

SMOKE SIGNALS

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April 30, 2004

"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy!" Psalm 126:3

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

May 8	Track Meet at Newark High School
May 14	PSC Ice Cream Social 7:00 pm
May 21	7th/8th Musical 7:00 pm
May 22	Family Fun Day
May 24-26	3rd/4th grade to Coloma
May 31	Memorial Day Holiday - No School
June 4	Academic Awards 7:00 pm
June 8	8th Grade Banquet 6:30 pm
June 10	Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 am
June 11	Last Day of School 10:30 am Dismissal
June 11	8th Grade Graduation 7:30 pm

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER Mr. Mike Mancini

VISION..2005

The anticipation is growing and excitement is building, as we prepare for the ground breaking of our NEW school in October! Plans are underway with the City to get approval on drawings so we can begin construction. That process could cause some small delays, yet we are prayerful that everything will begin as scheduled. We expect to have our classrooms completed for the start of the 05/06 school year. This has been a long process and we thank our great God for providing us with people with the leadership and vision to guide us into the future. There are quite a few special individuals who have been working on this campaign for many years! Thank you for your vision, commitment, and dedication to kids as you provide them with a richer learning environment. We know all great things come in His timeframe.

With that said, I once again want to remind everyone to turn in your enrollment applications for next year. We are excited for the future and the new students who have already enrolled for the fall. We know April is a tough month financially with the taxes that are due both for our property and income. We ask that you contact the school office to inform us as to your plans. I will be contacting all families who have not reenrolled as of May 3, 2004. We are very blessed to have parents like you and we look forward to giving your children not only a quality education, but also

sharing the Christian values and morals that will allow each child to succeed in a forever changing society.

WE'RE BACK...

WOW! It is hard to believe that we just finished our third trip to our nation's capital. Fifty-one in all enjoyed a fun-filled week of exciting adventures and memories of a lifetime. When we began our inaugural trip in 2000 I never would have believed it would grow into the awesome trip it has become. This year's trip was full of many memorable things, including three great highlights. The first coming when we once again were able to receive a briefing in the Presidential Executive Briefing room in the Old Executive Office Building. This was a great treat as members of the White House Staff talked to us about their respective positions and how they serve the President. We were also able to present Mr. Ruben Barrales with a sweatshirt from Redeemer on his birthday. The next experience was the chance to visit the White House! What an incredible building filled with so much history! Finally, the laying of our wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was incredibly moving and all in attendance were very proud as four RLS students presented the wreath with the guard at the Tomb. Another year completed and already I'm preparing for our trip in '06! Thanks to all my parent participants and chaperones for your patience and support. A BIG thank you to Mrs. Olsen, as always, for making all the I.D. badges and lanyards for the kids and staff! We sure do have a GRRREAT GOD!



THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our third quarter Honor Roll recipients. Honor Roll is awarded to students in grades 3-8 who have a B+ or better average for the quarter.

Grade 8

Marissa Christensen	Becky Cook
Ryan Heywood	Frank Lenahan
Kevin Middleton	Kristi Olsen
Samantha Proctor	

Grade 7

Krista Galatolo	Chris Haemmerling
Alexis Staver	

Grade 6

Tarlon Badiie	Jenny Eastman
Heather Smith	Derek White

Grade 5

Joey Dinkel	Jesse Wiley
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Grade 4

Shanna Cooley	Mike Harper
Ben Justice	Chris Moffat
Peter Simon	

Grade 3

Jordynn Lewman	Matthew Waring
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READING COUNTS

Congratulations to our Reading Counts award recipients for the 3rd quarter!

SILVER AWARD - LEVEL #4 - 250 POINTS

Certificate, Homework Pass, Snack Shoppe Buck + Lunch out with Mr. M!

