



RACINE LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL

CRUSADER CONNECTION

■ FALL 2024 ■



Cast all your anxiety
on Him, because
He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

GREETINGS!

To the right is a picture of two of our students at our Senior Retreat held this past August. Julia Kellner and Allison Rosborough are shown navigating their way through a ropes course which is 30 feet above the ground. It takes the average student about 20 minutes to complete the ropes course and finish with an 800-foot zip-line that brings them back safely to the ground.

Despite training from the camp staff and the assurance that the safety ropes will keep them from falling, most seniors are very nervous about this culminating activity that concludes the two-day retreat. As they wait their turn to make the climb, they watch their classmates complete the course safely, but the knot in their stomach remains.

As we move through life, there are many things that make us anxious – a conflict with a dear friend, illness, death, failure, and the loss of self-worth.

The class of 2025 selected their class verse from 1 Peter 5:7, “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you”. Like the ropes course where one must trust the safety lines, we put our faith and hope in the One who suffered, died and rose from the dead for us – Jesus! Jesus with his boundless love gives sinners hope in a hopeless sinful world.

When we have the love of Christ, we fear no evil, for He is with us. His rod and staff comfort us. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life, and then we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. If God is for us, who can stand against us!

This is the message we have brought to our students every day for 81 years. They have a Heavenly Father who loves them and has created each of them with unique gifts and talents in accordance with His will. They have the confidence and peace that faith brings to the anxious heart.

Thank you! Your prayers and support make this important work possible.

God’s Peace,



David S. Burgess
Executive Director



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

Exciting news! RLHS recently launched a brand-new website. Designed with a fresh, user-friendly interface, the new site will make it easier to stay updated on school events, access important information, and engage with the vibrant RLHS community. Check it out at RacineLutheran.org.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RLHS 2024 HOMECOMING COURT!

Homecoming Week was truly unforgettable! A huge congratulations to our Homecoming Court and to this year's King and Queen, Justin Jones and Julia Kellner! (Left to right) Parker Roehrig, Sofie Kading, Jackson Contreras, Ally Rosborough, Queen Julia Kellner, King Justin Jones, Nylah Kraus, Tyler Christensen, Avery Westcomb, and Vinny Marani.



HOMECOMING 2024

This year's Homecoming theme, "A Night of Dreams," brought our school community together for an unforgettable week! From spirited dress-up days to exciting class competitions, the energy was palpable. The students enjoyed delicious offerings from food trucks, cheered on our teams at the pep rally and sporting events, and witnessed an exciting powder puff football game. The week culminated with a coronation ceremony and a dance. Thank you to everyone who dedicated their time and effort to make this week truly special. Here's to the memories made and the dreams that continue to inspire us!



CRUSADERS GIVE BACK – HOMECOMING FOOD DRIVE

This year's RLHS Homecoming took on extra meaning as students participated in a class competition to support a local food drive! It was amazing to see everyone come together for a cause that helps our community. Great job, Crusaders—your generosity is making an impact!





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024

The 2024 commencement ceremony, held on May 25, 2024, celebrated the achievements and hard work of 72 seniors. This class was awarded scholarships and honors totaling over \$4 million. Their future paths are diverse and exciting, with plans ranging from attending two-year and four-year colleges to serving in the military and starting careers in the workforce, including skilled trades. God bless them as they move forward to make a positive impact on the world.

A special shout-out to Mabel Beversdorf and Cameron Porcaro, who earned the prestigious titles of valedictorian and salutatorian for the RLHS Class of 2024. Mabel is continuing her academic journey at Wisconsin Lutheran College, while Cameron is pursuing his studies at Carthage College.



CRUSADERS IN COSTA RICA

Over the summer our students had an incredible time immersing themselves in the local culture, exploring breathtaking landscapes, and creating unforgettable memories. From the vibrant rainforests to the serene beaches, every moment was an adventure. We're so proud of our Crusaders for embracing this amazing experience with open hearts and minds!



PROM

RLHS proudly presents our 2024 Prom Court! These outstanding students represent the heart and spirit of our school, embodying the values and pride that make our school so special.



