

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## October 31, 2003

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

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

**Mr. Mike Mancini**

#### One Down...

As the first quarter came to a close I realized how true the statement is about time flying when you're having fun. This quarter was such a positive experience! Thank you parents, staff, and most importantly, students for creating such a joyful, positive and enthusiastic atmosphere on this campus. The staff is very proud of the effort put in by the kids this quarter and we all look forward to the continued success of each child.

#### One "BIG" Welcome...

Please welcome a new member to our team! We have been able to find a part time Math teacher to work with the sixth and seventh grades. I will begin the process of marketing and recruitment of future students at Redeemer and will need those morning periods to work towards increasing our enrollment. So we welcome Mrs. Christine Royer. Mrs. Royer is a graduate from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks and has taught for the past four years. You may recognize her last name, as her husband Brian is the grandson of the longtime Redwood Citian, and former, Mayor - Bill Royer. Mrs. Royer will be teaching 2 hours a day and will also fill in as a substitute when needed. We are very excited that she has joined our family! God continues to bless our ministry here at RLS! (Mrs. Royer's voicemail extension is 26.)

#### Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

It was my first experience with Ocean Week as Principal, and it was a very pleasant one. THANK YOU PARENTS, for being so willing to take the time to help with transportation and for helping to make the final day of Ocean Week such a positive experience for students and staff. THANK YOU STAFF, for all your hard work in preparing the fun-filled week. THANK YOU PSC, for your support in supplying a great "beach" lunch

of hot dogs, chips, and a drink and for funding our MARE studies. Redeemer School is richly blessed because of ALL OF YOU!

#### Well Worth Reading

I happened to come across a great book by The Rev. Charles Mueller, a Lutheran pastor, who has written two books *Then Comes the Baby in the Baby Carriage* and *School-Dazed Parents*. These books have been very beneficial to parents and teachers alike. They are each filled with tips from effective parents across the country. Here are some tips from *School Dazed Parents*.

1. Take an interest in things that seem to interest your children. Watch for opportunities to help them develop these special interests. All children need a hobby.
2. Students who set reasonably high goals will achieve a reasonably high sense of success. Student who set low goals will experience feelings of low success.
3. Don't expect your child to be happy all the time. All people go through disappointments, deal with rejection, and face problems as they grow. Assure your child that the matter at hand can be faced. Be ready to help with advice and assistance, but do not make their problems your own.
4. Sometimes it is better to overlook a minor problem in order to make sure it doesn't get confused with a major one. All problems are not alike.

#### P. J.'s MINUTE

**Pastor Joel Vano**

With the month of November comes the threat of Thanksgiving. It is a time when many of us will sit around a table with family and friends in order to stuff ourselves with the many gifts that God has given us. But even in our affluent country there are many people who will go hungry on Thanksgiving Day. In fact, they go to bed many nights without any food in their stomachs. When I think about Thanksgiving I am reminded of two

Bible passages: James 2:15-16 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

In James we are presented with a real life situation. "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him/her, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his/her physical needs, what good is it?" Of course, the answer is that it isn't any good at all! James is encouraging us who are Christians to let our love for our fellow human beings show forth in action. So I encourage you to consider helping support a food pantry, a clothing bank or a homeless shelter. As you do this you will be showing your Christian love to others and caring for the physical needs of those less fortunate than you.

In the closing of his first letter to the Thessalonians Paul writes: "Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." One family tradition at Thanksgiving is to go around the table and have each person say a prayer of thanks for one blessing that God has given him/her. But let's not stop there. As Christians we can be thankful in "all circumstances" because we know that God is with us in all things. In this world it can be quite easy to lose our joy. However, when we tap into God's power through prayer we can truly be thankful and joyful each and every day.

So take some time to give thanks to God for everything he has given you. Then take some time to share some of your blessings with those who are in need. And lift up your heart to the Lord in prayer each day, joyful and thankful in all circumstances!

*Thanking God for you,  
Pastor Joel*

**SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS**

7th & 8th grade parents, please take note:

\* Menlo Atherton:

November 10, 7:00 pm - "J" Building

\* Sequoia:

November 13, 7:00 pm - Multi-use Room

\* Woodside:

November 18, 7:00 pm - Multi-use Room

**EXPERIENCED UNIFORMS**

Do you need some additional or warmer uniform items? Has your child grown again? Check out the supply of "experienced" uniforms. We have a good selection of pants and sweatshirts in addition to short-sleeved polo shirts, skirts, and shifts. Each standard piece is only \$3.00. Jackets are \$5.00.

Contact our Experienced Uniform Coordinator: Manal Abdel Shahid at 365-8756. Manal is available weekdays after 3:00, as well as weekends. Call to set up a time to stop by and shop. Her home is conveniently located minutes from school. Trade in three, get one free! (Items in good usable condition only, please!)

