

# Alpine Academy Newsletter.....December 16, 2011



December 20 Tuesday Band & Orchestra Christmas Concert 6:30 pm at  
Rockford Lutheran High School

**Note – there will not be orchestra practice after school on this day**

December 21 (Wednesday) Last Day of school for 2011 – Pre-K Christmas Parties will be in the morning,  
Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> parties will be in the afternoon.

December 22 (Thursday) -January 3 (Tuesday) Christmas Vacation

January 4, 2012 (Wednesday) 1<sup>st</sup> day back to school

January 28, 2012 .....Appreciation Dinner .....Save this date and watch for your invitation

- The YMCA does have a School's out Winter Break Camp – go to [www.rockfordymca.org/campwinnebago](http://www.rockfordymca.org/campwinnebago) for dates and registration forms to sign up for the program.



## **Alpine Lutheran Church invites you to our Christmas Services**

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm will be our Christmas Eve Service

December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am will be our Christmas Day Service

**Thank you .... Christmas Mugs & Hot Cocoa – Thank you to all of our students.** They have been very busy little elves. They made 550 Christmas cards and filled 550 Christmas mugs with hot cocoa, candy canes, mints and Hershey Kisses. Lifescape, Community Services picked up most of the Christmas mugs this week and we will be delivering more mugs on Monday along with a donation check. They were very appreciative of the student's hard work and thoughtfulness. Lifescape delivers hot meals to senior "shut-ins" and runs Brightside Senior Day Care Centers.

**Band & Orchestra at Chapel – on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>** our Band & Orchestra students will be performing at Chapel. This chapel will begin at 9:45 am. **Band & Orchestra students will also be performing on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at Rockford Lutheran High.**



**–Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this Fun Day!! – Last Wednesday we had a very special visitor.**  
**Santa arrived at Alpine Academy.**

**He saw all of the students and gave out candy canes, then all of the students had ice cream sundaes.**

**Thank you to Mr. Morton for all of his work on the student directory. Every family will receive a directory – check your student's Friday take home folder, if you have not yet received it.**

**Thank you also, PTO for new volleyball equipment and Severson Dells in school field trip that will be in February.**

**Extended care and lunch statements are being sent home in school folders today.** Please check your balances to make sure all accounts are up to date. Report cards will be going home the Friday after we return from Christmas Break. All accounts (tuition, lunch, extended care) need to be up to date in order for report cards to be released.

## When the Weather Outside is Frightful

The cold and snow season is approaching. In preparation, we are communicating these guidelines:

**1. School closing-** In the event of extreme snow ( or cold ) the decision to close school will be made by 6:00 a.m. and communicated to the following stations; TV-WREX, channel 13; WTVO/WQRF, channel 17 and 36; WIFR, channel 23; *Radio- WROK/WZOK*. You can sign up for text alerts with channel 13 ([www.wrex.com/global/link.asp?L=410454](http://www.wrex.com/global/link.asp?L=410454)).

Despite our effort to correct our listing, be alert for the possibility that we may be listed under Luther Academy at Alpine. Do not confuse Alpine Academy with Alpine Christian Schools. In general if Lutheran High School is closed, Alpine Academy probably will be also.

**2. Lunch recess** - Our nurse, Mrs. Cassioppi; will be checking wind chills and temperatures online to determine how long children can safely spend outside. The temperature will not be the only factor. It is important for children to get fresh air during the cold and flu season, so we will try to have some outside time each day. On days when the ground is too wet on the field and playground or it is too cold to be out for 20 minutes, we may walk the track for 5-10 minutes and then come inside for the remainder of recess. (We will be counting laps and "Walking to Jerusalem". We're hoping to walk the miles to Jerusalem by Easter.)

**3. Gym class-** Mrs. Wilson has several exciting snow activities planned. Both for gym and recess, please be sure your child has the appropriate weather wear- hats, boots, mittens or gloves, winter coat, snow pants or heavy jeans. You might want to stock his/her locker with an extra pair of socks or pants.

**4. Medical needs-** A doctor's excuse is usually needed for a child to stay in from outside recess or gym. However, there are times when a child is recovering from a cold, flu, or an ear infection when you might want one or two days of sitting out. Please contact our nurse, Mrs. Cassioppi.

If you have any questions or concerns about these guidelines, please do not hesitate to contact the principal, Mrs. Beynon on her cell 871-1196 or e-mail [dianiam@comcast.net](mailto:dianiam@comcast.net)