

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## September 19, 2003

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER!

Sept 22-26..... Ocean Week  
Sept 24..... Open House 7:00-8:00 pm  
Sept 25..... Chevy's Night!  
Sept 26..... Beach Day  
Sept 26..... End of Gift Wrap Sales  
  
Oct 13..... No School - Teacher In-Service Day  
Oct 23..... End of 1st Quarter - Noon Dismissal  
Oct 24..... P/T Conferences - No School

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

**Mr. Mike Mancini**

*Redeemer Lutheran School -Creating The  
Future One Child At A Time!*

Wow! Can you believe that almost four weeks are gone in the first quarter? It is amazing how fast time flies when you're having fun. I am very excited about the theme for this school year. *"The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy" Psalm 126:3.* The feeling around Redeemer has been one of joy and enthusiasm. Kids are smiling, teachers are smiling, and yes, I even see some of you parents smiling...way to go! Attitudes are contagious.....Be positive. That is a great motto for all of us to live by as we work or play.

Next week is Ocean week and we have many activities planned for this fun filled week, including the ever famous Beach Day on Friday. Talk to your child's teacher to see if you can help out in any way. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask the teacher, Mrs. Olsen or myself.

Progress report time is coming up at the end of the month. Teachers will be sending home forms or contacting you about your child's progress for the first

half of the quarter. As you look over the reports, let us all remember that kids need support not criticism. It is amazing how much can be accomplished in education when we build up, support, and stay positive.

Thanks for all you do to make Redeemer Lutheran School a better place. We will soon have our new web site up and running. One of the tabs is titled "What makes us special". We should put a picture of our parents in that area! It is all of you that make RLS special! THANK YOU!

In closing, I'd like to share a few words with you from a book by Richard and Robert Bimler titled Let There Be Laughter:

For us adults, maybe it would be helpful to regain some of that zest for life. Why not try some of these actions in the days ahead. They can give you a lift and certainly will create good discussion with the adult friends around you.

- Give someone a big hug around the neck.
- Blow the wrapper off a straw.
- Ask, "Why?" a lot to your friends.
- Lie on your back and find pictures in the clouds.
- Make a list of everything you want for your next birthday.
- Sit on Santa's lap next Christmas season.
- Eat ice cream for breakfast.
- Take a 5-year-old child to lunch this week.
- Ride a roller coaster.
- Have someone read you a story.
- Sing into your hairbrush.
- Make a milk mustache.
- Step cautiously over sidewalk cracks.
- Refuse to eat crusts.
- Make a face the next time someone says no.

Fun in life is a gift from the Lord, certainly for children, but most certainly for us *old* folks too. Yes, this is most certainly true!

May God continue to bless you and your family and all we do for the kids here at Redeemer.

**P. J.'s Minute**  
**Pastor Joel Vano**

One of the questions that most parents ask themselves is *"What will my child be like when he/she gets older?"* The fear of your child not doing well in life, or even worse, that your child might become a menace to society, may have crossed your mind once or twice already. As your children approach the teenage years that fear might become even more prominent. The bad news is that statistics show that some children do stray from their moral upbringing once they become young adults. "Will my child be one of them?"

The good news is that we have the words of a very wise man to help us when we start to think this way. King Solomon, the wisest person to ever live (1 Kings 3:12) tells us to ***"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it"*** (Proverbs 22:6). These words of wisdom apply to you, because you have chosen to train your child at Redeemer Lutheran School. Hopefully you will also take the time at home to reinforce the training your child receives at school. When parents, teachers and pastors work together to educate children in the knowledge of God and his ways the results will be a great blessing for all of us.

I have been called to Redeemer to specifically minister to the 14 to 30-something year old age group. If you have **children** in that age range I would like to talk with you about my ministry at Redeemer. If you fall into that age range I would cherish the opportunity to talk with you about our ministry opportunities at Redeemer. Please stop by my office (next to Principal Mancini's) anytime to chat. You may also reach me by phone (366-5892 x17).

