

**RESURRECTION LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

# **NEWSLETTER**



Spectrum News Meteorologist Lee Ringer as a Guest Speaker in Science Class.



Helping the Environment  
Science Project

**Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

-- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Happy New Year! January 2020

## **Mr. Kolb**

So much is happening at RLS this January. Looking forward to a lot of basketball too! I wanted though to take a quick look back at our Christmas Pageant. I thank all the students and parents who helped to make this a grand event, but also really take a moment to thank our co-directors April Schweitzer and Robin Hester. Their vision really came forward with a marvelous Christ-centered event that many have remarked upon.

My classes are moving full steam ahead as well. Looking forward to my last couple of weeks with the Denmark group in Religion class. We'll tackle the concept of "Just War" next week.

Math 8 is working on Functions and how to compare them in equation, word, table, and graph form.

US History is studying the Old West times. Can you spit like a Cowboy. We'll find out!

God's Blessings,  
Tom Kolb,  
RLS Principal

# January Highlights

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| 1     | Happy New Year!  |
| 6     | Chess Club (3:15 pm)   |
| 7     | Girls/Boys Basketball vs New Life (4 pm)                         |
| 8     | PSO Meeting (6:00 pm)  |
| 9     | MathCounts (3:15 pm)   |
|       | Lego League (3:15 pm)  |
|       | Girls/Boys Basketball @ Montessori (4 pm)                        |
| 13    | Chess Club (3:15 pm)   |
| 14    | GeoBee (6:30 pm)   |
|       | RLS Kindergarten Shadow Day (1:00 pm)                            |
|       | Girls/Boys Basketball-HOME (3:30 pm)                             |
| 15    | MathCounts (3:15 pm)   |
| 16    | Q2 Ends  |
|       | Lego League (3:15 pm)  |
|       | School Board Meeting (6:30 pm)                                   |
| 17    | Early Release (11:40 am)   |
| 17-19 | Lutheran School Basketball Tournament<br>Conover, North Carolina |
| 20    | Holiday (No School)  |
| 22    | MathCounts (3:15 pm)   |
| 23    | Girls/Boys Basketball vs Gorman (4 pm)                           |
| 27    | Girls/Boys Basketball @ Cary Christian                           |
|       | Chess Club (3:15 pm)   |
| 27-29 | Uniform Sale   |
| 29    | Middle School Move Up Day  |
| 30    | Lego League (3:15 pm)  |
|       | Boys/Girls Basketball @ Bethesda (4 pm)                          |
| 31    | 100th Day of School  |

Accreditation Visit  
February 2-5

## Mrs. McDade Science

**6th Graders** did an awesome job on their being good stewards to the environment project! I am so proud of them for their hard work on the projects! They are beginning to work on a project about space, in which they will choose a specific topic, create a costume for what they have chosen, and choose a creative and informative way to present their information to the class. I am looking forward to their completed projects!

**7th Graders** have been learning about the human heart and the circulatory system. We will have two very special guest speakers about this topic!

**8th Graders** have been researching astronaut and NCSU grad, Christina Koch, who is currently in space. They have been preparing presentations about her and NASA.

Both 7th and 8th Grade science classes had Spectrum News Meteorologist Lee Ringer as a guest speaker to our class!



## Mrs. Hester

### Middle School Dean of Students

**Classes:** Religion, 6th & 7th Social Studies

**6th Grade-** We are studying Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean Islands. We watched a fantastic video this week on the landforms, wildlife, and culture of Mexico.

**7th Grade-** We are studying Southwest Asia. Current events have been relatable to our study.

Both 6th & 7th Grade may strengthen their mapping skills using the website: <https://www.seterra.com/>

**Team China Religion Class** - We are studying various cults.

**Athletics:** Our first ever PLAY4KAY game is almost here. Your student should have an order form for our fundraiser. We are selling t-shirts and dress down day passes. All proceeds go to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. The dates are February 3rd and 4th. We are recognizing cancer survivors at halftime of each game.



## Mrs. Hundertmark

**6th Grade Language Arts:** In Sixth Grade Language Arts, we are participating in The Great Mail Race and learning all about adverbs!

**7th Grade Language Arts:** In seventh grade, we are learning about linking verbs and expository writing!

**8th Grade Language Arts:** In eighth grade, we are reviewing the comma rules and beginning our indepth study of persuasion.

**8th Grade Literature:** In Literature, we wrapped up our unit on *Saints* and *Boxers* with a Socratic Seminar, and we are now learning strategies for nonfiction reading. Oh, and of course, we are continuing our study of the Greek and Latin roots.

