



# ROYAL REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL COUNTDOWN

*Learning for Life,  
Leading for Christ*

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

## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### January

- Jan 13: 5 & 6 Basketball Away Games
- Jan 15: No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 19: End of Quarter
- January 21–26: National Lutheran Schools Week
- Jan 21: Singing in Worship & Open House 1-3pm
- Jan 22: NEON DRESS Chipotle Night
- Jan 23: Movie and Book Character Day
- Jan 24: Dress Up Day, 3rd Grade Chapel & Bible Bee,
- Jan 25: Tourist / Vacation Day & Spelling bee 2pm
- Jan 26: Hat / Mismatch Day
- Jan 26: RRLS Spaghetti Dinner and spot light 5-7pm
- Jan 29-Feb2: Great Lakes Theater (3rd-8th grade)

### February

- Feb 2: 7th & 8th Grade Basketball Home Games
- Feb 7: 5th/6th Summit night
- Feb 9: Basketball - 8th grade night
- Feb 13: Lego Club 6-7:30
- Feb 14: Ash Wednesday & Love In Action Day

## Chapel News

Thank you to Pastor Doug for teaching us about Luke 7. Next Week, January 17, at 9:50am join us for K-8, Chapel and join us at 9:10 on January 16 & 17 for preschool Chapel.

## Mission of the Month

Chapel offerings this month will go towards the Cleveland Pregnancy Center. Classrooms will be filling large baby bottles with loose change.

**Absences Lines:** A friendly reminder, to call off your student, call 440-237-7988 and use ex. 298 for K-8, or ex. 297 for preschool. Preschool can also be marked absent via the Brightwheel app.

**National Lutheran Schools Week—Jan. 21-26:** Each year, we celebrate Lutheran School together! See the attached flyers to learn about the special events, including the kick off of singing in worship, and ending the week with the PTO's Spaghetti Dinner. Spaghetti dinner orders can be made online by using the flyers QR code. Dine in or carry out options are available.

**Welcome to Preschool:** We are excited to welcome a new teacher, Mrs. Churnega to be supporting our larger classrooms and after care in the upcoming weeks. In addition, next week, we will be welcoming our new office administrator to the preschool wing, Mrs. Zenkert. As training progresses, keep an eye out for her contact

**Application & Re-Enrollment:** We have a new online process for applications of new students and re-enrollment for our current families, for the 2024-2025 school year. A flyer came home with directions, as well as an email invite to set up. You can also find more information on our website, under Admissions! Do not hesitate to reach out with questions!

**LSGO:** The deadline for Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization donations (<https://lsgoohio.org/>) is April 14. Give yourself enough time, though, to receive documents ahead of your own tax filing. Questions? <https://bit.ly/41Goovb> or [Lbattaile@royred.org](mailto:Lbattaile@royred.org). Let's keep growing this scholarship to benefit RRLS families!

## Next week's lunch menu:

### MONDAY

NO SCHOOL  
M.L. King Jr. Day

### TUESDAY

French Toast Sticks  
Sausage links  
Hash Browns  
Fruit  
Milk

### WEDNESDAY

Chicken Patty  
Sandwich  
Veggie  
Fruit  
Milk

### THURSDAY

Loaded Potato  
Wedges  
Chips  
Veggie  
Fruit  
Milk

### FRIDAY

Flatbread Sausage  
Pizza  
Salad  
Fruit  
Milk

Stay connected with us!



January 12, 2024

# National Lutheran Schools Week

January 21 - 26

2024


C-CONNECTED



Sun


ALL RRLS school  
children sing in church  
  
Community open house  
1:00 - 3:00pm

NEON dress day

 Star lab in the afternoon  
Chipotle fundraiser, 4-8pm  
Royalton Rd., Strongsville

Mon

Tue

Movie/book character  
dress day  
 Star lab in the afternoon  
Brecksville Nature Center  
on-site for K-4th

Dress your best day  
  
3<sup>RD</sup> grade leading chapel

Bible bee after chapel

 Star lab in the afternoon

Wed

Thur

Tourist/vacation  
dress day  
  
Spelling  at 2:00pm



Hat/mismatch  
dress day

PTO spaghetti dinner

Fri





All students, EE thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, are singing in worship on January 21st!

