

SMOKE SIGNALS



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

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

Oct 28	End of 1st Quarter - Noon Dismissal
Oct 29	P/T Conferences - No School
Nov 2	Election Day - Be sure to vote!
Nov 9	PSC Meeting - Room 4 7:00 pm
Nov 12	Veteran's Day Holiday - No School
Nov 13	Thrive Women's Conference at RLC
Nov 19	Field Trip Day
Nov 22-26	Conference & Thanksgiving - No School
Dec 4	RWC Children's Christmas Parade
Dec 10	1st & 2nd Grade Musical 7:00 pm
Dec 17	1:00 Dismissal
Dec 20-31	Christmas Holidays - No School

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

Quarter One...GONE!

As the first quarter comes 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, you 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.

Parent Teacher Conference

It is time for parent/teacher conferences once again. I thought it would be a great idea to go over some ground rules before you meet with your teachers.

1. Be prepared to discuss, in a positive manner, areas of concern about your child.
2. Listen to the teacher as they share with you their professional opinion on how we can help your child improve.
3. Try not to take any constructive concerns negatively. These topics are only being discussed to help build your child's self esteem and educational foundation.

4. Please be on time and keep all meetings to **20 minutes**. If you need more time, please set up another appointment with the teacher.

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 awesome 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.

Thoughts for Halloween Night

1. Check all candy.
2. NEVER walk alone.
3. Be a positive role model at all times. You never know who's watching!
4. Be very considerate of others' property.



P.J.'s MINUTE PASTOR VANO

It's time for Reformation! While many people only know October 31st as the secular holiday of Halloween, for many Christians the figure of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenburg comes to mind instead. It was on this day in 1517 that Martin Luther began what is commonly referred to as the Reformation. And even though I don't want to discuss the finer points of church history with you, I believe it is time for another Reformation.

Reformation refers to "a change from worse to better" or "an amendment of life." I am specifically hoping for a reformation in the music that our children listen to. Therefore I would like to direct my efforts toward the students and families of Redeemer Lutheran School.

It's a fact that most kids live with music coursing through their veins. They absorb the content of this music at an almost subconscious level. This concerns me if the material they are listening to contains less than edifying lyrics. If you are not already engaging your children when it comes to their choice in music then let me encourage you to get involved. Learn about the artists your children are listening to. Find out what message the lyrics are sending to your child.

I would love to assist you in this endeavor to create a music Reformation here at Redeemer. I have a large CD library with various titles available for your children to check out and enjoy. It is my belief that when we guide our children in the music they listen to we are truly taking to heart the words of Scripture from Philippians 4:8 - "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Joining you in a music Reformation!

RWC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARADE

Redeemer School will once again be participating in the Redwood City Children's Christmas parade. This year the parade will take place on Saturday, December 4. Mark your calendars! The event takes place at about 4:00 in the afternoon in downtown Redwood City. Participation is optional. Details and a permission slip will be distributed in November.

VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS!

Please return your laundered uniform to the school office now! Thank you!

CHRISTIAN HEART AWARD

Redeemer's Christian Heart Award is a monthly recognition given to students who show special Christ-like behavior during the course of a month. Students receive a special certificate along with a cross pin. We encourage our CHA recipients to wear their cross to school to remind everyone to live their lives in a manner especially pleasing to Jesus. The CHA is awarded at the last chapel of each month and is determined by the classroom teacher.

Congratulations to our Christian Heart Award recipients for September.

- ◇ Kindergarten - Luis Guevara
- ◇ 1st Grade - Diamond Pearson
- ◇ 2nd Grade - Monica Krantz
- ◇ 3rd Grade - Sarah Burrows
- ◇ 4th/5th Grade - Chris Moffat
- ◇ 6th Grade - Jiana Bowie
- ◇ 7th Grade - Matt Page
- ◇ 8th Grade - Chris Haemmerling

LATE ARRIVALS

If your child is late to school for **any reason**, please check in at the school office and obtain a "tardy slip." Teachers turn in attendance slips at 8:30 a.m. Please help us keep our attendance records accurate. Thank you.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 7:30-11:45 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
Benefiting high school youth and
yearly Mexico Mission Trip.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 FIELD TRIP DAY

Each November the Lutheran Women in Mission of Redeemer Church hold a luncheon and gift bazaar. This year's event will take place in Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 19, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy a yummy luncheon of vegetable lasagne. Tickets may be purchased on Sunday mornings between services.

In an effort to clear the campus and parking lot for the ladies, all of our classes have scheduled field trips for the day. If you haven't received information already, your teacher will soon be sending home field trip information. All classes will need drivers and chaperones. If you plan to drive on a field trip, PLEASE BE SURE YOUR DRIVER INFORMATION is complete and on file in the school office. If in doubt, please contact Mrs. Olsen. Driver information must be approved and on file even if you plan to drive only your own child!

FIELD TRIP DRIVERS! SPORTS TEAM DRIVERS!

We have updated our procedures for volunteer drivers on school-sponsored activities for the 04-05 school year in order to provide a safer environment for our students.