Working with you for the future,  
Pastor Joel

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets each Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Need not be an RLS graduate or RLC church member to attend!! Please join us for fun, fellowship, and the Good News!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Are you looking for a way to spend some extra time with your kids? Do you love the great outdoors? Then we have just the job for you!

Volunteers are needed on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS to supervise the playground during lunch recess. (A second helper on Thursdays would also be nice.) Hours are 12:20-1:15.

Just one hour per week will fulfill your mandatory hours requirement for the whole year!! Thank you!!!

GIANT thank yous to Mary Simon, Tammie Foley, Lorri Rhodes, Janet Lundquist, and Fran Krantz for already signing up and helping us out! You're awesome!

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**"Woman of Purpose"**

Saturday, November 1

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont

Ladies... moms, aunts, grandmas... are you looking for a day of inspiration, laughter, music, and fellowship with other Christian women? Do you know any women who could benefit from a bit of humor and encouragement? Then please see the flier included in this Smoke Signals for additional details. Registration forms are available in the school and church offices or call me and I will send a form home with your child. Cost is only \$15 and includes lunch.

**VOICE & PIANO LESSONS**

Sue Field - Mezzo Soprano & Pianist

2245 Brewster Ave, RC

650-796-1829

mezzo54@comcast.net

I recently received a flier from this lady. I am passing on her name and contact information as a service to you. I have not met her, and neither I nor Redeemer Lutheran School are making any recommendations by listing her here.

## **REDWOOD CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**Beginning at 4:30 p.m.**

Mark your calendars now... Redeemer will once again be participating in the Redwood City Christmas parade. It was a lot of fun last year. We had over 70 students participate!!! Let's make it 80 this year!

### **BLOCK 'R'**

Students in grades 5-8 can earn a Block "R" award by meeting the following criteria:

1. 75% worship attendance (at the church of your choice)
2. Good relationship with Teachers & Peers
3. C+ or above grade average with no F's
4. Perform classroom jobs
5. Maximum of 1 citation for the year
6. Maximum of 10 tardies for the year

Block R's are awarded in June at our Academic Awards Night.

### **OCEAN WEEK**

Don't forget! Next Friday (September 26) is our all-school trip to the beach. We hope you will all join us. The more the merrier! Pray for sunshine! If you didn't order a hot dog lunch for your child (and you!), be sure to bring a sack lunch with a drink.

Students may wear their Ocean Week T-Shirts (past years are ok too!) to school with uniform bottoms all week. They should wear their 03-04 t-shirt to the beach on Friday. Remember to dress in layers as the weather is unpredictable at the beach.

**OPEN HOUSE** is Wednesday evening in Fellowship Hall from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Stop by and see the terrific art projects and reports done by the students. Enjoy refreshments provided by the PSC and some fellowship and fun with other RLS families.

### **GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER**

Order forms and payments are due back to Redeemer on September 26. Remember, students who sell \$300+ will get a limo ride and lunch (and the regular prize too)!!! Please have all checks made payable to PSC.

### **HOT LUNCH**

Thank you to all of the many volunteers for signing up to help with hot lunch. We hope you are enjoying the new caterer. What is the feedback from your kids?

The next hot lunch order form and volunteer form will be coming home mid-October. This will cover November and December hot lunches. Again, thank you for your continued support of the hot lunch program.

### **LOCKERS**

The 3rd-6th graders have lockers located outside of their classrooms. Please keep in mind that these are not locked and therefore they are accessible to other people. Do not leave anything of value in the lockers and be sure to clear out personal items on the weekends. Please remember that some classrooms are used on the weekends by outside groups and Sunday School. For safe keeping, all students should take valuable items (e.g., calculators) home on Fridays to avoid any possible losses.

