

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## July 2003

### UPCOMING DATES

Aug 25.....First Day of School  
Sep 1.....Labor Day Holiday No School  
Sep 8.....School Pictures  
Sep 15-19.....Outdoor Ed Grades 5&6  
Sep 22-26.....Ocean Week  
Sep 28.....All school field trip to beach

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

**Mr. Mancini**

*"Redeemer Lutheran School*

*Creating The Future One Child At A Time!"*

I am very honored to be submitting my first Smoke Signals article as your new principal. Isn't the statement above so true about Redeemer. God has given us a great opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of many young people each day.

With all that is happening in our own lives it is so easy to get caught up in the negative vibes that surround us, our school, and even our work place environment each day. There was a banner I had in my classroom over the years that stated "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." This was so evident at the 4th of July parade in downtown Redwood City this year. Sixteen students from Redeemer walked in the parade carrying banners for Miss California, City Hall, The County Board of Supervisors, and the division unit markers for the parade. Their attitude was evident as smiles beamed from their faces and crowds applauded them. Co-cheerleading captain Becky Cook took the time to arrange for 10 of the other cheerleaders to participate in the event, making calls and setting up where to meet. We also had six other students who volunteered to help out. Now that's a POSITIVE Attitude! Way to go Becky and Kids! We have also had a

pleasant number of inquiries about our school because of the booth we had at the Arts and Crafts Fair that same day. Most of the families stated they have friends who go to our school and have heard great things about us!

Chuck Swindoll, a popular Christian writer, has a quote on attitude. He says, "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our ATTITUDES." Great idea to live by, isn't it? We all have a responsibility to our young kids of today, as we together... *Create The Future, One Child at a Time*. So we should all be positive role models with contagious attitudes.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the 4th a positive day! I appreciate your dedication and love to Redeemer Lutheran School. God's Blessings

### Quote of the Month:

A careful man I want to be,  
A little fellow follows me;  
I do not dare to go astray,  
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

*John Wooden*

### RLS NEEDS YOU!

*Volunteers are needed daily to cover lunch tables & lunch recess.*

*Can you help?*

Earn mandatory hours and spend time with your child!

Can you give RLS approximately one hour, one day/week?

Please call the office to sign up!  
**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

## WELCOME!

**Mrs. Gale Olsen**

**School Office Administrative Assistant**

**Smoke Signals Editor In Chief**

Welcome new families! Welcome returning families! We are looking forward to a fantastic year. We currently have 126 students enrolled with openings in every grade. *Spread the word!*

If you recommend a new family to RLS and that family enrolls one or more children and they attend and pay tuition for at least one semester, you will be credited with a \$400 tuition rebate in 03-04. You may use it during the year, or save it for 04-05 re-enrollment fees. You will be credited \$400 for every child that enrolls from each family!! **They must list your name as a referral on their enrollment application.** Credits for families who enroll mid-year will be prorated.

As this is written, classes for 03-04 look like this..

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Classroom</u>	<u># of students</u>
K	Mrs. Davis	HH2	10
1	(open)	Baptist Ch.	15
2	Mrs. Maier	Baptist Ch.	19
3/4	Mrs. Kuefner	Room 1	20
5/6	Mr. Doody	Room 2	23
7	Mrs. Lenahan	Room 4	19
8	Mrs. Montalvo	Room 5	20

Mr. Mike Mancini - Principal

Mr. Gary Behrens - Speech (grades 6-8)

Mrs. Rosemary Behrens - Technology

Mrs. Sherry Harper - K-1 Teacher Aide

Mrs. Pam Fosnes - Extended Care

Mrs. Gale Olsen - School Office

## IMPORTANT OFFICE STUFF

1. School starts Monday, August 25. School hours are 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for all grades.
2. The school office is open daily during the school year, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.
3. The School fax number is 650-366-5897.
4. Please call the office in the morning if your child will be absent or late. Voice Mail picks up during off hours (I am Extension 10). If you need to

remove your child from campus during school hours, you must first obtain a check-out slip from the office.

5. Student telephone calls cost \$.50/each. If a child is sick or instructed to call home by a teacher, the call is gratis. All calls for forgotten homework, PE clothes, etc. must be paid for at the time of call. No IOU's! Be sure your child has a couple of spare quarters, just in case. The office phone is NOT to be used for social calendaring. Plan ahead! Thanks!
6. The Snack Shoppe opens at 3:00 (days to be determined). Sodas, ice cream, and misc. other yummy munchies are available for purchase.

**7. Children not enrolled in Extended Care may not be dropped off prior to 8:15 a.m. and should be picked up no later than 3:15 p.m. Thank you for being prompt! Students still on campus at 3:30 will be checked into Extended Care and you will be billed.**

8. MEDICATIONS - The only medicine the office keeps on hand is Tylenol (regular strength tablets for students in grades 2-8, Tylenol chewables for grades K-1). We must have your signed authorization on the emergency card in order to dispense Tylenol to your child. If your child requires any other medication, prescription or over-the-counter, it must be kept in the office. Packaging must have your child's name on the container along with written instructions. Students may not keep any medications with them in their backpacks or desks - no exceptions please.
9. Please notify the office immediately if your child comes down with a contagious disease (e.g., strep throat) or has a head of lice. We must notify other class members of any possible exposure.
10. If your child is in grades 1-2, their classroom is at the Baptist Church. Please park in Redeemer's lot and walk your child to their classroom (no earlier than 8:15 a.m.). Redeemer families are not allowed to park in the Baptist Church lot. No exceptions! Teachers will walk their students as a group to the Redeemer campus for pick up at 3:00 p.m. Please do not allow your child to walk alone to their classroom. Please do not drop them

off at the curb on Hudson Street. Neither of these options is safe for the children as Hudson is a very busy street and Noah's Ark preschool uses the Baptist Church lot for drop-offs. Thank you for your cooperation.

11. Smoke Signals is a monthly publication. It is sent home with your youngest child the third or fourth Friday of the month in their "Friday Folder." If you do not receive your copy, first ask your child! If no luck there... I'll be happy to send home another copy.

### **RLS E-MAIL GROUP**

*SIGN UP NOW*

*for Redeemer Lutheran School's E-Mail Group*

Receive important reminders, notices, and information sent directly to your e-mail.

Simply send a blank e-mail to  
redeemerschoolnews-subscribe@yahoo.com

Only RLS (Mrs. Olsen) can send e-mails via this group. You will not receive any spam because you've sign up. It's a great way to stay informed! Don't delay... log on and sign up today!

### **TARDY POLICY**

The tardy policy adopted in 99-00 remains in place. Tardy students in all grades are a big disruption to the morning classroom routine. Please make every effort to have your child at school, ready to learn, on time.

1. A child who is not in his/her classroom at 8:30 a.m. is considered tardy.
2. Tardy students must report to the office for a tardy slip before going to class.
3. A child will earn one hour of detention each time they have three unexcused tardies in one quarter. A child may do homework, read, etc. during detention, but may not talk, eat or drink.
4. Detention will be served on Wednesday afternoons, 3:00-4:00. Students who are involved in an afterschool activity (e.g., sports, cheerleading) will miss their activity that day.
5. The only excused tardy is a doctor's appointment and a note must accompany the student when they pick up their tardy slip. (Traffic, "I didn't feel well," "Mom's fault," etc. are not excused tardies!)

6. A letter will be mailed home the Friday prior to detention notifying you of the location and date of your child's detention. An unexcused absence from detention will earn a student two hours of detention.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### **FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Each year I prepare a family directory which lists all students and their addresses and phone numbers. This information is obtained from your enrollment application. If you have moved, changed your marital status, etc. since enrolling, please let me know. **IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.** The directory will be available in late September and will be sent home with your youngest child. (One directory per household please!)

### **INTERNET**

All of Redeemer's classrooms are ready to surf the net. Enclosed in this mailing is an Internet Use Permission Slip. This must be returned before your child is allowed to participate in Internet classroom activities. Please read it through carefully and return the signed slip to the school office. Thank you for your prompt response.

Enclosed in this mailing is a  
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### **EMERGENCY CARD**

**THIS CARD MUST BE ON FILE IN  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER  
THAN 8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY,  
AUGUST 25.**

Students may not attend class without  
it! Please mail or drop yours off  
today. Don't wait until school starts.

Be sure to complete BOTH SIDES!  
Don't miss the medication  
authorization at the bottom of page 2.  
Be sure to sign the card.  
Please use BLACK ink.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Enclosed is a list from Dennis Uniforms of approved school uniforms for the 03-04 school year. You may also go online at [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com) and look at the list of authorized uniform pieces and check out pricing. Redeemer's school code is M3HRED. The store also has a list of Redeemer's authorized uniform pieces. Please purchase uniforms at Dennis Uniform only. Look-a-likes from stores other than Dennis are not acceptable.

Store address: 1282 Oddstad Drive, RC. Phone 650-299-9623. Dennis is open Tuesday-Friday 10:00-5:00, and Saturdays 10:00-2:00. Beginning on August 5, hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00-5:00.

DON'T MISS REDEEMER'S  
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION EVENING  
THURSDAY, JULY 31  
FROM 6:00-8:00 PM  
SAVE 5% ON ALL PURCHASES.

We have three items available for special order: red lined hooded jackets, and navy fleece jackets and vests. Please don't wait until the last minute. Order early and have your winter clothing when you need it!

We have a very large stock of used uniforms for sale at \$3.00/piece that you are welcome to look over. Our current "Experienced Uniform Coordinator" is Kim Gordon at 366-2932. Uniforms will soon be moving to Manal Abdel Shahid's home at 365-8756. Call first to arrange a shopping trip.

PE uniforms are required for all students in grades 5-8. These uniforms are also purchased at Dennis Uniform. Students who do not "dress out" for PE are marked down in their PE grade and are required to wear the "Loaner" outfits provided.

## PLAYGROUND OR PARKING LOT?

The Redeemer parking lot is off limits to cars 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and again 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The students use the lot as a playground during the day and Extended Care and Sports use the lot after school. If you'll be on campus during these times, please park on Harrison or Grand Street.

Please remember to **ENTER on HARRISON and EXIT on HUDSON STREET.**

## CHAPEL

Please join us for a special opening day chapel at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, August 25.

Chapels are held each Friday morning at 8:40 during the school year. You are always welcome and invited to join us.

We support various charities throughout the year with our weekly chapel offerings. Look for specifics in next month's Smoke Signals. Thank you for your generosity.

## TUITION PAYMENTS

If you did not sign up to pay in full for your 2003-2004 tuition, you should soon receive a letter from SMART Tuition company letting you know the dates and amounts for auto-withdrawal. If you have not yet returned your SMART enrollment form to the school office, and are not planning to pay in full prior to August 1, please return your SMART form immediately. You have missed the deadline for an August payment, therefore you will now have nine larger payments withdrawn from your account (September - May) rather than the standard ten payments (August-May).

Students who have not paid in full or had their SMART tuition auto-withdrawal account set up prior to the first day of school will not be allowed to attend until their account is current.

***Checks for payment in full must be mailed or brought to the school office no later than August 1*** to qualify for the \$200/child tuition discount. Mail them to 468 Grand Street, RC 94062 or bring them to the Church or School Office by August 1. Thank you!

## 02-03 OUTSTANDING BALANCES

Families with outstanding balances from 02-03 will not be allowed to return until all past due amounts are either paid in full or a payment plan is agreed upon with the principal and school board. This includes tuition, extended care, and unfulfilled mandatory hours. 03-04 registration fees must also be paid in full before your child may attend classes. Please call me if you have any questions.