

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## March 26, 2004

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 29.....No School, Teacher Inservice

Apr 2.....End of 3Q, Noon Dismissal

Apr 5-9.....Holy Week - special chapels

Apr 8.....Seder Meal, 9:00 am

Apr 9.....Good Friday, Noon Dismissal

Apr 12-16.....Easter break, No School

Apr 12-18.....7th-8th grades to Washington D.C.

Apr 28.....Spring Pictures

  

May 8.....Track Meet

May 22.....Family Fun Day

June 4.....Academic Awards 7:00 pm

June 11.....Last day of school!

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER Mr. Mike Mancini

#### *It's That Time Again!*

Can you believe it? The year is almost over and it's time to re-enroll for next year. I must say it has been a year full of wonderful surprises. Our God has a great way of putting obstacles in our way to see how we will handle and overcome them. I believe he tells us to TRUST in Him and he will take care of ALL our worries. That has been truth over the past couple of months with budgets and "new" teachers. As always, our great God came through again! I look forward to the future of Redeemer Lutheran School and I pray each of you will continue to let our ministry touch the lives of your children and your family. Please enroll for next year as soon as possible. This will help us determine our class sizes and allow us to make the best decisions for your children's spiritual and educational experience. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to answering any questions you may have. Deadline for returning families is April 9th. We are very blessed to have parents such as you and we look forward to giving your children not only a quality education, but also the Christian values and morals that will allow each child to succeed in a forever changing society.

#### **Lutheran Schools Week!**

Redeemer Lutheran School celebrated Lutheran Schools Week with over 2000 other Lutheran schools across the United States. Nearly 260,000 students who attend Lutheran schools participated in a weeklong celebration that began on Sunday, March 7. The theme for the celebration was "Lutheran Schools **Growing in God's Love and Grace.**" What an awesome week! Praise GOD!

#### **Roundball Weekend!**

24 Teams from as far as Carson City, Nevada came to Redwood City to compete in our Roundball Tournament and Cheerleader Shootout. What a GREAT weekend this was for us to show everyone what RLS is really all about. Many families, coaches, players and principals wrote letters and spoke with the committee on how wonderful the experience was for their children and school. They were extremely touched by the incredible Christian love shown to them by OUR families who were working the different areas. Thank you to all who contributed time, money and energy toward making this an awesome experience for all in attendance. Workers from the College of San Mateo were equally impressed with our school community. Special Thanks goes to Mrs. Olsen for all her hard work in creating the programs, setting up the dance and dealing with ALL the administrative behind the scenes efforts. To Tom and Kim Perez for setting up the concession stand, and Hans Saier for supplying the sound equipment for the dance, cheerleading competition and the basketball games. To everyone who volunteered to help out, from selling food, to monitoring doors, and keeping score, we couldn't have done it with out you! You are all very special to our community and WE thank our great God each day for your love and commitment to Redeemer Lutheran School.

*"Many thanks to you, Redeemer Lutheran, and their fantastic supporters. All of us at West Portal Lutheran had such a great time! Receiving the Spirit Award was truly special for our school."*

#### **Washington, D.C... Here We Come!**

The anticipation is upon us as the students in the seventh and eighth grade prepare for their incredible journey to our nation's capital. This will be our third trip to Washington, D.C. Every other year we take the 7th & 8th grade students

to D.C. to experience the great history of our country and to learn how God was important to our nation's development. We will have the wonderful opportunity to visit all the monuments, homes, memorials, battlefields, the Smithsonian's and even take in a dinner show at the Kennedy Center. We leave on Monday April 12th and return on Sunday April 18th. We will have 51 participants including 38 students and 13 adults. Keep us all in your prayers as we travel on an experience of a lifetime.

### **SPELLING BEE** **February 27, 2004**

Our 3rd annual Spelling Bee was an exciting one! Congratulations on a job well done to all of the participants!

Competing in this year's bee:

1st grade - Nick Chiamos & Mikaela Lewman  
2nd grade - Sydney Freiberger & Jordan Vano  
And the winner was... Jordan Vano!

3rd grade - Jacquelyn Krantz & Nicole Pavis  
4th grade - Chris Moffat & Shanna Cooley  
And the winner was... Chris Moffat!

