

SMOKE SIGNALS



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March 25, 2005

"Live a Life of Love" Ephesians 5:1-2

UPCOMING DATES:

- Apr 5..... Presentation on Eating Disorders -
"What every parent must know!"
7pm Fellowship Hall
- Apr 6..... Hearing & Vision Retests
- Apr 11..... Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL**
- Apr 12..... PSC Meeting 7pm Room 4
- Apr 15..... End of 3Q, Noon Dismissal
- Apr 15..... Grandparent Day
- Apr 18-22... Standardized Testing grades 1-8
- Apr 22..... 3Q Honor Roll awarded in Chapel
- Apr 29..... Smoke Signals sent home
- Apr 29..... Christian Heart Awards in Chapel

MISC. IMPORTANT STUFF!

3rd Quarter Report Cards will be sent home with your child on April 13. Parent/Teacher Conferences for the 3rd quarter will be held on Friday afternoon, April 15 (noon dismissal). 3Q conferences are optional and are held only at the request of a teacher or parent. If you know you would like a conference, please contact your teacher ASAP and arrange a time (teacher phone extensions and emails are listed in your Parent Directory). If, upon viewing your child's report card, you would like a conference, please call the appropriate teacher ASAP to request a conference.

Homework Assignments on the web! Coming soon to the Redeemer website! Go to www.redeemer-school.org and click on the 'HOMEWORK link.' There you will find individual classroom listings. Simply click on the appropriate class for a list of homework. This feature will be up and fully running soon. Please check back regularly as the teachers get acquainted with the system! We promise to be accurate and up to date by the start of the 4th quarter.

Also of note on the website.... our 04-05 school calendar, copies of past Smoke Signals, Parent Handbook, Enrollment information, and more! Coming soon... look for

"General Announcements" in the Homework Section.

If you haven't already done so, please join the Redeemer School News email group. Send an email to golsen@redeemer-school.org and I'll send you an "invitation" to join the group. All you have to do is reply to the email and you're in! Don't miss another important event because the "paper flier" didn't make it home!

GRANDPARENTS DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 15. Please invite a grandparent or other special adult to join us for chapel and treats. More information and invitations will be coming home following the Easter break.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

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

Lutheran Schools Week began with our Varsity Girls Basketball Team leaving for their annual Lodi tournament on Friday, March 4. They had an awesome weekend, finishing up second place overall in the tournament! Wow!

Sunday, March 6, marked the official beginning of LSW with an all school choir at the 8:30 RLC worship service. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our essay winners also read their essay on "What it means to live a life of love." Congratulations to Joey Dinkel (6th), Freddie Spain (7th), and Kavi Sharma (8th).

On Monday we started our day with songs and prayer at the flag pole led by Mr. Mancini. We were surrounded by crazy hair and hats galore!

Tuesday was mismatch day. Plaids and stripes, flowers and polka dots! What fun!

Wednesday was class color day. Great job everyone! We competed in buddy class games on the blacktop in the afternoon. Thank you Ms. Rathe and the student council for planning the games.

Thursday was red & white day. The day ended with everyone's favorite - the official Roundball Pep Rally led by our 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... 7th grade was the winner, thanks to their raucous spirit and impressive stunts!

Friday was twin (triplet, quadruplet!) 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! Students in 6th-8th grade from all participating schools were then treated to a dance Friday evening. About 140 students attended. Thanks to Pastor Joel for the music and to all of the parents who helped out.

Games continued at Woodside High School on Saturday. Our boys played well and qualified to play in the 3rd/4th place championship game on Sunday. Saturday evening was the ever popular cheerleading competition. The girls performed a terrific routine and were awarded the third place trophy. Way to go girls, we are VERY proud of you!!!

Finally, Sunday found the 8:30 Redeemer church service full to the rim with visitors from participating schools! What an awesome way to worship our wonderful God!! Our boys won their final game and finished in 3rd place (out of 24 teams!). Congratulations boys on a terrific tournament. Special congratulations to 7th grader Matt Page who was named to the Tournament All Star team.

Big congratulations to our 1st grade class for winning our first ever "LSW SPIRIT AWARD." The 1st grade class had 100% participation in every special dress day for the entire week!! That's awesome school spirit!!! They were each awarded a special, limited-edition 2005 Redeemer Roundball T-Shirt!