Grade 7

Nick Justice	Brannon Prasad
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BRONZE AWARD - LEVEL #3 - 100 POINTS

Certificate, Homework Pass, Snack Shoppe Buck

Grade 8

Austin Fosnes	Frank Lenahan
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Grade 6

Derek White

Grade 4

Emily Burns	Shanna Cooley
Nicole Haemmerling	Mike Harper
Ben Justice	Chris Moffat
Peter Simon	Jessica Vano

Grade 3

Jordynn Lewman	Courtney Lucas
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Tess Rhodes

RED AWARD - LEVEL #2 - 50 POINTS

Certificate, Homework Pass

Grade 8

Jacquie Arends	Marissa Christensen
Becky Cook	Ryan Heywood
Kyle Mey	Kristi Olsen
Tyler Page	Samantha Proctor
Randy Rhodes	Will Simon

Grade 7

Megan LaCasse	Tommy Perez
Noelle Pollastrini	Alisa Rhodes
Ryan Waring	

Grade 6

Josh Chiamos	Doug Fosnes
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Grade 5

Jessica Gotelli

Grade 3

Jacquelyn Krantz

Grade 1

Rachel Alves	Nick Chiamos
Monica Krantz	Kyle Lucas
Taylor Madsen	Sabrina Proctor
Gaby Ruiz	Jack Sweet

BLUE AWARD - LEVEL #1 - 25 POINTS

Certificate

Grade 8

Kevin Middleton	Jeff Mize
Nick Piazza	Lindsay Saier

Grade 7

Nichole Arends	James Gordon
Chris Haemmerling	Nic Lundquist
Alexis Staver	

Grade 6

Tarlon Badiie	Jenny Eastman
Ben Porter	Heather Smith

Grade 5

Hayley Parker

Grade 1

Jennifer Abdel Shahid	Mikaela Lewman
Tony Pavis	

CHRISTIAN HEART AWARD

Congratulations to our March Christian Heart Award

recipients:

- ◇ Kindergarten - Olivia Pellarin
- ◇ 1st grade - Mikaela Lewman
- ◇ 2nd grade - Julia Kirincic
- ◇ 6th grade - Jenny Eastman
- ◇ 7th grade - Megan LaCasse
- ◇ 8th grade - Kristi Olsen

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VARSITY BASKETBALL AWARD WINNERS:

BRAVES:

Most Valuable Players..... Tommy Perez & Matt Page
 Most Inspirational Player..... Ryan Heywood
 Most Improved Player..... Ryan Heywood

LADY BRAVES:

Most Valuable Player..... Marissa Christensen
 Most Inspirational Player..... Becky Cook
 Most Improved Player..... Annie Bruno



BRAVES BASKETBALL
by Coach Mancini

The boys' basketball team had another memorable season. This was our first year in a long while without the dynamic trio of Jordan, Michael and Mo. We had anywhere from 5-8 new starters on the team and it took most of the season for them to get used to playing together and understanding each other's ability. After a rough season-opening game the boys bounced back and began league play with a sense of purpose and drive. They finished league 6-2 and lost the Championship game to Grace, San Mateo. Our overall record was 14-10. I was very proud of the effort put forth by these young men as they endured every emotion you can think of. They have an attitude of "NEVER QUIT" and it was a joy to be around and very contagious. These boys played their best under pressure. In our Roundball Tournament they came from being one game away from elimination to playing on Sunday for 7th/8th place. We were very proud of each player throughout the season for their dedication and commitment to "TEAM" first. This year we had two players receive special honors during the season. Tommy Perez (7th) was selected to the "Mission Peak All Tournament Team" and Matt Page (6th) was selected to the "Redeemer Roundball All Tournament Team." With these two young men and the others returning, Redeemer will be a strong team in 04/05. Thank you to all of the parents who drove to our games and supported the team. You're AWESOME. Thank you to Coach Doody who helps all of us to be better people and who cares so much for the success of each player.