REMINDER TO EVERYONE!!! PLEASE LABEL your child's clothing items and lunch boxes with their name! We cannot return items if we don't know who they belong to. Remember all students in grades 5-8 change three days/week for PE, so please label not only their PE clothes but their regular uniforms also.

Lost & Found is located outside the back door to the school office in a large green trash can.

### **PARENT DIRECTORY**

Also included today in your child's Friday Folder is your copy of the 03-04 Parent Directory. One per family please, so please keep it in a safe place! Please note that the directory also contains a school calendar which includes special activities (musicals, etc.), email addresses and extensions for staff members, class lists, and more!

My apologies in advance for mistakes! Please contact me ASAP with corrections.

## VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our Varsity Volleyball Teams for 2003-2004:

### GIRLS

Samantha Proctor*	Kristi Olsen*
Becky Cook	Lindsay Saier
Jacque Arends	Melanie Burgdorf
Alexis Staver	Annie Bruno
Noelle Pollastrini	Gabbi Bizzarro
Alisa Rhodes	Jenny Eastman
Tarlon Badiee	

### BOYS

Ryan Heywood*	Frank Lenahan*
Kevin Middleton*	Kyle Mey*
Austin Fosnes	Nick Justice
Ryan Waring	John Abdel Shahid
Derek White	Matthew Fazio
Doug Fosnes	Michael Sweat
Matt Page	

\* Team Captains

Thank you to Mrs. Maier and Mrs. Lenahan for coaching the teams. Thank you Mr. Doody for acting as the official referee at our home games.

## CHEVY'S NIGHT

**Thursday, September 25**

Mark your calendar! Enjoy dinner out at Chevy's Restaurant in Redwood City and Redeemer will receive 20% of the profits! *Be sure to bring in a copy of the flier included in this Smoke Signals.* Feel free to photocopy the flier and give it to your friends, relatives, and neighbors!!

## WASHINGTON DC BAKE SALE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 BETWEEN CHURCH SERVICES

Thank you to all who have volunteered to provide baked goodies to help raise funds for the 7th and 8th graders' trip to Washington DC in April. Goodies may be dropped off in the church kitchen on Friday, 9/26, or brought to church on Sunday morning. Be sure to wrap them tightly so they stay fresh.

Those of you who like to eat sweets but not make them...

be sure to stop by and buy some yummys to take home. Bake sale items will be available for purchase all morning!

## PSC AUCTION

**NOVEMBER 15, 2003**

### ELK'S LODGE, REDWOOD CITY

We still need volunteers to help out. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room located off the parking lot.

It's a fun, fun way to earn Mandatory Hours! Contact Auction chairperson Judi Weller at 364-2421 or email [jweller2874@yahoo.com](mailto:jweller2874@yahoo.com) with questions.

## 03-04 STUDENT COUNCIL

The votes are in! Congratulations to our Student Council election winners:

- ◇ President:.....Becky Cook (8th)
- ◇ Vice President:.....Frankie Lenahan (8th)
- ◇ Secretary:.....Gabbi Bizzarro (7th)
- ◇ Treasurer:.....Chris Haemmerling (7th)
- ◇ Activities Dir:.....Noelle Pollastrini (7th)
- ◇ K/1st/8th Rep:.....Jacque Arends (8th)
- ◇ 2nd/7th Rep:.....Nichole Arends (7th)
- ◇ 6th Rep:.....Tarlon Badiee (6th)
- ◇ 5th Rep:.....Hayley Parker (5th)
- ◇ 3rd/4th Rep:.....Ben Justice (4th)

Congratulations to all of the candidates who ran for office. We are very proud of you and applaud your efforts.



## PENINSULA COVENANT COMMUNITY CENTER 3623 Jefferson Ave, RC

has openings on the waiting list for qualified childcare workers. PCCC childcare workers receive unlimited use of the facilities in exchange for 3 hours of work per week in the childcare department. Interested? call Henrietta Conway at 650-364-6272 ext. 259 for details.