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

A HUGE thank you to Tom & Kim Perez and Jim & Stephanie Fazio and all of their volunteers for a terrific concession stand. A big thanks to Kurt Schreiner for his knockout chili! Thanks to everyone who monitored the gym doors. You did a great job!

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, Mr. Davis.....

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

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.

2005-2006 REGISTRATION

Registration packets were mailed out in January. Please reenroll as soon as possible so that we are better equipped to plan for the 05-06 school year. If you have not yet registered, please note that Enrollment fees increased on March 1.

2005-2006 Rates

Enrollment Fees - Returning Students	
after March 1, 2005.....	\$325
after June 17, 2004.....	\$350
Enrollment Fees - All New Students.....	\$350

TUITION

Redeemer Church Members	
1st child.....	\$5,310/annual
2nd + child.....	\$4,779/annual
Non-Redeemer Church Members	
1st child.....	\$5,900/annual
2nd + child.....	\$5,310/annual

A \$200 discount on the annual tuition rate is available if tuition is paid in full prior to August 1, 2005.

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, 2005. 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 15, 2005. For more information, go to www.basicfund.org.

SPRING PICTURES Monday, May 2

Packets will be coming home in April. 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 or skirts, no tummies showing, etc. Please keep attire modest and appropriate. If there is any doubt, please don't wear it. It is your teacher's prerogative to call parents to bring a change of clothing.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

This year Redeemer will again be administering the IOWA TESTS to all students in grades 1-8. Testing dates are April 18-22. 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.

**3RD QUARTER
HONOR ROLL CERTIFICATES**
will be handed out in chapel
Friday, April 22

PAL BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the 4th & 5th grade boys PAL basketball team. The team came two points short of reaching the playoffs with a 5 win and 2 loss record!

Way to go boys! Coach - Mr. Jim Gordon
Redeemer School players: David Spain, Ben Justice, Mike Kennan, Kevin Sweat, Matthew Waring, Chris Moffat and Devin McGrath.

A 4th & 5th grade girls team is now forming. Call Mr. Gordon ASAP if you're interested.

CHRISTIAN HEART AWARDS

Congratulations to our January Christian Heart Award recipients:

- ◇ Kindergarten - Madison Foley
- ◇ 1st Grade - Olivia Pellarin
- ◇ 2nd Grade - Cole Elpel
- ◇ 3rd Grade - Rob Harper
- ◇ 4th Grade - Jordynn Lewman
- ◇ 5th Grade - Jessica Vano
- ◇ 6th Grade - Joey Dinkel
- ◇ 7th Grade - Derek White
- ◇ 8th Grade - Kavi Sharma

Since the month of February is the month of love, everyone was a "Christian Heart Award" winner!

Congratulations to our March Christian Heart Award recipients:

- ◇ Kindergarten - Hailey Cole
- ◇ 1st Grade - Andrew Cahill
- ◇ 2nd Grade - Reilly Cole
- ◇ 3rd Grade - Brian LaCasse
- ◇ 4th Grade - Jordynn Lewman
- ◇ 5th Grade - Alyssa Flores
- ◇ 6th Grade - Jiana Bowie
- ◇ 7th Grade - Felicia Flores
- ◇ 8th Grade - Sabina Lin

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BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

CONGRATULATIONS BRAVES

By Coach Mancini

WOW! Can you believe it! Another season has already gone by and once again the Boys Varsity Basketball team had a "Season to Remember". We regained our league title for an unprecedented fifth time in six years! An undefeated 6-0 league campaign. The season started with an incredible performance at the Mission Peak Tournament where our Boys went all the way to the championship game for the third time in four years. The mighty Braves played hard yet fell a bit short losing to Kings Academy School 56-45. We then opened our Lutheran school play with a nail biting game against Zion, Piedmont. Zion scored the winning basket with 8 seconds to play winning 49-48.