- Elenna Garrett & Caiden Lewandowski
- Liz Schneider & Oscar Rosales
- Deandrea Pritchett & Matthew Conlon
- Queen Madi Mandujano & King Quentin McCluskey-Bell
- Aniyah Shaw & Caleb Carranza
- Genevieve Voss & Nick Blount



'MONEY COACH' PROGRAM

This fall, RLHS introduced the 'Money Coach' program to its students. Understanding finances is essential for future success, and RLHS is committed to equipping students with these important life skills. Money Coach is a financial mentoring program designed to help teenagers develop strong money management habits for long-term financial health. Over several weeks, the program pairs students with volunteer coaches who offer personalized guidance, accountability, and support through one-on-one and small group sessions.



REVELING IN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE - 2024 RLHS SPRING ACADEMIC BOWL

Spring Academic Bowl at RLHS highlighted the remarkable talent and intellect of students from our grade school feeder schools. A huge thank you to all the participants for showcasing your extraordinary gifts—it was truly an inspiring event! Congratulations to the teams from Concordia, Racine Christian, St. John's, and Trinity for your hard work and dedication. While Racine Christian earned the top honors, every participant contributed to the success of this exciting day. We can't wait to welcome you back for more enriching experiences and friendly competition. Keep fueling your passion for learning! Mark your calendars for our next event on Sat., Apr. 12.

CRUSADERS EXPLORE CAREERS IN THE TRADES

Racine Lutheran High School students had an amazing opportunity to participate in the Build My Future Southeast Wisconsin event at the Racine County Fairgrounds! Thanks to the Racine Kenosha Builders Association, Lakeland Builders Association, and all the fantastic sponsors and exhibitors, our students got a unique, hands-on experience learning about career opportunities in the trades. We're very grateful for this interactive event that's helping shape the next generation of skilled professionals!



SUMMER STUDENT STAFF

A huge thank you to our amazing student summer helpers: Albert Holewinski, Matthew Pataska, and Wesley vanSliedrecht! These dedicated students went the extra mile in getting the building ready for the new school year. Their exceptional work ethic and positive attitudes made the summer both enjoyable and highly productive. We deeply appreciate all their hard work and contributions!

RLHS HONORS LOCAL HERO

RLHS students, faculty, and staff had the honor of paying tribute to SSgt Ralph H. Bode as his funeral procession passed by the school en route to Graceland Cemetery. This moving moment took place at 10:03 a.m., the exact time when, 80 years ago, SSgt Bode's aircraft was tragically downed during a WWII bombing mission over Kassel, Germany.

SSgt Bode's niece, Tena Bode Kruger, an RLHS alumna from the class of 1977, visited the school with her husband, Jeff, while in town for the memorial service. As we reflect on this solemn occasion, we will continue to lift up prayers for peace and comfort for the Bode family and all those who have lost loved ones in service to our nation. Their sacrifice for our freedom is deeply appreciated and remembered.





NEW DUAL CREDIT BUSINESS COURSE OFFERED

This fall, we were excited to offer even more opportunities for our students to earn high school credits and college credits at the same time. This year, Gateway's Introduction to Business course is being taught by one of our own qualified teachers, RLHS alumna, Deb Maranger Menk '77, using the same textbooks and materials as Gateway. The class is open to juniors and seniors and presents a general orientation to the business world. Studies include organization and administration, production, labor and personnel, accounting and statistics, distribution, finance, and the relationship of business to society.



GRADE SCHOOL FAN NIGHTS

Grade School Fan Nights were a hit during the fall sports season! Future Crusaders filled the stands, and it was a great opportunity for our younger fans to experience the excitement of RLHS athletics and cheer on our teams. Thank you to everyone who came out and made it special! Don't miss the upcoming Future Crusader Nights during Crusader basketball: Thurs., Dec. 12 for the girls' game, and Fri., Dec. 20 for the boys'. We can't wait to see you there!



