

NEWSLETTER



August 2019: Meet the Teachers



Top row from left: Mrs. Farmer, Mr. Unger, Ms. McDade, Mrs. Hester, Mrs. Hundertmark, Mrs. Altieri. Bottom row from left: Mrs. Carner, Coach Leigh Carter, Principal Tom Kolb.
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Mr. Kolb

The 2019-2020 school year is off and running. To better meet the needs of our families, we have made a few changes in middle school. One of these changes is a monthly middle school newsletter.

Although the August issue of this newsletter is meant as a "Get to Know the Teachers," the remainder of these newsletters will be designed to give you a general overview of what each class will be doing for the month. It is not meant to replace Sycamore with test dates and lessons, etc., but rather it is meant to provide you with a few talking points in which to engage your child for each of the classes. Middle school can be overwhelming, especially at first. It is our hope to provide you with a sneak peek into your child's life here at school.

Every month, the teachers will update their newsletter section with previews of things to come. You might even see photos of exciting activities that your children have completed that month. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and use it as a springboard to discuss all the amazing things your children are learning here at RLS.

Looking forward to a Great School Year!
God's Blessings,
Tom Kolb,
RLS Principal

DATES

August 20

1st day of school *Early Release @ 11:40 am

Jr kindergarten (Room 134) *8:15-11:40 am

Kindergarten Staggered Entry (assessment)-Session 1 (Room 130) *8:15-11:00 am

1st-8th grade (Enter gym entrance for Welcome Back Celebration) *8:15 am-11:40 am

Opening Chapel (sanctuary) *11-11:40 am

Uniform Sale (Room 132) *8:15 am-9:15 am & 11:40-1:40 pm

August 21

Jr Kindergarten & 1st-8th Regular school day. *8:15-3:00 pm

Kindergarten Staggered Entry (assessment)-Session 2 *8:15-11:40 am.

Before/After School Begins ([Click here](#) for Registration Forms)

For more information contact Hillary Liles at aftercare@rlscary.org

August 22

Jr Kindergarten/1st-8th Regular school day.

Kindergarten Staggered Entry (assessment)-Session 3 *8:15-11:40 am

Girls Volleyball Game vs Bethesda @ HOME *4:00 pm

August 23

All school All day!

August 27-Back to School Night

New to RL School? Come meet Deb Oesterling, RL Church Connections & Tom Kolb, Principal (Room 151) 6-6:30 pm

Music School Information Session with Bob Unger (Room 240) 6-6:30 pm

General Information Session-Tom Kolb, Principal (Gym) *6:30-7:00 pm

Classroom Visits (All classrooms) *7-7:30 pm/7:30-8 pm.

New Teacher: Mrs. McDade

Classes: 6th, 7th, 8th Science, 7th Math

Education: BS in Middle Grades Education (NCSU), Master of Arts in Education (ECU)

Experience: Experienced in teaching middle grade science and math

Church Affiliation: Active member of St. Michael's Church

Clubs/Organizations: Veterans of Foreign Wars Organization (VFW), help with the USO. I enjoy helping and volunteering with programs that support veterans in our community.

Personal: I enjoy spending time with my wonderful family. Our 8 year old son loves our pets which include our shih tzu dog, named Strawberry, hamster Blitz and our cute baby bunny rabbit.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, yoga, rock climbing, swimming, and hiking.

Classroom Quote: "Take pride in inspiring each other to do your best, to know that it is ok to make mistakes, but to learn from them. It's ok to not know how to find the solution. We will figure out how to solve the problem together, and let's remember that Jesus is here with us on this journey and always wants the very best for each of you."



Mrs. Hester

Middle School Dean of Students

Classes: Religion, 6th & 7th Social Studies

Education: BS in Education with a concentration in Religion, Minor in Psychology, Liberty University

Experience: 15 years of teaching experience in private schools, Collegiate Women's Basketball Player at Liberty University, 8 years of Athletic Director Experience, 25 years of coaching experience, NC Private and Public State Championship Coach - Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, and Swimming.

Church Affiliation: Colonial Baptist Church

Clubs/Organizations: Kappa Delta Pi, NCHSAA Coaches Association

Personal: Married for 28 years, 4 children, 1 super "grand" baby.