After winning all of our league games it was Roundball time. We earned the #4 seed in our bracket of the Tournament. This year a team dropped out of the tournament at the last minute so we split our team and entered a second team. The "B" team did very well and made it farther than expected. They fell one game shy of playing for the Consolation game on Sunday. The "A" team started the tournament in great shape with a big win over St. Marks, Citrus Heights 54-12. Every 8th grader scored a point in the first game! Our next game was against the #1 seed Gloria Dei Cougars. The Braves were big underdogs yet came out playing hard and prevailed in a tough-fought game 49-44! On to the Final Four! We then had to play St. John's, Napa for the right to play in the championship game on Sunday. It had been difficult for us this season to beat the Eagles losing in Napa earlier in the year. Emotions ran high as we started the game and our Braves played hard but they just could not get it going losing 47-30. On to Championship Sunday! The Boys qualified for Sunday's 3rd/4th-place game in a rematch with Zion, Piedmont. The Braves fought hard leading by two. But the pesky Panthers didn't quit. They rallied back to take the lead in the fourth quarter by 7. The Braves went on one more scoring run and were able to pull it out in the final minutes to win 50-43!! This marked the first win for a Brave team in the Final Four since 1982! WAY TO GO BOY'S! Matt Page was named to the all tournament team for the second year in a row!

I am very proud of all these young men, and will remember this season for a very long time! An awesome 18-4 record! Thank you guys! Thanks to Mr. Doody my assistant coach for all his help. Thanks to all of our terrific parents and fans! We couldn't have done it without you! See ya next season!

04-05 BRAVES VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

John Abdel Shahid	James Bowie
James Gordon	Chris Haemmerling
Nick Justice	Tommy Perez
Kavi Sharma	Ryan Waring
Josh Chiamos	Matthew Fazio
Chris Maki	Chad Mey
Matt Page	Freddie Spain
Michael Sweat	Derek White
Joey Dinkel	

Head Coach: Mr. Mancini

Asst. Coach: Mr. Doody

Official Team Videographer: Jon Handley

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the League Champion Lady Braves for a tremendously successful and exciting season. The Lady Braves posted a season record of 14-4 and were undefeated in league play.

The team played many close games this year and peaked for the annual Lodi Tournament. After some very exciting, nail-biting games, the Lady Braves came home with the 2nd place trophy after losing to perennial strength St. John's of Napa in the Championship game. This was the strongest showing by Redeemer in many years.

The team was led by returning starters Alisa Rhodes and Annie Bruno. Other starters this year included 8th graders Alexis Staver and Nichole Arends and 7th graders Tarlon Badiie and Jenny Eastman. The team also received valuable playing time from Gabbi Bizzarro, Jiana Bowie and Jenny Mize. Rounding out the team were 8th graders Karina Cornelio, Krista Galatolo, Sabina Jin, 7th grader Heather Smith, and 6th graders Hayley Parker and Katherine Ruiz.

We would like to thank the players on the team for their hard work throughout the season and all the parents for their enthusiasm and support.

Coaches Lenahan and Maier

04-05 LADY BRAVES VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Nichole Arends	Gabbi Bizzarro
Annie Bruno	Karina Cornelio
Krista Galatolo	Sabina Jin
Alisa Rhodes	Alexis Staver
Tarlon Badiie	Jenny Eastman
Heather Smith	Jiana Bowie
Jessica Gotelli	Jenny Mize
Hayley Parker	Katherine Ruiz

CHEERLEADERS

Congratulations to our cheerleading squad on a terrific year. The girls began the year competing in a USA Cheerleading Competition in October at Bonfante Gardens. Throughout the basketball season they cheered for the boys Varsity team (and even a couple of the JV home games). Our season ended with a very busy Roundball weekend. Because our boys basketball team was split into two teams, the girls had to do double duty! They cheered at two games on Friday and FOUR games on Saturday! Thanks girls for the extra effort! The girls then performed a very challenging and technically difficult routine on Saturday evening at the Cheerleading Shootout. They were rewarded with a 3rd place finish. We are very proud of you all.

Thank you to all the moms who provided transportation and chaperoned practices. A special thank you to Julie Eastman and Felicia's grandma Irene for giving so much of their time chaperoning practices and always being there when we needed someone at the last minute. Thank you to Coach Heather for your hard work, patience, and creativity!!!

04-05 CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Gabbi Bizzarro	Annie Bruno
Karina Cornelio	Krista Galatolo
Kristine Gomez	Carly Keenan
Alexis Staver	Jenny Eastman
Felicia Flores	Hayley Parker

Coach: Heather Oberhauser

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Good Friday, March
: pm & : pm

Easter Sunday, March
: am Band Led Worship
: am Organ Led Worship

The Lord is Risen!
Hallelujah!