EAGLE SCOUT – CULLEN LISOWSKI

Congratulations and thanks to Cullen Lisowski (Sr.) for completing his Eagle Scout project on our campus. Cullen built three new benches, added crushed stone, and created a Crusader Spirit pole featuring 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and 1 Corinthians 13:7. With this, Cullen is now eligible for the Eagle Scout rank, the highest honor in Boy Scouts, recognizing leadership, character, and community service.



CRUSADER CONSTRUCTION

We're thrilled to share that our RLHS Intro to Construction Trades class is teaming up with Veterans Outreach to construct a tiny home for a veteran in need! This project offers our students valuable hands-on experience while making a positive impact on the lives of those who have served our nation.



CRUSADERS IN THE COMMUNITY

In May, some students from the RLHS football team eagerly pitched in to support the annual Pancake Day festivities at Racine's Roma Lodge. They assisted with bussing tables, replenishing drinks, and ensuring the venue was left spotless after the event. Way to help the community, Crusaders!



ATHLETIC CONGRATULATIONS!

Metro Classic Softball Champions

This is the 6th Conference Championship in Softball History. Congrats Coach Michael, Coach Hozey, Coach Peterson, and players.

Softball All Conference Selections: Jenna Beaudin (Sr.), Iyana Garza (Jr.) - 1st Team, Alexis Kiedrowski (Jr.), Emilie Lozano-Weaver (Jr.), Sammi Agerholm (So.) - 2nd Team, Abbey Agerholm (Sr.), Ella Harris (Sr.), Jordan Ramos (So.) - Honorable Mention

Baseball All Conference Selections: Riley Gavigan (Sr.), Jayden Jaramillo (Sr.), - 2nd Team, Matthew Hoeft (Sr.), Eli Gasau (So.) - Honorable Mention

Girls Soccer All Conference Selections: Mabel Beversdorf (Sr.), Ally Rosborough (Jr.) - Honorable Mention

Volleyball School Record: Julia Kellner (Sr.) broke the school record for Total Kills in a career with 1,547.

Cross Country

The Crusaders Cross Country team finished off the season strong at Tendick Park in Saukville posting their best WIAA playoff finish in program history, and in a higher Division! With our increased enrollment, we are now in Division 2. Joshua Walker (Jr.) led the team with his personal record time having traded off first-place finishes throughout the season with Josiah Hasseldahl (Jr.) and Gabriel Beversdorf (Sr.). While the team was smaller than some of our competitors, they showed dedication and hard work all season long. Throughout the season, the combined girls and boys teams posted 48 new personal records and took off approximately 44 minutes from their times at the beginning of the season. With many returners for next year, Coach Tuskowski is excited to see what they can accomplish.



SENIOR ATHLETES SIGNING CEREMONY

Congratulations to four class of 2024 students who are poised to continue their athletic careers in college! Their signing ceremonies in May marked the beginning of exciting journeys for:

- Cameron Mitchell, who will be pursuing track at Concordia University of Chicago
- Jenna Beaudin, who will be showcasing her skills in softball at Bryant and Stratton College
- Joey Juga, who will be running track at Carroll University
- Jayden Jaramillo, who will be joining the baseball team at Connors State College

Please pray for these talented athletes as they embark on their dreams!





END OF AN ERA: COACH SMITH RETIRES FROM CRUSADER FOOTBALL

Scott Smith '78, who achieved a remarkable 178-91 record during three tenures as Racine Lutheran High School's football coach, has retired from coaching to spend more time with his family.

Coach Smith made an immediate impact when he took over the program in 1995, turning the Crusaders from a 3-6 team the previous season into an 8-2 powerhouse that advanced to the second round of the playoffs. During this time, Smith also played as a linebacker for the Racine Raiders, balancing his coaching duties with his playing career. His hands-on approach, including lifting weights alongside his players, quickly earned him their respect and loyalty.

In 2006, the Crusaders went 11-1 and advanced to the third round of the WIAA Division 6 playoffs. Three years later, under Smith's leadership, the team reached the Division 6 semifinals. After the 2009 season, Coach Smith stepped down to follow his son's college football career at Southwest Missouri State. He returned to RLHS in 2012, determined to rebuild the program.