**NEW TARDY POLICY  
FOR STUDENTS IN 3RD- 8TH GRADES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 27, 2003**

Tardy students disrupt class and waste valuable time in the classroom. Not only does the tardy student's work suffer, but the entire class is affected. By their actions, a habitually tardy student shows a lack of respect for his/her teacher and classmates.

Therefore, effective October 27, 2003 (second quarter), when a *habitually* tardy student in grades 3-8 arrives after the 8:30 bell, he/she must wait in the school office until the first class period has ended before joining their class. The student will receive a failing grade for the missed period's classwork and/or assignment.

A *habitually* tardy student is defined as a student who has had *three or more unexcused tardies in a single quarter*. *Beginning with the next unexcused tardy, the above policy will apply and will be in effect for each subsequent tardy during the quarter*. At the start of each quarter, a student's tardy record is cleared. (Tardies due to appointments are excused. Be sure to obtain an appointment slip from your doctor. If there are any special circumstances, they must be cleared by Administrator.)

I thank you for your assistance and support and appreciate your efforts in helping your child continue to be successful in all of their academic areas. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

*Thank you, Mr. Mancini*

## BLOCK "R"

Students in grades 5-8, you can earn a Block "R"!

1. 75% minimum worship attendance
2. Good relationship with Teachers and Peers
3. C+ average with no failing grades
4. Perform classroom jobs
5. Maximum of one citation
6. Maximum of ten tardies

Block R's are awarded at Academic Awards at the end of the year!

## 1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students who made the Honor Roll for the first quarter. Honor Roll certificates are awarded to students in grades 3-8 who have a B+ or better average for the quarter with no failing grades.

### 3rd Grade

Jacquelyn Krantz	Jordynn Lewman
Courtney Lucas	Abigail Raetz
Matthew Waring	

### 4th Grade

Shanna Cooley	Mike Harper
Ben Justice	Christopher Moffat
Peter Simon	

### 5th Grade

Joey Dinkel	Katherine Ruiz
Scott Saier	

### 6th Grade

Tarlon Badiee	Josh Chiamos
Jenny Eastman	Heather Smith
Derek White	

### 7th Grade

Chris Haemmerling

### 8th Grade

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

## READING COUNTS! AWARD

A special award for Reading Counts! was given to Nicole Pavis is 3rd grade. Congratulations Nicole!!!

## JV BB TEAM

Congratulations to our JV Basketball team for 03-04:

### Boys

Josh Chiamos	Kevin Enderson
Matthew Fazio	Chad Mey
Matt Page	Michael Sweat
Derek White	Damien Aguirre
Joey Dinkel	Anthony Kirincic
Justin Olsen	Scott Saier
Matthew Weller	Jesse Wiley

### Girls

Tarlon Badiee	Jenny Eastman
Jessica Gotelli	Amelia Kramer
Hayley Parker	Jen Piazza
Katherine Ruiz	

Thank you to our coaches:

Boys - Mr. Mancini & Mr. Doody  
Girls - Mrs. Lehahan & Mrs. Maier

Come watch our home game at Red Morton on Friday, November 7 vs. Grace, San Mateo. Girls play at 3:30, boys at 4:30. *Go Braves!!*

## NEW FAMILY

Please welcome Kevin Enderson! Kevin joined our 6th grade class this month. Please add Kevin and his parents to your Family Directory:

Steven & Marilyn Enderson  
1901 Kentfield Avenue  
Redwood City 94061  
Phone: 364-6627

## GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER

Orders were filled on Tuesday, October 21. If you have any problems with your order - missing, damaged or incorrect items - please contact Julie Eastman at 367-0605. Thank you for your support of the PSC!

## REDWOOD CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

**4:30 pm**

Mark your calendars now... Redeemer will once again be participating in the RC Christmas parade!

**PSC AUCTION  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15  
ELK'S LODGE, REDWOOD CITY**

Have you purchased your ticket? Don't miss out on the party of the year!!! Call Judi Weller at 364-2421 now!!

Get your Raffle tickets! Only \$10/each - win a trip for two to Hawaii!!! Aloha!

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS**

Thank you for your generosity during the first quarter. Chapel offerings will be given to Interfaith Hospitality to help homeless families in San Mateo County.

Please bring **canned and dry food** during the month of **November**. Food will be given to a local food bank for distribution.

**We will once again be collecting Teddy Bears during December.**

If you prefer to make a monetary donation during November and December, offerings will be distributed to our other chosen charities for 2003-2004.

**VOLLEYBALL AWARDS**

Congratulations to our Volleyball Team Award winners!

**Boys:**

Most Valuable.....Ryan Heywood  
Most Improved.....Frank Lenahan  
Most Inspirational.....Kyle Mey

**Girls:**

Most Valuable.....Samantha Proctor  
Most Improved.....Alexis Staver  
Most Inspirational.....Lindsay Saier

Congratulations to all of the players for a fabulous season! You are all **AWESOME!** Thank you to our most excellent coaches - Mrs. Maier & Mrs. Lenahan!