5th grade - Joey Dinkel & Justin Olsen  
6th grade - Derek White & Jenny Eastman  
7th grade - Nick Justice & Chris Haemmerling  
8th grade - Kevin Middleton & Brandon Iannone  
And the winner was... Kevin Middleton!

### **CHRISTIAN HEART AWARD**

Following the February 27th chapel we gave out our first ever "Christian Heart Awards." These will be monthly awards given out at the last chapel of each month. They are given to students who show exemplary Christian attitude and behavior. This month's awards were chosen by the teachers. In future months the students may have the opportunity to nominate their peers. There is no limit to the number of times a student can receive the award and there may be months when no classroom award is given.

On the certificate awarded to the students, the following Bible verse is quoted: "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us." Ephesians 5:1-2

Congratulations to our Christian Heart Award recipients for February 2004:

- K - Caroline Kirincic
- 1 - Taylor Madsen
- 2 - Kaylee Kohlmaier
- 4 - Nicole Haemmerling
- 5 - Joey Dinkel
- 6 - Heather Smith
- 8 - Samantha Proctor

### **NEW PLAYGROUND TOYS!**

Thanks to your Box Tops clipping efforts and a generous donation from the Freiberger family, the PSC has purchased new playground toys for recess and PE activities. The kids are now enjoying new bouncy balls, footballs, basketballs, tetherball, jump ropes and skip-it toys. Every little bit helps and we thank everyone for their support!



Keep sending in your Box Tops! They help buy Big G cereals and many more products. Keep them out before you toss out your boxes and labels.

### **PARENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Next PSC meeting is Tuesday, April 20 @ 7:00 pm in the conference room. As always, free child care will be provided.

Please turn in your mandatory hours forms. Form B is due March 26. Remember to put your name on the form and keep the yellow NCR copy for your records.

Hot Lunch order forms and payment are due back in the school office by April 2. Forms were sent home with our child on March 19 and also sent to the e-mail group. No IOU's or late forms will be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: *The 3rd & 4th graders will be in Coloma May 24-26. Please do not order hot lunches for your child during these dates!*

### **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**

Whew! We made it through another one!!! At Redeemer, March Madness does not refer to college basketball.... we make our own madness!!!

Lutheran Schools Week began with our Varsity Girls Basketball Team leaving for their annual Lodi tournament. After a flower-filled good luck celebration in chapel on Friday, March 5, our girls were off to Lodi for a weekend of basketball, fun, and fellowship!

Sunday, March 7, marked the official beginning of LSW with an all school choir at the 9:30 RLC worship service. Thank you to everyone who participated. Once again the sweet sound of children's voices in song brought tears to the eye of many in the congregation.

On Monday we started our day with songs at the flag pole led by Mr. Mancini. In recognition of Redeemer School's founding in 1957, many students dressed in attire from the 1950's. To finish up our day, we danced away to the tunes of the Big Bopper and Chuck Berry at a sock hop. We

enjoyed yummy root beer floats provided by the Student Council.

Tuesday was crazy hair and hat day. Believe me, there were some crazy hair styles!!! My personal favorites were the Lewman girls with their pipe cleaners and Jordan Vano's buzz cut covered in clothes pins! That evening we enjoyed a wonderful Fine Arts Faire in the church. The students did a great job and are to be commended!

Wednesday was game day. Many students dressed up as their favorite athlete or in uniforms from their favorite sport. To end the day, the cheerleaders led the student body in relay games, finishing up the afternoon with a popsicle treat (thank you Mrs. Weller!).

Thursday was western day - Yeehaw!! The day ended with everyone's favorite - the official Roundball Pep Rally led by our terrific cheerleaders!!! Each class made a banner and learned a cheer. The competition was a heated one for the official class spirit award. A nonpartisan jury of two made the decision... 8th grade was the winner, thanks to their raucous spirit and impressive stunts by the boys! We were then treated to a sneak preview of the cheerleaders' competition routine. All in all, an exciting and fun afternoon!

Friday was red & white day and marked the beginning of the Boys Roundball Tournament with games at Red Morton. Thank you to all of the parents and fans who came out to cheer on our Braves! our boys won their first game, but lost the second to a tough Mokelumne River team. Students in 6th-8th grade from all participating schools were then treated to a dance Friday evening. About 140 students were in attendance.