BRAVES VARSITY BASKETBALL

Frank Lenahan*	Ryan Heywood
Kyle Mey	Greg McDougal
Brandon Iannone	Kevin Middleton
Austin Fosnes	Jeff Mize

Tyler Page
 Ryan Waring
 James Gordon
 Matthew Fazio

Tommy Perez
 Nick Justice
 Matt Page
 Derek White

* Captain

Coaches: Mr. Mancini & Mr. Doody

LADY BRAVES CAP OFF SUCCESSFUL SEASON WITH STRONG PLAY IN NOR CAL TOURNAMENT

by Coaches Lenahan & Maier

Congratulations to the 2003-2004 Lady Braves who finished the season in 2nd place only one game out of the league championship. With only two returning starters, 8th grade co-captains Becky Cook and Marissa Christensen, the players all stepped up their game, learned what it means to compete, and played hard the entire season.

Marissa and Becky were the cornerstones of the team. Marissa proved to be one of the best shooters in school history scoring over 240 points this year. Becky controlled the inside, successfully fighting for rebounds against girls much taller than she. Playing basketball for their first time and providing 8th grade leadership were Lindsay Saier and Jacquie Arends. 7th grade point guard Alisa Rhodes and power forward Annie Bruno made significant contributions this year and show signs of future greatness. Other 7th graders who played and will be counted on heavily next year are Noelle Pollastrini, Gabbi Bizzarro, Nichole Arends, Alexis Staver and Karina Cornelio. Rounding out the team and getting valuable playing time and varsity experience were 6th graders Jenny Eastman and Tarlon Badiee.

This is a team that learned how to believe in themselves. The team's play at the Nor Cal Tournament reflected the growth and development this team went through. We started off strong with a convincing victory over Mokelumne River. Our next game was against perennial favorite St. John's Napa, tournament champion seven of the last eight years. The girls played their hearts out and only trailed by 3 points at halftime. In the end, the taller and more experienced St. John's girls prevailed, but it was the strongest showing by a Redeemer team in recent memory. With an all-out effort against St. John's and only a one-game rest, there wasn't much left in the tank for the next game against Zion Piedmont. Our girls led throughout the game, but with about two minutes left just couldn't hold on to the lead and ended up losing by four points.

We would like to thank the girls for their efforts this season and for making this a memorable year for us. We'd also like to give a special thanks to all the parents who provided transportation to the games and gave the team incredible support.

LADY BRAVES VARSITY BASKETBALL

Marissa Christensen*	Becky Cook*
Jacquie Arends	Lindsay Saier

Nichole Arends
Annie Bruno
Noelle Pollastrini
Alexis Staver
Jenny Eastman

Gabbi Bizzarro
Karina Cornelio
Alisa Rhodes
Tarlon Badiee

* Co-captains

Coaches: Mrs. Lenahan & Mrs. Maier

CHEERLEADING

Mrs. Montalvo & Mrs. Davis

Once again the Redeemer Cheerleaders had a fabulous year. They took home the 2nd place trophy at Roundball and had a wonderful season cheering on the Boys Varsity Basketball Team. Thank you girls for doing an outstanding job. You performed like pros and represented our school with pride. Congratulations girls! You are the best!!!!

A special thank you to Amanda Montalvo for all of her work with choreography and stunting for the girls. Thank you to Gale Olsen and other parents who chaperoned and helped in a vast variety of ways to make the year a success!

CHEERLEADERS

Samantha Proctor*	Becky Cook*
Jacque Arends	Kristi Olsen
Lindsay Saier	Nichole Arends
Gabbi Bizzarro	Annie Bruno
Karina Cornelio	Krista Galatolo
Megan LaCasse	Noelle Pollastrini
Alexis Staver	Jenny Eastman

* Co-captains

Coaches: Mrs. Montalvo, Amanda Montalvo, Mrs. Davis

FAMILY FUN DAY Saturday, May 22 Huddart Park

Please see the enclosed flier for all the details. Be sure to RSVP so we have an accurate head count for food purchasing. Please call our Family Fun Day coordinators, Jim and Stephanie Fazio at 363-2510 to volunteer to help!

DON'T MISS IT!