**We will follow the same schedule that we used in October, but please note that we have switched the groups! Last names M-Z will arrive at 8:50; Last names A-L will arrive at 10:20. Please also note that there will be ONE Redeemer Kids (Sunday School) offered at its normal time.**

### Some background basics:

- The Music Room is located near the gym in the "Commons".
- After the first alphabetical group sings, there will be Redeemer Kids (Sunday school) for K - 4<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all to attend! Registration will be right outside the music room; students participating will be given a nametag. Parents will receive a pick-up code as well.
- Service times at RRLC (\* = livestreamed service):
  - Traditional worship - 8:30\* & 10am (Sanctuary)
  - Contemporary worship - 9:30\* & 11am (Christian Activity Center)

### To plan for spacing, families will be given one of two times to sing:

#### **GROUP 1** (last names starting with **M-Z**)

**8:50 am** Drop students off in the music room to warm-up with the teachers.  
\*Parents, please settle into one of the two services to avoid a potential disruption of the service – no need to travel between the two.

**Approx. 9:15** Students sing at the end of the traditional service (which begins at 8:30).

**Approx. 9:40** Students sing in the contemporary service (which begins at 9:30).  
\*Next, students with nametags will be taken to Redeemer Kids (Sunday school applies to K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students). If your child is not attending Redeemer Kids, please send one parent to the music room for pick up.

#### **GROUP 2** (last names starting with **A-L**)

**10:20 am** Drop students off in the music room to warm-up with the teachers.  
\*Parents, please settle into one of the two services to avoid a potential disruption of the service – no need to travel between the two.

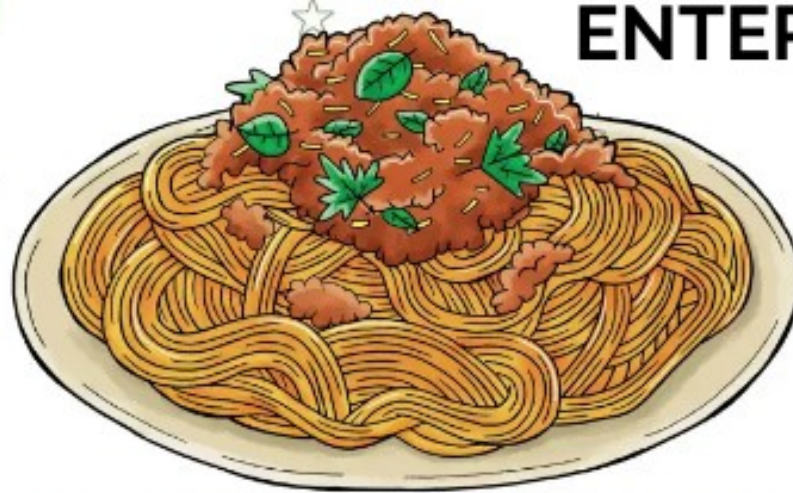
**Approx. 10:45** Students sing at the end of the traditional service (which begins at 10:00).

**Approx. 11:10** Students will sing in the contemporary service (which begins at 11:00).

**Questions:** contact the school office at [school@royred.org](mailto:school@royred.org) or Mrs. Torreson [TTorreson@royred.org](mailto:TTorreson@royred.org)

To God be the glory!

LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT!



# SPAGHETTI Dinner

Friday January 26, 2024

**TO-GO pick up 3:30-5pm**  
**Fellowship dine-in served from**  
**5-7pm**

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SPAGHETTI, SALAD, BREADSTICKS,  
DESSERT, AND BEVERAGES  
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EVENT HOSTED BY  
ROYAL REDEEMER PTO  
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To Order your To-Go meal or Reserve your  
Dine-In seat, go to this QR code  
or  
<https://forms.gle/WyPVqWPYXRdUSWbF9>

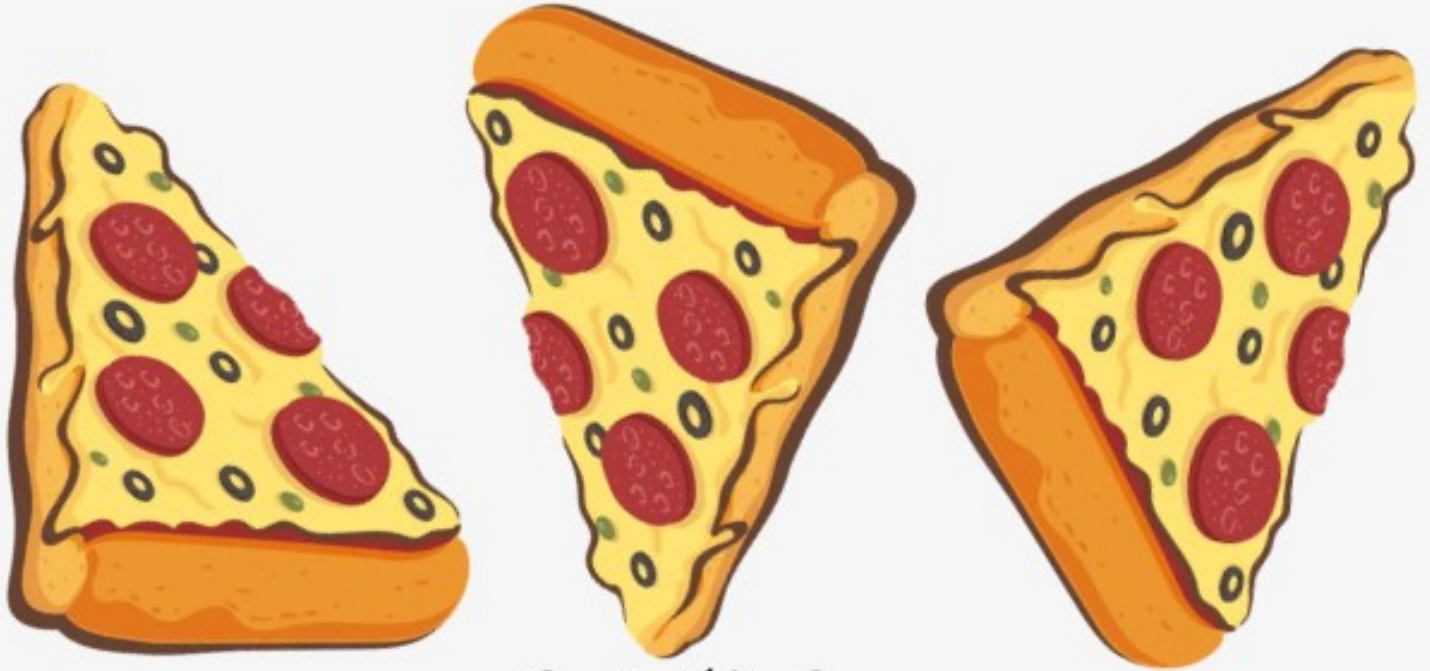
Contact [PTO@ROYRED.ORG](mailto:PTO@ROYRED.ORG)  
with any questions



Donate &  
Volunteer



Purchase  
tickets



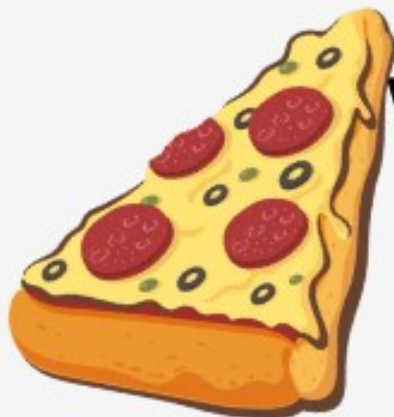
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# PIZZA PARTY!

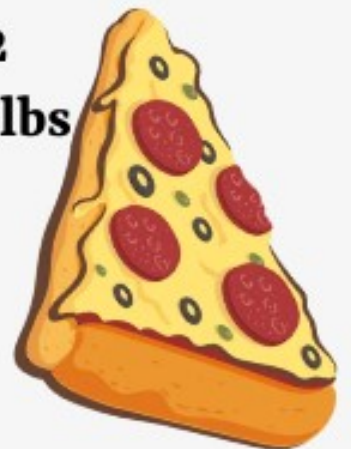
Whatever class collects the  
most regular boxed  
spaghetti, wins!

**Contest runs from 1/15-1/22**

**Winner will be determined in lbs**



PTO needs to collect 100+  
lbs for the spaghetti dinner.  
Any spaghetti not used will  
be donated to the RRLC  
food pantry.





Dear Royal Redeemer Family:

**HAPPY 2024!**

As we begin another new year, I think about the countless blessings we will receive as a part of God's never-ending generosity. As we move into 2024, I'd like to ask you to join me in **strengthening your walk with Christ** by being present in worship, daily reading God's Word and connecting with Him in prayer, and finding ways to serve others. May God richly bless your new year as you reflect His love in every way.

**WRAPPING UP OUR SEASON OF HOPE**

As we wrap up our Season of Hope, we continue to lift up **Night to Shine** this month. We still need buddies to accompany our special guests. You can also sponsor a guest for \$75 or a guest and buddy for \$150. We expect to serve 200 honored guests, plus 200 volunteer buddies who help guide them through their night to shine. I encourage you to contact Lynn Ebner (lebner@royred.org) or Wendy Hengeli (ntsbuddies@gmail.com) if you have questions. You may make a financial gift online at royred.org/give. Select "Night to Shine" from the drop-down menu.

**JOIN OUR FAMILY**

**Life with God**, our 10-week membership class, begins this month. The Sunday session kicks off on Jan. 14; the Tues. session on Jan. 16. We'd love to welcome you into our family! Email Bennie at blevy@royred.org or sign up online at royred.org/upcoming.

**CONSIDER RRLS**

Lastly, applications are being accepted for our amazing school! Visit [rrls.org/admissions](http://rrls.org/admissions) for more information or plan to attend our Open House on Jan. 21 from 1-3pm. There are a number of financial assistance options available for all families.

Blessings upon you in 2024!

*Pastor John*

Stay Connected

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*Sunday Worship Services*

- 8:30 Traditional - Sanctuary ^
- 9:30 Contemporary - CAC ^
- 10:00 Traditional - Sanctuary
- 11:00 Contemporary - CAC

^ Livestream | \* Registration required | + Volunteer

*Calendar of Events*

**JANUARY**

- 3 No confirmation
- 7 High School Bible study, 7-8:30pm \*
- 9 LEGO Club \*
- 10 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Summit Night, 7-8:30pm \*
- 11 Young Adult (20s & 30s) Small Group, 6:30 \*
- 12-14 Confirmation retreat at Beulah Beach \*  
High School retreat at Beulah Beach \*
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- 15 R.E.A.L. Women Bible study begins, 7pm \*
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- 20 "We to Me" widows group event, 12:30, Rm 102
- 21 High School Bible study, 7-8:30pm \*  
National Lutheran Schools Week begins
- 22 RRLS Chipotle fundraiser, 4-8pm  
(17090 Royalton Rd, Strongsville location)
- 25 Young Adult (20s & 30s) Small Group, 6:30 \*
- 26 RRLS PTO spaghetti dinner \*

**FEBRUARY**

- 4 High School Bible study, 7-8:30pm \*
- 7 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Summit Night, 7-8:30pm \*
- 8 Young Adult (20s & 30s) Small Group, 6:30 \*
- 9 Night to Shine +
- 18 High School Bible study, 7-8:30pm \*
- 22 Young Adult (20s & 30s) Small Group, 6:30 \*

*Upcoming Sermon Series*



December 31



January 7



January 14

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT: CLEVELAND PREGNANCY CENTER

This month, help support the **CLEVELAND PREGNANCY CENTER**. We've seen many changes this year with Issue 1 and the rise of chemical abortions, which makes saving lives even more urgent than ever. We must be diligent and on the front lines in ministering to clients who are abortion-vulnerable or abortion-minded. We need to give them a minute to think and rest, without making hasty decisions that there is no coming back from. Please support this important ministry:

- **Fill a baby bottle** with change, bills, or a check. Bottles will be available to pick up beginning Jan. 7. *Please return all bottles by Jan. 28.*
- **Donate items** such as new diaper bags and formula. There is also a need for **NEW** pack and plays, car seats, and strollers, per state regulations.
- The small wood collection boxes will be out on Jan. 7 for **monetary gifts**. You can also give by texting "GIVE" to (216) 208-6839.

Your donations are greatly appreciated! Contact Karla Zahrte at pz4jc@aol.com with any questions.



## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

This month the Food Pantry is in need of personal hygiene items for our clients:

- Shampoo
- Bars of soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- First aid / health & beauty items

There are always collection bins located outside of the Central Entrance for you to place these items. Thank you!

## FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATES

*prayers appreciated* for our confirmands and our high school youth as they prepare to leave on their winter retreats to Beulah Beach on January 12.

*bless our youth program* with a financial gift to help provide funds for scholarships and transportation needs for offsite events.

