dates:** All meetings during lunch in room 242

Executive Board: January 17th (Tuesday)

All Members: February 6th

**Valentine Candy-Grams Coming Soon!!!**