

ROYAL REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL COUNTDOWN



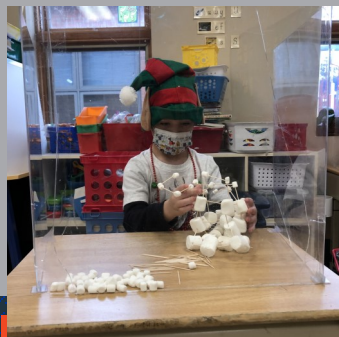
Dear Rocket Families and Friends,
Greetings to you on this 70th day of school! This past week our students studied the story of Jesus' birth and wrapped up lots of lessons and learning before Christmas Break! Our classes have enjoyed small celebrations for Jesus' birthday; between secret angel exchanges, a first-grade Polar Express party, lots special treats and games, and a launch to our first ever virtual Christmas programs! You will not want to miss these wonderful messages (see #8 below) with joy of our Savior's birth! We give praises to our Lord for the gift of His Son, lighting the fourth candle of peace, and join with



the angels saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men". (Luke 2:14). We look forward to preparing for a blessed start to even the new school year, as Registration begins on January 4th for all returning families and packets will come home today (mailed in preschool)! We look forward to a great school year ahead with all of you again! Finally, congratulations to Emelie Kuenzer and June Webber on earning the Cleveland Lutheran Education Endowment Fund's Outstanding Lutheran School Leadership Award Scholarship! So many great things



happening at RRLS and more to come in the months ahead! May you and yours enjoy a truly blessed Christmas and healthy and happy start to 2021. Kindly in Christ,
Mrs. Heidi Malone, School Principal



8. Redeemer Kids at Home

Week 4's upcoming advent theme is "Retell". Don't forget to share a picture of you nativity scene to LLeBaube@royred.org. A new video will be released on Sunday on the Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church channel to accompany the message for the week.

7. Stay Safe Please note, our efforts to health and safety have made a difference in a successful start to the school year. Over Christmas break, please continue to keep in touch with us regarding any COVID-related concerns so we can continue to keep one another safe. Also, note, the updated guidelines from the CDC regarding quarantine. We will continue to follow this guide, [linked here](#). Be well and thank you!

10. Faith First

Royal Redeemer invites you all to join us online for a special Christmas experience at www.royred.org, beginning December 24th at 1:00. Our next chapel service will be led by our 6th grade class. Join us at 9:00 am on January 6th.

9. Christmas Programs

5th-8th Grade

Merry Christmas from our 5-8th Grade Students! We are excited to share with you our Virtual Christmas Chimes Concert. The students did a beautiful job sharing the songs of faith in our Savior Jesus, born at Christmas, and we invite you to watch and worship when the concert goes live at 6 p.m. today, Dec. 18th (or any time after) [via this link!](#) A special thank you to our RRLC tech team for sharing their time and talents to make this possible! To God be the glory!!



Preschool

We are telling the Christmas Story through song this year, you can view a video of the performance after 5:00 pm today Friday the 18th, (it will be available to view after as well). We hope it brings you as much joy watching it, as it did for us to make it! [Click here for the link.](#)



RRLS exists to equip each student to achieve educational excellence, inspire a lifelong love of learning, and grow Christian leaders.



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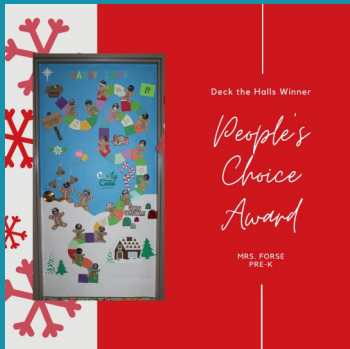
6. Annual Fund

Calling all our biggest fans! Are you looking for a special way to bless RRLS? Find our giving link on our website at rrls.org/give to support our School Annual Fund. This year we are supporting needs for our safe reopening this year, financial assistance, and supporting school operations. Thank you for giving and SOS (Supporting Our School)!



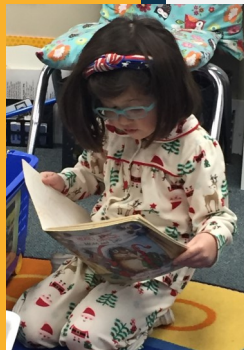
4. Deck the Halls

You voted and the people's choice award went to Mrs. Forse and the Bridge to Kindergarten class. You can see all the winners on the Royal Redeemer Lutheran School facebook page. Thanks to everyone for participating.



3. GO ROCKETS!

This Saturday, December 19th, our RRLS Varsity Girls team plays vs. Westside Christian at 1pm and the Varsity Boys team play at 2:30.



5. Preschool Corner

Dear Preschool Families,

We have been so blessed to be able to spend our first half of the school year with you! As we wrap up our last week together in 2020, the excitement for the upcoming holidays has been contagious. The teacher's and students have been working hard on the Christmas program, Christmas gifts, and learning about the most important gift of all, Jesus being born on Christmas day! In chapel this week, we learned more about the Christmas story, and Advent--exploring the Advent wreath and what each candle represents. In addition, each classroom dug deeper into the meaning of Christmas through literacy, and hands on projects. We then wrapped up the week with a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party--fun was had by all!



Upon our January return, I would like to share a staffing change that will be taking place. Mrs. Zinter, our current extended care supervisor and STEM teacher, will be transitioning to a new position, and support the school in more of a substitute role. While we're sad for this change, we are excited to announce that Mrs. Yanke will be joining us as our new STEM and extended care teacher. She brings with her a great deal of experience in the preschool setting, and is excited to join the RRLS family. During this transition, if you need support with your extended care attendance, you can reach out to our office administrator, Mrs. Orzel at jorzel@royred.org or 440-237-7988, x146.