Despite a challenging 1-8 season in 2015, the Crusaders rebounded with successive seasons of 6-4, 10-2, 11-3, and 11-1 before the 2020 season was shortened due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Smith's 2018 team made it to the Division 6 championship at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, where they faced Iola-Scandinavia, finishing as runners-up with a 43-14 loss. The Crusaders continued to perform well, ending last season with a 7-3 record.

"When you think of Racine Lutheran football, you think of Coach Scott Smith," said Lutheran's Athletic Director, Steve Shaffer. "He's been incredibly successful as a coach, and his winning percentage reflects that. He's meant a great deal to the program and to the many players he's coached over the years."

Thank you, Coach Smith, for all that you have done for RLHS and the football program!



Jeff Kraus
Head Football Coach



Nick Gasau
Associate Head Football Coach

NEW COACHES DEDICATED TO TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE FOOTBALL

This fall, Jeff Kraus took the reins of the RLHS football program, filling the role as Head Coach. Coach Kraus served as the offensive coordinator under Scott Smith since 2016. Kraus also has a personal connection to the Crusaders. Two of his sons, Colton and Nolan, played football at Lutheran, and a third son, Cohen, was the team's starting quarterback as a sophomore this season.

Veteran Social Studies teacher, Nick Gasau, has been named Associate Head Coach. Gasau, a dedicated educator with years of experience both in the classroom and on the field, will bring his passion and leadership to the football program. His involvement further strengthens the Crusaders' commitment to teamwork, discipline, and success.

VOLLEYBALL

As the new Head Coach, RLHS alumna, Rachel Duchac '01, is poised to make a positive impact on the Crusader girls volleyball program. In college, Rachel excelled as a middle hitter at Concordia University Chicago. More recently, Rachel served as a science teacher, basketball and volleyball coach, and athletic director at St. John's Lutheran School. Now in her second year teaching at RLHS, Rachel is enthusiastic as she steps into her newest role at her alma mater.



Rachel Duchac
Head Girls Volleyball Coach

Reflecting on her return to RLHS, Rachel Duchac expressed, "I recently looked at my senior yearbook and I was quoted saying that 'my time at RLHS was coming to an end'. I love how God surprised me and showed me His plan. I am so happy to be teaching at Racine Lutheran. I never thought I'd be back, but I am so proud and grateful to be a part of Team 81."



RLHS RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

After months of dedicated effort from our faculty and staff, RLHS successfully navigated the accreditation process through National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. Accreditation decisions hinge upon a school's adherence to national standards tailored for Lutheran educational institutions, embodying the core qualities expected of Lutheran schools. Achieving accreditation in good standing with NLSA demands full compliance with 30 essential indicators of success.

Every aspect of our institution has undergone rigorous evaluation and measurements, culminating in affirmation of our mission and ministry. While our conviction in the excellence of our school has long been echoed by the enthusiasm of our students, the satisfaction of parents, and the loyalty of alumni over our 80-year history, it's particularly gratifying to have our accomplishments officially recognized by the synod.

WELCOME TO RACINE LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

RLHS had some new faces in the classroom when the doors opened this fall, and they weren't just the freshmen! We are excited to welcome and introduce several newly commissioned teachers for the 2024-25 school year.

- Abby Barrington - Math
- Mark Brenner - Theology
- Renee Brenne - Spanish
- James Juergensen III - Physical Education
- Rev. Mark Walters - Theology

Pictured Below L-R: Rev. David Gehne, Principal Jason Block, James Juergensen, Rev. Mark Walters, Renee Brenner, Mark Brenner, Abby Barrington, Executive Director Dave Burgess



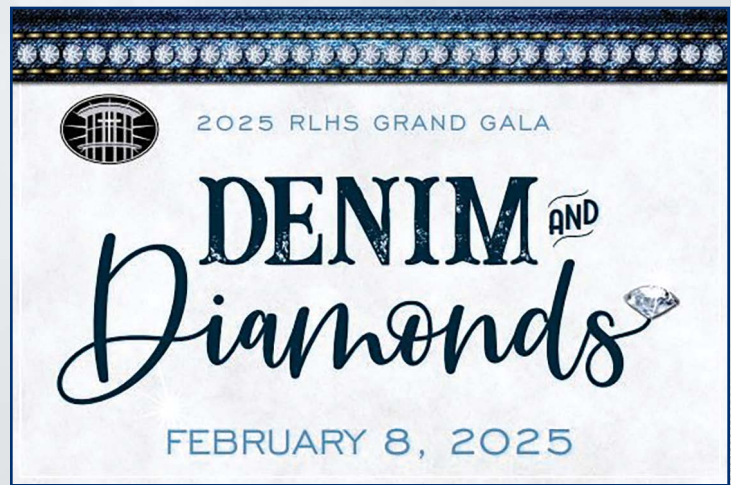
GRAND GALA

Racine Lutheran High School is thrilled to announce the 27th annual Grand Gala, set to take place on Sat., Feb. 8, at Racine's Roma Lodge. This year's theme, "Denim & Diamonds," promises an evening where RLHS and its supporters will truly sparkle and shine.

The Grand Gala is more than just an event—it's a celebration of the alumni, parents, friends, and community members who have played a vital role in helping RLHS flourish. Each year, this important fundraiser not only highlights the achievements of our students but also ensures their continued success by supporting essential programs and initiatives.

Guests will be warmly welcomed with complimentary beverages as they peruse an array of exciting items in the silent auction. Following this, attendees will enjoy a delightful dinner and a lively voice auction, where they can bid on unique experiences and items. The night will conclude with dancing to the tunes of Chicago's High Society Orchestra, ensuring that the evening shines brightly from start to finish.

Join us for a night where RLHS will dazzle and delight like never before, as we come together to celebrate and support the future of our students! For more information on donating or attending, please visit our website and click on the GRAND GALA tab under SUPPORT US.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF OUR THRIFT SHOP

Heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Thrift Shop workers and volunteers! 60 years ago, volunteers opened the first Thrift Shop to help RLHS keep down the cost of Christian education. The accomplishment has spanned generations, and the mission continues today. Since its inception, many volunteers have donated countless hours to maintaining and operating the stores. 100% of the proceeds support the school for equipment, special projects, student aid, additions, renovations, and operating expenses. Thanks to our Thrift Shops more than \$4.8 million has been donated to support our school. Their generous service allows us to continue offering a Christian education in a loving and caring environment. To learn more please visit RacineLutheran.org and click on THRIFT SHOP under the SUPPORT US tab.



YEAR-END GIVING - INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (IRA)

If you're 70½ or older, you can make a tax-free charitable gift to RLHS directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA)—up to \$100,000! At this age, you're required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) each year. If you find that you don't need all or part of your RMD, consider making a direct contribution to RLHS instead. Not only will this count toward your RMD, but you'll also avoid paying income taxes on the amount donated. Instead of sending money to Uncle Sam, you can support RLHS and make a meaningful difference in the programs that matter most to you. Interested in learning more? Contact klong@RacineLutheran.org for details.



GOLF OUTING

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our 36th annual Golf Outing, the Sader Scramble, at Meadowbrook Country Club. On Aug. 5, 138 golfers came together to enjoy the camaraderie, friendly competition, stunning views, and delightful food.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous sponsorships, donations, and the enthusiastic support of our volunteers. Your contributions and efforts made this another successful event! Since its inception, this event has raised more than \$500,000 to benefit the RLHS athletic program.

Mark your calendars for next year's outing on Mon., Aug. 4. We look forward to another fantastic event!



RLHS OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS!

On Oct. 14, we welcomed 120 families to our Open House as they begin planning for the 2025-2026 school year. It's exciting to see the Class of 2029 starting to take shape! Our next Open House will be on Wed., Jan. 15, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Please be sure to share this information with your community—we look forward to meeting more future Crusaders!



CRUSADER SPIRIT WEAR

With the holiday season just around the corner, now is the perfect time to check out the online spirit wear store at RacineLutheran.org. Find the perfect gift for your favorite student, parent, alumni, or staff member who proudly shows their Crusader pride!