## Mrs. Farmer

**6th Grade Math:** We are wrapping up our study of operations with fractions. Next we will move to the study of percents, proportions, and ratios. We will also begin to learn to use the graphing calculator.

**7th Grade - Pre Algebra:** Over the next month we will dive into all things linear. We have been review solving linear equations, and next we'll move to graphing both with and without our calculators.

**8th Grade - Math 1:** We will be wrapping up our study of linear functions this month. Over the next few weeks we will begin studying systems of linear equations and inequalities.

**Math Help** is available during lunch on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during the first 20 minutes of each lunch period. Also, I am available on Mondays and Wednesdays during Study Hall. Everyone is welcome!



joyful  
January!



Middle school students helped sort donations for With Love From Jesus this month.



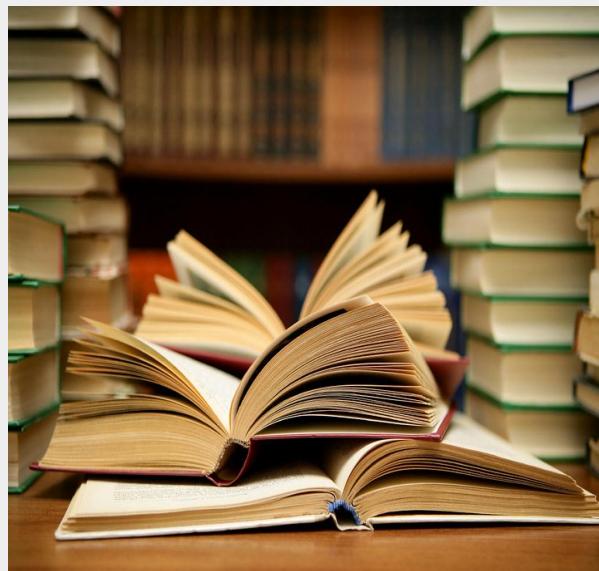


## National Junior Honors Society

- Service Hours for the second quarter (total of 4 hours) are DUE by **January 16th**. Remember your folder with your summary sheet and all verification forms should be in Mrs. Farmer's room by the end of the day on 1/16 for us to check.
- Members should continue to work with their partner on their assigned event. See Mrs. Farmer if you have any questions.
- **Play 4 Kay Fundraisers:** Play 4 Kay games will be held on February 3rd and 4th. We will be selling Play 4 Kay T-shirts and Dress Down Day Passes. Order forms were sent home with all students and are DUE by January 14th.

Next meeting:

All Members - Jan. 9th  
Executive Board - Jan. 23rd  
All Members - Feb. 6th



**6th Grade Literature-** We are studying The Great depression in conjunction with “The Wizard of Oz” novel. We are also learning the format of formal debates so we can plan campaigns in groups to vote for the best leader of Oz. We will continue with Latin roots in a few weeks. We are also continuing to write in our Kindness journal.

7th grade: We are reading “The Boy in the Striped Pajamas” and doing an in depth study of the Holocaust. We will resume Latin roots in a few weeks.

Mrs. Carner  
6th and 7th grade  
Literature



A special thanks to the PSO for spoiling us! We appreciate YOU!

## 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.



## Mr. Unger

RLS Middle School Music in Worship class commenced learning a theme song for the school year which will involve students sharing their instrumental gifts as well.

We also began learning the theme song for the National Lutheran Schools.

RLS Middle School Worship Arts class led student-written and student led Chapel Service for RLP and RLS on Nov. 5th and 6th . They will begin studying Choirchimes soon.

RLS 5-8 Band, RLS 5-8 Chorus and the Recorder Ensemble have resumed rehearsals; and are looking for additional participants.

RLS 5-8 Chorus has already helped lead music in Chapel Worship.

## A NOTE from MRS. DIAGONALE

I'm thrilled to be teaching middle school this quarter! My goal is to engage students and offer the art room as a place where students can express themselves, learn new skills, problem solve, and develop creative habits.



## ARTSONIA SIGN UP

We are piloting Artsonia for online portfolio recordkeeping.

# ART ELECTIVE

Students brought home permission slips for access to Artsonia.

Artwork will be loaded periodically by the students.



## OVERVIEW

Visual Arts Exploratory is all about using different mediums in art as we explore the Elements of Art and the Principles of Design.

Student mediums include, watercolor, pastels, markers, paint, and clay!

Students will gain art appreciation, write art critiques on famous artworks, reflect about themselves as artists, practice sketching to a variety of prompts, and work collaboratively as well as independently.

ART ROOM SITE Access [HERE](#)

HOMEWORK SKETCHES  
due every Friday