Please, if you have any questions or need anything, do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you for sharing your little one with us these past few months, and we look forward to seeing you again in January!

Avery Zacharias
Early Education and
Preschool Director



2. Important Dates

- ⇒ Dec 21-Jan 1 - Christmas Break, No School
- ⇒ Jan 4 Registration Begins for Current Families for 2021-22
- ⇒ Jan 18 - Martin Luther King Day, No School

1. LUNCH MENU *Grilled Cheese is an alternate menu item daily. *Milk is an ala cart menu item and is charged.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Popcorn Chicken Bowl Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Corn Fruit Milk	Pancakes with Syrup Sausage Tater Tots Fruit Milk	Chicken Mexicali Caserole Chips with Salsa and Guacamole Fruit Milk	Cheeseburger on a bun Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Tossed Salad Mini-Blueberry Muffin Fruit Milk



Royal Redeemer

LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

December 17, 2020

Dear Royal Redeemer Family:

Christmas greetings! Next week we'll be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior with a very special **Christmas Eve worship experience**. The service will be available on December 24 beginning at 1:00 PM. I encourage you to use the worship invite we've provided through the link in the email to invite your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. What a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with our loved ones! Visit www.royred.org to join us.

As we've previously mentioned, Pastor Harris and Pam Ries will be leaving us. The Senior Leadership Team is determining the best course of action in meeting the needs of our Royal Redeemer family. If you need to reach the Care Team, you may contact **Terry Close** (tclose@royred.org). If your son or daughter is in confirmation, please feel free to contact **Mark Rein** with questions (mrein@royred.org).

Speaking of Mark Rein, on Sunday, January 31, we will joyfully celebrate his **ordination and installation** as an Assistant Pastor! The service will be livestreamed at 3:00 PM. Please join us online for this wonderful celebration and as we pray for God's blessing upon him. Congratulations, Mark!

Looking ahead, there are two spiritual growth opportunities available in the month of January:

- **Life With God** is our pathway to membership at Royal Redeemer. Would you like to become a part of our church family? The class begins Tuesday, January 26, and will meet via Zoom at 7:00 PM. Please visit www.royred.org (click events & sign-ups) to register or contact Bennie Levy with questions (blevy@royred.org).
- **Monday Night Word with Ken Braun** resumes on January 11 and runs through March 15. After a short break, it will run from April 5 – June 14 (off Memorial Day). His class will meet via Zoom on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. To register, visit www.royred.org (click events & sign-ups).

I'm also excited to share that our school launched a new website! Take few moments to check it out at www.rrls.org. And while the students were unable to perform their traditional Christmas concerts this year, through the gift of technology, we can share these links with you so that you can enjoy watching them at home. A special words of thanks to all our preschoolers and to Mrs. Battaile and her 5-8th graders who glorified God with their beautiful musical talents!

December 18 (available for viewing at specified time or any time after)

- 5-8th grade concert: 6:00 PM, <https://youtu.be/m8HfFYsb2Z0>
- Preschool concert: 5:00 PM, <https://youtu.be/EUkXv5-0iIY>

a love worth demonstrating

We just received word that **Project Angel Tree** was unable to cover all the children whose parents are incarcerated. Royal Redeemer has volunteered to serve 25 additional children. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring even just one child. Deadline for virtual sponsorship is Monday, December 21.

To sponsor a child virtually, visit:

<https://vat.angeltreetool.org/c7f4f595-4be0-418c-a600-d18bf96f8a21>

Access code: MDNZN



Join me in offering prayers of thanksgiving and praise for your unwavering generosity throughout this season of Advent!

- Adopt-a-Family: 99 North Royalton families and 5 RRLS families blessed
- Project Angel Tree: 40 children sponsored
- Operation Christmas Child: 2,100 boxes packed
- St. Herman's Men's Shelter: helped keep 250-300 homeless men warm this season
- Food distribution: 170 people served
- Treat bags for area nursing home: 47 seniors blessed

We'll be collecting **men's thermal underwear** for St. Herman's and women/children undergarments for Laura's Home through this weekend. There is a collection basket outside of the Central Entrance. Additionally, donating to our general ministry fund will help us to continue to be a blessing to others. Thank you! Visit this link for information – [Advent Generosity](#).

a message worth sharing...

This is the last Sunday in Advent. This weekend, in our "Home for Christmas" series, Mark Rein shares a message about "**A Love Freely Given**" based on Luke 2:6. Out of His desire to adopt us back into His family, God has lovingly met every one of our needs in Jesus that we might be forgiven and saved.

a truth worth holding...

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born..." (**Luke 2:6**). All of mankind waited for this night, when the Word was made flesh. In Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace – we find all we need to enjoy a relationship with our heavenly Father, now and for all eternity!

Please continue to check your email, Facebook, and our website for updates. May God watch over you and your loved ones and keep you in His protection and in good health.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor John Zahrt

a journey worth walking...

All services are temporarily ONLINE ONLY; available via livestream and recorded for later viewing.

Sunday, Dec. 20	8:30 (Traditional) 10:00 AM (Contemporary)
Sunday, Dec. 20	Drive-up Communion, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 23	Drive-up Communion, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Sunday, Jan. 3	Drive-up Communion, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 6	Drive-up Communion, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM