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Community Outreach

By Linda Hutson
 RCCS Elementary Principal

When much emphasis is being put on material possessions and "it's all about me" mentality, RCCS is striving to BREAK the MOLD. This year all of the classes, kindergarten through twelfth grade, are thinking about and reaching out to others in the community. Each class has chosen an area that will be their focus for the year. It is exciting to see the wide variety of ministry the student body will be experiencing.

Please pray for safety as the students travel, and for a positive learning experience for everyone as they reach out to the community. The students and staff welcome you to join them in these ministry endeavors. Call 365-7378 or 757-1000 for more information.

Kindergarten	Visiting Elementary Sch. Neighborhood Elderly
1 st Grade	Meals on Wheels of Beloit Tray Favors
2 nd Grade	Visits to Cedar Crest Adult Daycare
3 rd Grade	Packing for Second Harvest Food Pantry
4 th Grade	Partnering with Love Inc. adopting soldier, Neal Terpstra
5 th Grade	Visits to Riverside Terrace Assisted Living Center
6 th Grade	Partnering with Living Waters Ministries and Working with Churches Hosting the Homeless
7 th Grade	Adopting Soldiers Matthew Burnett and Ryan Thorpe
8 th Grade	Work with Area Pastors and Prayer Needs
9 th Grade	Shoes for Haiti Program
10 th Grade	Conduct a Walk for Aids
11 th Grade	Boys and Girls Club Tutors and Mentors
12 th Grade	Meals on Wheels of Beloit Weekly Delivery

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Shaping Hearts and Minds in the Truth

Fall Quarter Newsletter

Map to the Future

New RCCS class prepares students for life beyond high school

Rock County Christian School has designed a new class for juniors and seniors called "Careers". In this class, taught by Mrs. Campton Rankins, students are guided through steps that help them make career decisions. Students study different career avenues and are taught skills that will help them be successful in their future job, whatever that may be. Guest speakers are often invited to discuss their careers and field trips to local college open houses are also planned. Careers is a very practical course and is designed to meet the needs and interests of the students.

By Lisa Campton-Rankins
 RCCS Teacher



Bowl-A-Thon On September 27th many RCCS parents, students, and staff had a fantastic time bowling at El Ra in Janesville. Thanks to all who made this event great!

What's New at RCCS?

Tech Upgrade



Type to Learn 6th grader Brandon Bach is working on his typing skills in the newly updated computer lab.

Faced with the challenge of training students in a constantly changing technological world, Rock County Christian School is implementing a new computer system that will help keep it at the "cutting edge." This is being done by installing a XenApp Server with Citrix technology, allowing the school to utilize the most current software applications even from remote locations.

Students, teachers, and administrators will now be able to learn and use the most recent editions of the programs that are being used in the marketplace, such as Office 2007 and InDesign by Adobe.

Mrs. Roth, the new technology instructor at RCCS says, "Having all of our programs on Citrix has been fantastic! The students are working with cutting edge programs and because of the server being online, each program runs at

top speed without taking up valuable space on the CPU. Best of all, if a computer, for whatever reason, won't work, any student can get all of his or her files on another computer in the lab while we fix the problem.. No time is wasted and no work is lost."

We thank Mrs. Roth and her advanced technology class for helping publish this quarterly newsletter using this new technology.

By Tim Befus,
 RCCS Administrator

New Additions to the Staff



Last year, we lost two wonderful teachers and human beings. The Lord had a different plan for these two individuals. Chad Kimberley, who was the Bible teacher and high school basketball coach, moved to Washington this past summer to reunite with family members. He was blessed with a guaranteed job as a sports writer. Mrs. Bailey, who was the fifth grade teacher, felt it was time for her to retire. As a result of the loss of those wonderful teachers, the Lord blessed us with three more.



The new teachers on the staff this year include Mrs. Roth, who substitute taught for RCCS in the past, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who moved from Boston, Massachusetts.



Maria Roth, who has been a RCCS substitute teacher for one year, decided to take on the Computer classes because she enjoyed the staff, students, and the freedom to talk about her relationship with Jesus. Maria Roth is twenty-three years old and earned her bachelor degree from Ozark Christian College in Missouri. Maria Roth said, "I am determined to sharpen the computer classes' skills in all major Microsoft Office Applications so they will be confident at almost any computer."

Kevin Thompson is teaching Bible and High school History. He says that Wisconsin is far

more laid back than Boston in regards to not being a city that is dominated by history, politics and tradition, but that Beloit is a more rural area. Although he is beginning to appreciate the rich traditions of the Mid-west, he says that he could never be a Packers fan. He has been involved in ministry in the past; being a youth pastor and teaching at South Shore Christian School (church operated). During his last two years of teaching he was also the school's principal. Mr. Thompson enjoys and follows politics as much as people follow sports, and he enjoys visiting historical landmarks.

Jill Thompson, teaches 5th grade. Before she came to RCCS she taught 2nd and 3rd grades at South Shore Christian School. Before she married Mr. Thompson she taught middle school English in Miami. Mrs. Thompson loves the Packers and spending time with her nieces and nephews. Of the five states she's lived in, she likes Wisconsin the most.

Mrs. Roth and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are looking forward to this new year and are excited to reach out to each student.

**By Melissa Stalman and Dixie Lane
RCCS Students**

From Biella to Beloit

RCCS has a foreign exchange student! Sabrina Meneguz is from the town of Biella in Northwest Italy. Sabrina is a junior and lives with the Cerniglias.

When asked how she became a part of the foreign exchange program, she said, "In January, I was going down the stairs at my school, and there was a poster about a bank that was giving an opportunity to people in Italy to go to another country for one year to learn the language, culture, and lifestyle of the country. After filling out a mountain of papers, taking a psychological test, an English exam (SLEP), and giving in my grades from the first two years of high school, I was chosen."

In Italy, school is different. Students still go to school five days a week, but only from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. High school is five years long instead of four. Before students receive diplomas they must pass an exam over all the material from their final year.

There are many differences between the USA and Italy that Sabrina has noticed in her first month. She says that Italians are much more independent, though in Italy she can't drive a car until she is 18. American teens are also different than the stereotype she had about them. She had thought they would be more like they are portrayed in movies and TV shows, such as her favorite, *The O.C.*

Since Sabrina has attended RCCS, she has made friends, improved her English, and taught many students more about her Italy.



by Melanie Terpstra—RCCS Student

Why Choose Christian Education?

As my oldest child nears the school age, my husband and I are forced into the decision of determining what kind of education we want our little boy to receive. We contemplated reasons for educating him in the public school system...it is, after all, free. But after reading Deuteronomy 6:7, we had no reason to even consider public schools. This verse states that we are commanded as parents to teach Godly principles to our children "when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." If we wanted our little boy to be taught Godly principles in all aspects of life, public schooling is simply not an option.

I recently finished my student teaching in a public school. I learned that public schools undermine much of what we as Christian parents want to teach our children. We believe in Creation; the public schools teach evolution. We believe that God is in control; the public schools teach humanism and that man is in control. We believe in a lifestyle that is pure, holy, and morally right in the sight of God; the public school promotes ways for students to be impure and immoral safely." (www.teachasia.com)

I realized that our young and impressionable children sit through these kinds of teachings approximately 30 hours a week. They would attend church for about 1 and ½ hours. Since I was commanded to teach my children Godly values every waking moment, I couldn't consider sending our children to a public school. That's why I am thankful for Rock County Christian. This school partners with parents in the journey of raising Godly men and women.

By Jana Vegge, RCCS Alumnus Class of 1998

Breaking the Mold

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www.rccs.us**