7th & 8th GRADE MUSICAL

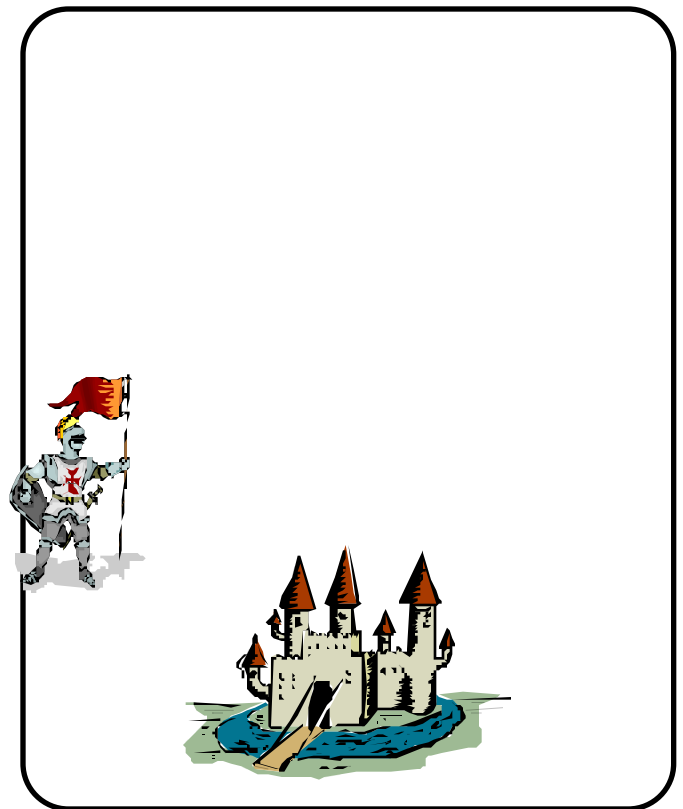
**"KING ARTIE
& THE KNIGHTS
OF THE RUD TABLE"**

**FRIDAY, MAY 21
7:00 P.M.**

FELLOWSHIP HALL

ACADEMIC AWARDS FRIDAY, JUNE 4 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

Please join us as we recognize outstanding academic achievements by students in grades 3-8. The handbell choir and Singing Angels will also be performing. Refreshments will be provided by the PSC.



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

Our last day of school will be Friday, June 11. **This year school is dismissed at 10:30 a.m.** A very short day! Please mark your calendars. Extended Care is available to regular attendees beginning at 10:30 until 5:45 pm.

Everyone is invited to attend the 8th grade graduation ceremonies in the church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Kindergarten's last day of school is Thursday, June 10. Kindergarten graduation festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Kindergartners do not come to school on Friday, June 11. If your kindergartner will need Extended Care on June 10 after graduation or June 11, please contact Mrs. Fosnes at 366-3466 ext. 29 as quickly as possible to arrange care.

The first day of school for 04-05 will be Monday, August 30, 2004.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please turn in any reusable "experienced" uniforms directly to Manal Abdel Shahid for resale. She can be reached at 365-8756. Manal has a large supply of items available for purchase. Don't forget, turn in 3 and get 1 free!

Redeemer has a special 10% off night at Dennis Uniform on Thursday, July 22, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Don't miss out if you need new clothing for the fall!

YEARBOOKS

I have approximately twelve yearbooks left for sale. Don't miss out... order yours today! When they're gone, they're gone forever! Cost is only \$15.00 each. Make checks payable to Redeemer and bring to the school office along with an order form (either "official" or hand written).

TRACK MEET SATURDAY, MAY 8 NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL, FREMONT

Our annual track meet is coming up quickly! Teachers have selected students in grades K-8 to represent Redeemer. If your child is chosen and is not able to participate, please let your teacher know *immediately* so that an alternate can be chosen. Even if your child is not participating in an event, please come over and cheer on the other athletes. It's a lot of fun. Wear your "Redeemer Red" and show your school spirit. Bring an ice chest or purchase food and drinks at the concession stand. Don't forget a hat and sunscreen!

Directions from Redwood City: Dumbarton Bridge, 880 south, Mowry Exit - turn right (west), Left on Cedar (2 lights). Newark High will be on your right about 1/4 mile. Parking can be pretty bad... unless you get there early you may have to park in shopping center across the street. Leave yourself some extra time!