

# Alpine Academy Newsletter.....December 2, 2011



December 6 Tuesday All school Christmas sing-a-long at Chapel  
December 7 Wednesday Steak & Shake from 4 – 8 pm on the Alpine academy Dinner Tour –  
Vouchers are attached – a percentage of sales will go to Alpine Academy, when the attached voucher is presented.

**Alpine Dinner Tour....** For a complete listing of the Alpine Academy Dinner Tour, go to our website, [www.AlpineAcademyofRockford.com](http://www.AlpineAcademyofRockford.com) . On the first page, “click” on dinner tour.

December 8 Thursday Christmas Program 6:30 pm  
December 13 Tuesday Band & Orchestra perform at Chapel 9:45 am  
December 13 Tuesday PTO meets at 6:00 pm – Alpine Academy Board Meets at 7:00 pm  
December 20 Tuesday Band & Orchestra Christmas Concert 6:30 pm at Rockford Lutheran High School  
December 22-January 3 Christmas Vacation\*

- 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.

## Vote for our school to win a grant up to \$50,000.00

Alpine Academy has made it through the nomination round of The Power a Bright Future grant contest sponsored by Clorox.

### Now we need your help to vote!

You could help us win a grant up to \$50,000.00 to improve technology throughout our school. We are the only school in Rockford, Illinois that is entered in the contest.

### Here is how you can help...

1. Go to [www.powerabrightfuture.com](http://www.powerabrightfuture.com)
2. Go to "Vote Now" (on the right of the screen)
3. Go to location search - *type in Rockford, IL* ----*Alpine Academy of Rockford will pop up..*
4. Click on vote, and then confirm.



**You can vote once per day from now until December 9, 2011 –  
Please forward this to all of your friends & family that would be willing to vote for our school.**

## Holiday Happenings

**Christmas Program** - December 8, Thursday, in the school gym – Alpine Academy students present: A Charlie Brown Christmas. Students can wear their Christmas outfits to the performance. We will have song books available so the whole audience can sing along.

**Christmas Mugs & Hot Cocoa** – Our students will be busy little elves next week. We will be donating 550 Christmas mugs filled with “goodies” to Lifescape Services to bring to senior “shut-ins” and Brightside Day Care Centers. Our school will be making 550 Christmas Cards, and filling the mugs with hot cocoa, peppermint sticks and candy. Our jeans for Jesus collection for this quarter will also be a donation to Lifescape Services.

**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.**



**Ice Cream Sundaes at lunch** – On December 14<sup>th</sup> the PTO will provide ice cream sundaes for all of the students. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this Fun Day!!

**There may also be a special Christmas surprise for everyone.....**

## 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)

*Thank you – thank you – thank you*

*We would also like to thank all of the families who donated items to our Biggest Thanksgiving Feast Ever!*

We are very blessed to have such wonderful students, parents, Alpine Academy Families, and Alpine Lutheran Church Families supporting our school. We hope all that attended enjoyed the Thanksgiving Service and meal.

*Special Thanks to those that prepared and served all of the food and helped clean up the Fellowship Hall.*

Robyn Gustafson, Cathy Merwin, Kris Ostic, Jan Tack, Sheri Cook, Roger Bastian, Deb Heir, Ardie Stevens, John & Jan Johnson, Lisa Eckman-Kelly, Kathy Durst & Margaret Yocum. The entire 6th grade class for helping serve and assist the younger students, Former Alpine Academy students that came from the high school to help serve and clean up: Ellie Lewis, Holly McKee, Brianna McQuality, Will Schwanke, Melissa Johnson, Ashley Hasse. Thank you also to three of our 5th grade students that read scriptures at the Thanksgiving service: Aaron Mitchell, Julia Spangler, Nolan Jacobson.

**Thank you to Mrs. Spangler for setting up the Used Uniform Sale**

**Alpine Account Balance reminder....** Please make sure all of your Alpine Academy Account balances are paid up to date. The semester ends on our last day of school before Christmas Break (Dec. 21, 2011). **All tuition, lunch and extended care balances must be paid in full in order for students to receive report cards and 1<sup>st</sup> semester information. Report cards will be going home on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**