Games continued at CSM on Saturday. Our boys played well and won both Saturday games, qualifying us to play in the 7th/8th place championship game on Sunday. Saturday evening was the ever popular cheerleading competition. After a nearly flawless routine, our girls were awarded the second place trophy. Way to go girls, we are VERY proud of you!!!

Finally, Sunday found the 9:30 Redeemer church service full to the rim with visitors from participating schools! What an awesome way to worship our wonderful God!! Our boys played their final game, just getting edged out by our rivals from Grace, San Mateo and finishing in 8th place. Congratulations boys on a terrific tournament. Special congratulations to 6th grader Matt Page who was named to the Tournament All Star team.

Well, I'm exhausted.... how about you?!

We would like to say a special THANK YOU to the following people for their many hours of service to help make the whole Roundball experience a success.

Thank you Pastor Vano & Hans Saier for providing the

music & sound equipment for our dance. Thanks to Robin Chiamos & Stephanie Fazio and their 7th & 8th grade helpers for dance decorations. Thanks to everyone who helped chaperone, etc. the night of the dance.

Thank you Mr. B, Mr. Mancini, and Mr. Lenahan for once again organizing a well-run and very fun tournament.

A HUGE thank you to Jim & Stephanie Fazio and Tom & Kim Perez and all of their volunteers for a yummy and terrific concession stand. A big thanks to Kurt Schreiner for his knockout chili!

Thanks to all of our most excellent scorekeeper volunteers - Mr. & Mrs. Mancini, Mr. B, Mr. Laurente, Mr. and Mrs. Maier, Mr. & Mrs. Lenahan & Molly, Mr. Fazio, Mr. Page.

A VERY SPECIAL thank you to our tireless coaches!!!  
Lady Braves Basketball - Mrs. Lenahan & Mrs. Maier  
Braves Basketball - Mr. Mancini & Mr. Doody  
Cheerleaders - Mrs. Montalvo, Amanda Montalvo, & Mrs. Davis

Thank you to our loyal fans and supportive parents! You are super!

*REMINDER TO ALL BASKETBALL PLAYERS... PLEASE TURN IN YOUR LAUNDERED UNIFORMS AND WARM-UPS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP!! THANK YOU.*

### 2004-2005 REGISTRATION

Registration packets were mailed out on March 3. Please reenroll as soon as possible so that we are better equipped to plan for the 04-05 school year. Please note that registration fees increase after April 9.

#### 2004-2005 Rates

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| Enrollment Fees - Returning Students    |       |
| until April 9, 2004.....                | \$300 |
| after April 9, 2004.....                | \$325 |
| after June 11, 2004.....                | \$350 |
| Enrollment Fees - All New Students..... | \$350 |

#### TUITION

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| Redeemer Church Members     |                |
| 1st child.....              | \$4,945/annual |
| 2nd + child.....            | \$4,445/annual |
| Non-Redeemer Church Members |                |
| 1st child.....              | \$5,700/annual |
| 2nd + child.....            | \$5,200/annual |

A \$200 discount on the annual tuition rate is available if tuition is paid in full prior to August 1, 2004.

Spread the word! RLS offers a Tuition Credit of \$400 to school families who refer a new student. The new family

must have no prior connection to Redeemer Church or School, must reference your name on their application, and must attend and pay tuition for at least one full semester.

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

RLEAF - Redeemer Lutheran Education Assistance Fund. Aid is based on income. This program is funded by your generous donations and donations by members of Redeemer Church. To apply, pick up your application in the school office. Applications are due back May 1. If you have received RLEAF in the past, you must reapply every year.

BASIC FUND - offers scholarships to students entering kindergarten through 8th grades. Grant amounts are based on household size and income and are awarded on a lottery system. Maximum scholarship is \$1500/child annually. Applications are available in the school office and must be postmarked by April 16, 2004. For more information, go to [www.basicfund.org](http://www.basicfund.org).

## **SPRING PICTURES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**

Packets will be coming home after Easter vacation. Pictures must be ordered and paid for in advance. Only students who are purchasing pictures will be photographed. There is no makeup day. Siblings may be photographed together in family groups. This is a "free dress" day. Please observe the following rules: No sweats, baggy or saggy pants, spaghetti straps, halter tops, short shorts, etc. If in doubt, please don't wear it. It is your teacher's prerogative to call parents to bring a change of clothing.