*lego club* is geared for kinders - 4th graders and is on January 9 at 6pm; registration is required.

*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> summit night* is on January 10 at 7pm in the Gathering Room.

*friendly reminders* that there is NO Redeemer Kids on December 31, NO confirmation on January 3, and HS Youth Group resumes on January 7.

*love on the littles* on Sunday mornings. Do you find yourself making cute faces at the babies near you in service? Nursery work can be volunteer or paid.

Sign-ups & details can be found on REALM or online at [royred.org/upcoming](http://royred.org/upcoming). Email [familyministry@royred.org](mailto:familyministry@royred.org).

## RRLS SPOTLIGHT

- Blessings on the start of 2024! We're getting ready for a new school year, too. **Re-enrollment** for RRLC families begins Jan. 1; applications for new families begins Jan. 15. Visit [rrls.org/admissions](http://rrls.org/admissions).
- Stop by our **Open House** on Jan. 21 from 1-3pm to tour and meet the teachers. Tell a friend about RRLS!
- **National Lutheran Schools Week** starts on Jan. 21 -- hear our students sing in worship, see our amazing art show, and/or attend our spaghetti dinner. To-go starts at 3:30pm; dine-in from 5-7pm. Watch for sign-ups!
- Support RRLS by **picking up dinner at Chipotle** on Mon, Jan. 22 between 4-8pm at the 17090 Royalton Rd., Strongsville location. You need to present a flyer when ordering in-store or use this code if ordering online: 6HFEMP8. Grab a flyer outside either worship space. Thanks for your support!
- **Great Lakes Theatre Group** will be onsite to perform for our 3rd - 8th graders!

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SERVICE**



**REALM  
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**GIVE  
ONLINE**



**BY  
MAIL**

# PASTOR Zahrte's Weekly Update

JANUARY 11, 2024



*a message worth sharing...*

## WONDERFULLY MADE

Abortion has touched the lives of many people and, certainly, there are all kinds of arguments and opinions surrounding this topic. Thankfully, the Bible has much to say about the miracle of life, as well as how to overcome the guilt and hurts of life through our Lord's gracious forgiveness. Join us this Sunday as we celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday and learn how we are "Wonderfully Made" by our amazing God.

I invite you to attend one of our **Baptismal Remembrance services** this Sunday!

**NIGHT to Shine**  
SPONSORED BY THE **TIM TEBOW**  
FOUNDATION™

**HELP...WE NEED ADDITIONAL BUDDIES!**

*opportunities to serve & connect...*

We **REALLY NEED HELP IN THE NURSERY**, 9-12:30 on Sundays. Email [familyministry@royred.org](mailto:familyministry@royred.org)

- **R.E.A.L. Women's Ministry Bible study:** This 7-wk study, "Women of the Word"; begins Jan. 15 at 6:45 for fellowship. [Register here](#)
- **Night to Shine:** We need additional buddies! Click here: [VOLUNTEER](#). To sponsor a prom-goer or make a monetary gift, click here: [GIVE](#)
- **LEGO Club:** Geared towards kinders - 4<sup>th</sup> graders on February 13. At least one parent must accompany his/her child(ren). Please just register your child(ren). [Register here](#)
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Summit Night:** Sign up for a fun night on Feb. 7 as we dive into our Bibles together and play some games! [Register here](#)
- **HS Bible Study:** 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 7-8:30pm. [Register here](#)

[royred.org/upcoming](http://royred.org/upcoming) OR [info@royred.org](mailto:info@royred.org)

*mark your calendars...*

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- 9 Night to Shine
- 11 Missions "Soup-er" Bowl Sunday fundraiser
- 13 LEGO Club
- 14 Ash Wednesday (12 & 6:30pm Sanc. | 7pm CAC)  
Confirmands attend 7pm service

*missions soup-er bowl sunday...*

On February 11, Sunday worshipers may choose a jar (or two!) of soup in the Narthex or the Commons before or after worship services to take home or give away to a family member, friend, or neighbor to enjoy. There is no cost for the soup, but freewill offerings will be gratefully accepted to bless RRLC missions!

Cook sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex and Commons on Sunday, Jan. 28 & Feb. 4. A limited supply of 32-oz, wide-mouthed Mason jars will be available to take home, fill with soup, and bring back to church on the morning of Feb. 11. (Drop-off instructions are provided with the jars.)



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