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OBITUARIES

We pay tribute to the following alumni who have recently passed away.

Class of:

- 1948 – Laverne Baker Hartwig
- 1950 – Allan Naegeli
- 1950 – Floyd Veenstra
- 1951 – Marilyn Neuman Andersen
- 1951 – Myrna Nelson Olesen
- 1951 – William Smith
- 1951 – Richard Winterle
- 1956 – Dennis Johnson
- 1961 – Charles Francis
- 1962 – Jean Rhode Mortensen
- 1963 – Terry Rasmussen
- 1964 – Marilyn Eckert Dargin
- 1965 – Susan Petzke Akset
- 1966 – Daun Cziok
- 1968 – Thomas Layton
- 1974 – Randall Miller
- 1979 – Elizabeth Carravetta Donaldson
- 1989 – Dan Ruppel
- 2014 – Kevin Price



Mason Wagner '18 married Laura Luberta on April 28, at Pentecost Lutheran Church

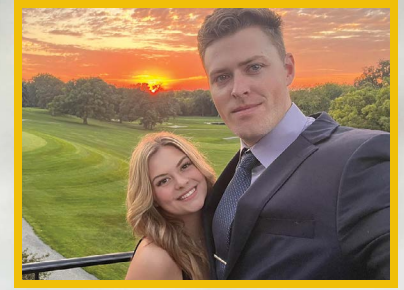


Sam Theuer '16 married Paige Gorst on May 21 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico



Rachel Aumann '09 married Bob Hall on July 11, at Brighton Acres in Oshkosh, WI

NUPTIAL NEWS



Aaron Gehne '12 married Laney Vance on June 1 at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, WI



Josie Kellner '18 married Jake Blazer on July 27 at St. John's Lutheran Church

BIRTHS-CRUSADER CREATIONS



Emily Boho Vander Berg '13, husband, Lucas, and big brother Kade, welcomed son, Bodie David, on Oct. 25, 2023



Leah Kosmala Cermak '09, and husband, Matt, welcomed daughter, Emma Louise on May 30



Rachel Kennow Porcaro '11, and husband, Mario, welcomed daughter, Mila Angelina, on June 21



Tyler Naegeli '12, and wife, Sadie, welcomed daughter, Lennon Blair, on Aug. 11

CONTRIBUTE AND CONNECT

- Give a gift today – easily and securely online or by using the enclosed remittance envelope
- Donate monthly
- Sponsor a student or event
- Honor someone special through our brick program
- Make a memorial donation
- Utilize corporate matching gifts or payroll deduction
- Include us in your planned giving
- Direct your Thrivent Choice dollars to RLHS
- Volunteer at school events and our Thrift Shops

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The Racine Lutheran High School Hall of Fame celebrates the exceptional achievements of our former students, athletes, and faculty members who have exemplified our mission and made remarkable contributions using their God-given talents. We are proud to introduce the Hall of Fame Class of 2025:

- Joel Bode '78
- Carl Hellenberg (posthumously) & Patricia Secanky Hellenberg '62
- Alan Welna '79 (posthumously)
- James Bartz – Teacher 1958-1990 (posthumously)

Please join us for the 2026 Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Sat., Jan. 18

- 3:30 p.m. Pre-game Reception in New Commons
- 4:00 p.m. Induction Ceremony in New Gym
- 5:00 p.m. Boys' Varsity Basketball Game Tipoff

HALL OF FAME 2026 NOMINATIONS

We're looking for outstanding individuals who exemplify strong character and a dedication to the mission of RLHS. Eligible alumni must have graduated at least 10 years prior to consideration and have made significant achievements either during their time at RLHS or in their professional fields. Teachers, coaches, and staff members are also eligible for nomination, provided that 5 years have passed since their active tenure at RLHS.

Nominees can be honored for their contributions in areas such as athletics, academics, humanitarianism, the arts, or service to the church. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized, please visit the ABOUT section at [RacineLutheran.org](https://www.RacineLutheran.org) to access the nomination form. For any inquiries, feel free to reach out to Stephen Shaffer at sshaffer@RacineLutheran.org.