Hobbies/Interests: Basketball, Swimming, Running, Movies, and anything related to my family

Classroom Quote: "To whom much is given, much is required."

Mrs. Hundertmark

Classes: 6th Religion, 6th, 7th, 8th Language Arts, 8th Literature
Education: BA in Communication (UNCA), Master's in Teaching Middle Grades Language Arts (NCSU), Lutheran Colloquy (Concordia University).

Experience: Fifteen years teaching in the Lutheran school system. Ten years as a writer/editor at a publishing company.

Church Affiliation: Resurrection Lutheran Church

Clubs/Organizations: Phi Kappa Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, National Council of Teachers of English, Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE, Triangle Troglodytes

Personal: Married for 25 years, three grown daughters, three dogs, one cat.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, writing, caving, hiking, camping, soccer, and kickball.

Classroom Quote: "There's a time and a place for everything....Is this the right time or place?"

Mrs. Farmer!

Classes: 6th Math, 7th Pre-Algebra, 8th Math 1

Education: BS in Education with a Secondary emphasis in Mathematics and Science at Central Michigan University

Experience: Seven year teaching in WCPSS at Apex High. Five year teaching for IMACS, a mathematics enrichment program for elementary and middle school students. This year will be my second year at Resurrection.

Church Affiliation: Resurrection Lutheran Church

Clubs/Organizations: North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Personal: Married for 12 years, with two children Nolan (6) and Aubrey (4)

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with my family, reading, crafting

Classroom Quote: "Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple." – Dr. Seuss



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Back
To School!

Mrs. Corner

Classes: 6th and 7th Literature and elementary resource.

Education: Siena College, NY, New York, Bachelor's in history. Master's Degree at Long Island University, NY.

Experience: I've worked in resource as well as regular education. I have taught third, fourth ,and fifth grade. I have also taught history and language arts. My first job experience was teaching ADHD and severely dyslexic children at a boarding school.

Church Affiliation: Saint Andrews Catholic Church, Apex, NC.

Organizations: My family and I like to do the Brown Bag Ministry at our church feeding the poor.

Personal: I was born and raised in Troy, NY. I am of Irish descent completely. I am married with three children. I also like to spend time with my brothers and my sister as well as my mother who all live in the area.

Hobbies/Interests: I love anything from the 1980s including movies television and pop culture. I also love to swim and cook. I'm a huge Yankees fan.

Classroom Quote: "There are no stupid questions. If you can think it, you should ask it."

Mrs. Altieri!

Classes: Technology Specials K-5 Instructor, Technology School Coordinator, Yearbook MS Elective Instructor.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders for Speech Pathology & Audiology, Cum Laude with Concentration in Psychology.

Experience: 6th year working at RLS, worked with RLP for 5 years, worked for Misys Computer Systems for 7 years in support and training.

Church Affiliation: Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Clubs/Organizations: RLS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach.

Personal: Married with 2 children. One child is a Junior in High school & one is in 8th grade. Also a dog named Mason.

Hobbies/Interests: I love to watch sports. Especially my children!! I play Bunco for fun.

Classroom Quote: Make today so AWESOME yesterday is jealous!

Bible verse: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. -Philippians 4:13

Coach Carter

Classes: K-8 Physical Education

Education: BA in Mass Communications, Campbell University, MEd. Exercise Science Campbell University

Experience: Physical Education Teacher at RLS 11 years

Church Affiliation: Baptist

Hobbies/Interests: Anything sports

Classroom Quote: There is no "I" in team.



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Mr. Unger

Classes: Middle School Religion, Chorus, Band; Choir, Music, Electives.

Education: Masters Degree in Church Music, Bachelor of Arts in Education and Music (major in religion, minor in math).

Experience: 40 years (11 at RLC/RLS).

Director of Worship and Music, Adjunct Professor, Director of Christian Education, Principal, Music Director, Athletic Director, Youth Director, Teacher, Coach, Camp Program Director.

Church Affiliation: Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Clubs/Organizations: American Choral Directors Association, American Guild of Organists, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, American Guild of English Handbell Ringers.

Personal: Everything I can do with my 11 children, and grandchildren.

Hobbies/Interests: Sports

Classroom Quote: God in Christ is for you. You can pray to Him Anytime, Anywhere, Anyhow.