Before any parent or employee will be allowed to transport students (even their own child) in their private vehicle for any school-sponsored event (including sports, field trips, etc.) the driver must first:

1. Submit proof of current automobile insurance showing coverage limits of at least \$100,000/\$300,000 bodily injury liability and \$25,000 property damage liability
2. Provide a copy of their driver license
3. Complete, sign and return the "04-05 RLS Volunteer and Employee Auto Usage Information" form (a copy is included in this Smoke Signals)

Please return these items as quickly as possible so that we have them on file for any upcoming field trips. Please don't wait until the last minute as you may not receive clearance in time to drive on an upcoming field trip.

A big thank you to everyone who has already completed their forms! Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school office at 650-366-3466.

HOT LUNCH

The current hot lunch menu ended Wednesday, Oct 27. Avanti hot lunches will not begin again until Wednesday, November 10. So, our "Washington DC 2006" parents have stepped up to sponsor two SPECIAL HOT LUNCHES:

- **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3**
Chicken Noodle Soup & Grilled Cheese
- **FRIDAY, NOV 5**
Pizza

Look for the order form sent home with your child this week. Don't delay, orders and payment are due Monday, Nov 1! LUNCHES MUST BE ORDERED & PAID FOR IN ADVANCE! (These two lunches were NOT included on the Sept-Oct order form.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

THERE ARE NO HOT LUNCHES:

MONDAY, NOV. 1 or NOV. 8!!

JV BASKETBALL

Our JV basketball season has begun! JV is open to all students in grades 5 and 6 who meet the academic requirement of maintaining a minimum "C" average with no failing subjects. We will have two home games this year that will be played at the Red Morton gym. Come cheer on our teams on two Tuesdays, November 2 and 9. Girls play at 3:30 and boys at 4:30. Congratulations to our JV basketball teams:

BOYS

Joey Dinkel	Trevor Lennen
Justin Olsen	Scott Saier
Michael Harper	Ben Justice
Mike Keenan	Morgan LaCasse
Chris Moffat	David Spain
Kevin Sweat	

Thank you Coach Mancini.

GIRLS

Jiana Bowie	Jessica Gotelli
Jenny Mize	Hayley Parker
Katherine Ruiz	Polline Villalobo
Emily Burns	Sara Dumanske
Alyssa Flores	Annie Perry
Jessica Vano	

Thank you Coach Lenahan & Coach Maier!

CHEVY'S!

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

Help raise funds for Redeemer and enjoy lunch or dinner out! Bring the flier included in this Smoke Signals to Chevy's on November 10 and Chevy's will donate 20% of the proceeds back to Redeemer. *Muchos Gracias!*

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

November offerings will be given to local food banks to help the homeless during the holiday season.

In December, bring in a NEW stuffed teddy bear for the Child Advocacy Council of San Mateo County. Bears 10-15" tall, without holiday decoration, are preferred.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our mission projects.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

7th & 8th grade parents - it's time to look at high schools for your child! Check out these upcoming open houses. (I have only listed open houses for schools that have sent me information. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the high schools directly.)

NOTRE DAME

1540 Ralston Avenue, Belmont
650-595-1913

Sunday, November 14

Tours at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, noon, 1:30 pm

Reservations not required

Applications due December 10, 2004

ST. FRANCIS

1885 Miramonte Ave, Mountain view
650-968-1213

Sunday, November 7

9:00 am -1:00 pm

Tours leave every 15 minutes.

Reservations not required

SERRA HIGH SCHOOL

451 W. 20th Avenue, San Mateo
650-345-8242

Thursday, December 2

7:00 pm

SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL

International Baccalaureate Programme
Information Evenings (choose a convenient date)
Wednesdays - November 3 & 10
Thursdays - November 18, Dec 2, Dec 8, Dec 15
6:00-7:30 pm in Sequoia's Multi-Purpose Room

WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

7th & 8th grade Information Night
Tuesday, November 30
7:00 pm in Multi-Use Room (MUR)

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

First Congregational Church
1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto
Wednesday, November 3
7:00-8:30 pm
Meet admission directors from Castilleja, Crystal Springs, Harker, Menlo, Mid-Peninsula, Notre Dame, Sacred Heart, Woodside Priory

BLOCK 'R'

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

1. At least 75% worship attendance at the church of your choice
2. Good relationship with Teachers and Peers
3. C+ average with no F's for the year
4. Perform Classroom Jobs
5. Maximum of 10 tardies for the year
6. Maximum of 3 citations for the year
7. No suspensions

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

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Please visit our web site on a regular basis. It contains the school calendar, sports calendars, downloadable forms, a plethora of information at your fingertips!

If you have e-mail, PLEASE sign up for our Yahoo! school e-mail group. I send out information and reminders on a regular basis. Many of these memos do not go home in paper form.... don't miss out on an important event in your child's day! It's easy!

Send a blank e-mail to:

redemerschoolnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you have any trouble, send me an e-mail at golsen@redeemer-school.org and I will send you an "invitation" to join. Don't delay... do it today!!

PARKING LOT - PLAYGROUND

Please remember - the parking lot is closed to cars from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and again 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. With basketball season beginning, we will have practices on the blacktop several days each week. These begin promptly at 3:30! Please make every attempt to clear the playground by this time.

Please don't assume that if it's raining in the morning, that it will be raining all day and the playground will not be used! If you will be on campus during school hours, please park on Harrison or Grand Streets. Thank you for your cooperation.

When dropping off or picking up your child, please park in a designated parking space. Please do not block traffic by stopping in the driving lanes.

God's
blessings to
you

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Mr. B - November 3
Mrs. Lenahan - November 6