RLHS ALUMNI - LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

We're dedicated to staying connected with our alumni, celebrating your milestones, and keeping you in the loop. Have you recently moved, changed your email, tied the knot, or welcomed a new addition to your family? We'd love to hear about it! Share your news with us by emailing klong@RacineLutheran.org or visit the ALUMNI section at [RacineLutheran.org](https://www.RacineLutheran.org) to update your contact information. By keeping your details current, you'll receive the latest news, event invitations, and exciting updates from Racine Lutheran High School.



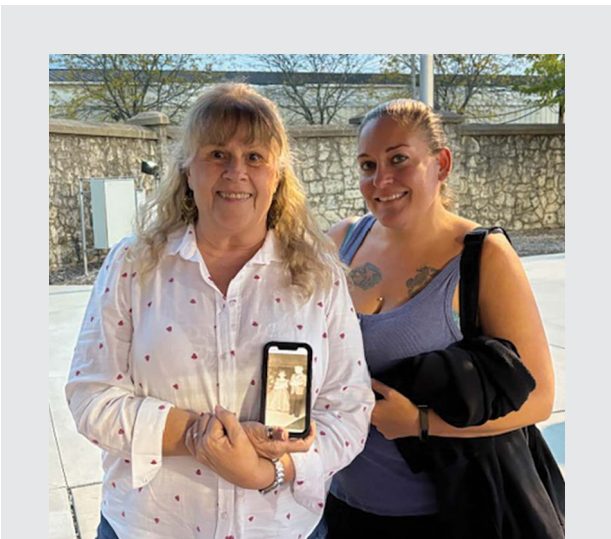
Welcome Back

CLASS OF 1964

The Class of 1964 celebrated their 60th reunion with a weekend packed full of fun. On Sept. 14, several met at RLHS for a tour of their alma mater, followed by dinner at Douglas Ave. Diner. The festivities continued on Sept. 15, with lunch at Buckets Pub.

At the Diner – Pictured L-R: (seated) Sharon Borgardt Bartel, Donna Mau DeGarmo, Darlene Gerber Larson; (second row) Elvis, Terri Boscher Tigges, Dorothy Wilks Krause, Lynn Gutknecht Anderson, Penny Henkel Deming, Sue Andersen Ashton, Gretchen Dinkelman Last, Barb Johnson Kairis; (third row) Mick Ista, Bob Last, Wendell Anderson, Chuck Martinie, Joanne Albright Martini, Kurt Pinnow, Jean Olsen, Janet Hermann, Norman Hermann, Dean Bartel, Barb Wasik; (back row) Tom DeGarmo, Josalyn Wasik, Rod Olsen, Everett Schulz

Back in Class – Pictured L-R: (front row) Wendell Anderson, Lynn Gutknecht Anderson, Barb Johnson Kairis, Sharon Borgardt Bartel, Dean Bartel; (middle row) Sue Andersen Ashton, Everett Schulz, Joanne Albright Martini, Gretchen Dinkelman Last, Chuck Martinie; (back row) Norman Hermann, Penny Henkel Deming, Bob Last, Terri Boscher Tigges



ALUMNI HOMECOMING

On Oct. 11, over 50 RLHS alumni gathered at Horlick Field to support the Crusaders during the Homecoming football game. Graduates from 1964 to 2024 donned their purple and gold and joined all the other proud RLHS fans in the stands! It was a perfect night, from the beautiful weather to the big win against St. Francis High School.

(Pictured L-R) Linda Weidner '71 (holding a photo of herself when she was a crown bearer at Racine Lutheran's homecoming in 1957) and Kristine Schmidt '01



ALUMNI SOCCER

On Aug. 23, twelve former Crusader soccer players, spanning graduating classes from 2008 to 2023, gathered at the SCORE Soccer Complex for the much-anticipated annual Alumni vs. Current Crusaders soccer match. The current team showcased their skills, securing a 3-0 victory. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the students, alumni, parents, and fans who came out to support this exciting tradition!