## **CHAPEL**

Fourth quarter chapel offerings will go to LCMS World Mission in support of medical and insurance costs of missionaries and pilots.

Thank you for your generous gifts to our chapel missions this school year. Just a reminder that chapel is held every Friday morning beginning at 8:40 a.m. Parents and friends are always welcome to join us.

## **HOLY WEEK**

Each morning during Holy Week we have a special chapel to prepare for Easter.

Monday - led by Pastor Vano/Mr. Mancini

Tuesday - led by 7th grade/2nd grade sings

Wednesday - led by 5-6th grades/3-4th grades sing

Thursday - Seder Meal 9:00 a.m.

Friday - led by 8th grade/K-1st grades sing

Our annual Seder Meal led by Pastor Draeger will take place on Maundy Thursday morning. Grades K-7 are asked to provide an item for the meal (specific information will be

sent home by your child's teacher) and grade 8 participates in setup and cleanup and acts as hosts for the meal. Please note that this is a ceremonial meal which celebrates Passover in the manner in which it was celebrated in Jesus's time. It is NOT a replacement for your child's regular breakfast.

## **EASTER WORSHIP AT REDEEMER**

- ◇ Weds, March 31 - 6:00 pm Soup Supper/7:00 pm worship
- ◇ Palm Sunday, April 4 - 8:00 am & 9:30 am services as usual, 11:00 am - Confirmation
- ◇ Maundy Thursday, April 8 - 7:30 pm
- ◇ Good Friday, April 9 - 12:30 & 7:30 pm
- ◇ Easter Sunday, April 11 - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am

## **TRACK MEET SATURDAY, MAY 8**

Our annual track meet at Newark High School is coming up! Teachers will soon begin the process of selecting students in grades K-8 who will represent Redeemer. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks. Even if your child is not chosen to participate, please come over and cheer on the other athletes. It's a lot of fun. Wear your Redeemer Red and show your school spirit.

## **FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY, MAY 22 HUDDART PARK**

Mark your calendars because this always promises to be a great day of fun in the sun! Additional information and RSVP forms will be sent home in May.

## **SPEECH CONTESTANT KUDOS**

Redeemer School is proud to announce that ten of our students have agreed to enter the annual Optimist Club Oratorical Contest. Even though the invitation came late in the year, we are working overtime to have the kids prepared and competing. The theme of the speeches this year is "Thinking, Working and Expecting the Best."

The students that will represent RLS are 8th graders Becky Cook and Ryan Heywood; 7th graders Chris Haemmerling, Nick Justice, Kavi Sharma, Alexis Staver, Ryan Waring and Alisa Rhodes; and 6th graders Heather Smith and Derek White.

The contest is next Tuesday evening, March 30, and is scheduled to start at 7:30 pm at the First United Methodist Church (2915 Broadway @ Brewster, Redwood City). Parents and friends are encouraged to attend and support our students in this community project.

Again, it is a privilege to work with your children as they strive for excellence in their communication skills. Join us to see (and hear) the fruit of their labor.

Mr. Behrens  
Speech Instructor

**3RD QUARTER  
HONOR ROLL CERTIFICATES**

will be handed out in chapel

Friday, April 23

**YEARBOOKS**

It's time to order your 2003-2004 yearbook. Order forms were sent home with your child last week. If you've misplaced yours, simply send in a note with a check payable to Redeemer for \$15.00/each yearbook. Quantities are limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss out!

**ACHIEVEMENT TESTING**

This year Redeemer will be administering the IOWA TESTS to all students in grades 1-8. Testing dates are April 26-30. Most testing is done in the morning. Please ensure your child has a good breakfast and is well rested so that they are able to do their best on these tests. Please try not to schedule appointments during this time as it is not always possible to make up missed tests.

**LOST & FOUND**

We have so many clothing items in lost & found that they no longer fit in the can! Most items do not have a name written on them, so they cannot be returned to their rightful owners. Please be sure to mark ALL clothing items. I also have a pair of child's glasses, assorted jewelry, and a cell phone... if you're missing any of these items, please come see me in the office.

**Grades 5&6 Musical**

**RADIO STATION  
K-I-D-S**

**Friday, April 2  
Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM**