Pictured alumni L-R: (back) Steel Falaschi '23, Simon Theuer '17, Christopher Troop '17, Thomas Asher '19, Logan Schoff '23, Jack George '22; (front) Sam Theuer '16, TJ Christensen '21, Austin Ortiz '19, Nehemiah Falaschi '22, Trenton Tenner '18, Matt Patzke '08

If you are interested in getting an alumni game together for your sport or convening a reunion for one of your favorite clubs/activities, please reach out to klong@RacineLutheran.org.



CLASS OF 1957

The Class of 1957 gathered on Sept. 18 for a heartfelt reunion luncheon at the Olive Garden. Old friends shared memories, laughter, and stories from their high school days, celebrating decades of blessings and friendships.

Pictured L-R: (front row) Arlene Suban Cacciotti, Dave Lepow, Carol Kralovetz Grundy, Connie Brodsko Lonergan; (middle row) Janet Brown Exner, Connie Maass Sperka, Mona Rubach Trecek, Faye Vierk Witt, Don Gifford, Geraldine Fiedler Ulcek; (back row) Bruce Eckert, Ellyn Siehr Levell, Ralph Bertermann, James Roepke, Don Riegelman, Dorothy Jehn Fowles



CLASS OF 1959

The Class of 59 celebrated their 65th reunion at Thunder Bay Grille in Pewaukee. They sang their class hymn, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me," sang the RLHS school song, and prayed for the classmates who could not join them.

Pictured L-R: (front row) John Crawford, Mary Lee Friedrichs Anderson, Judy Kossow Conrad, Carol Robb Johnson, Janice Butler Bertermann, Bonnie Gildemeister Perkins, Phil Pinnecker; (back row) Barry Anderson, Jack Poulson, John Bertermann, Jim Sheridan, Gary Patzke, Dennis Malone, RLHS Executive Director Dave Burgess



CLASS OF 1956

On Oct. 5, members of the RLHS CLASS OF 1956 gathered for lunch at Infusino's. These Crusaders have cherished their friendship for an incredible 69 years!

Pictured around the table: (bottom L - bottom R) Sharon Johnson, Joe Yust, Diane Thomsen Yust, Pat Amann, Marlene (Sugar) Sawinski Primuth, Don Wiese, Gail Sorenson Gotch, Betty Zimmermann Baumann, Florian Buaumann, Clarice Boerger Lovdahl, Dennis Johnson



CLASS OF 1976

Members from the CLASS OF 1976 gathered to reunite with their exchange student, Yasuo Ogawa, during his visit from Japan.

Pictured L-R: (front row) Yasuo, Lynn Pflingsten Morgenson, Michele Widick Erickson, Becky Steimle, Bob Hugasian; (back row) Charlie French, Steve Hartwig, Scott Stewart

WELCOME BACK IN 2025

2020 • 2015 • 2010 • 2005 • 2000 • 1995 • 1990
1985 • 1980 • 1975 • 1970 • 1965 • 1960 • 1955

Next year is a milestone anniversary year for alumni with graduation years that end in 5 or 0! Let us help you plan something big to celebrate. Contact klong@RacineLutheran.org to start your plans!



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MISSION

Racine Lutheran High School's mission is to guide our youth in faith, learning, character, and leadership by nurturing their relationship with Jesus Christ and educating them for a life of service to God and man.

VALUES

Faith, Learning, Character, Leadership.

SCHOOL YEAR THEME

Cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

- 1 Peter 5:7

PARENTS

If your son or daughter is no longer living at this address, please email his or her current address to klong@RacineLutheran.org.



SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Our seniors enjoyed a hot, memorable, activity-filled trip to Edwards YMCA Camp for the Senior Leadership Retreat in August. Students participated in leadership initiatives, a self-care fair, small group devotions, a high ropes course, and various other challenges. During rec time some cooled off by swimming and canoeing, while others enjoyed tube slides and countless games of gaga ball. This year we added some new chaperones from our faculty — Mrs. Wilke, Mr. Hullum, and Pastor Walters, who led our closing worship service.