

SMOKE SIGNALS



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OCTOBER 1, 2004

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 11	Columbus Day - No School
Oct 12	PSC Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 15	8th grade leads chapel
Oct 21	PSC Mixer 6:30-7:30 pm
Oct 25	PICTURE MAKEUP DAY (new date)
Oct 28	End of 1st Quarter - Noon Dismissal
Oct 29	P/T Conferences - No School
Nov. 12	Veteran' Day - No School
Nov. 19	Field Trip Day (turn in your driver forms!)
Nov. 22-26	No School - Educ Conf/Thanksgiving

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

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

WOW! What a great start to the new school year. We have been incredibly blessed by our great God with all the new faces here at Redeemer. We welcome all of you to our family. The attitude around the campus is incredibly positive. Once again everyone is smiling! ☺ It is such a great feeling to stand out in the parking lot every morning and greet parents. Everyone is filled with such energy and always has a smile and hello to offer. *ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS... STAY POSITIVE!*

Can you believe that there are only four weeks left in the first quarter? Where did all the time go? It is amazing how time flies when you're having fun! Before you know it we will be preparing for graduation.

You have already received your child's mid-term progress report (grades 3-8). Should you have any questions, please remember the protocol for meeting with teachers. Please do not try to discuss issues between 8:00 and 8:30 am. Set a time with you child's teacher to discuss any questions you may have. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have

already celebrated Ocean Week and our trip to the Beach. Once again I would like to thank our Ocean Week committee, our teachers, Mrs. Olsen, room parents and students for all their hard work in preparing for this fun-filled week of classes and activities. It was, once again, a big success. Thanks to all the parents for volunteering to drive and chaperone. A big thank you goes to Greg and Nancy Mize for supplying the great hot dog lunch at the beach.

I would like to share with you a small paragraph from the book "They Call Me Coach" by John Wooden, that I feel embodies what our responsibilities are as teachers at Redeemer. I have re-worded some of Coach Wooden's speech to fit how I see our mission at Redeemer.

We who teach at Lutheran Schools have a great influence on the lives of all the young children who come under our supervision. The lives we lead, and teach them to lead, will play an important role in their future. It is essential that we regard this as a sacred trust and set the example we know is right. We must try to prevent the pressures of society and their peers from causing them to swerve from moral principles.

Redeemer teachers have always made it a priority to teach Christian values and morals that would shape the lives of our students.

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.

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PLEASE REMEMBER - NO DOGS ON CAMPUS!
Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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.

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to our Varsity Volleyball Teams for 2004-2005:

GIRLS

Annie Bruno*	Gabbi Bizzarro
Karina Cornelio	Alisa Rhodes
Nikki Smyser	Alexis Staver

Jenny Eastman	Jiana Bowie
Jessica Gotelli	Jenny Mize
Hayley Parker	Katherine Ruiz

*captain

Coach: Ms. Andrea Scofield

BOYS

John Abdel Shahid	James Bowie
Jon Handley	Nick Justice
Kavi Sharma	Ryan Waring
Matthew Fazio	Chris Maki
Matt Page	Freddie Spain
Michael Sweat	Derek White
Joey Dinkel	

Coach: Mr. Bob Doody

CHEERLEADING 04-05

Congratulations to our fabulous cheerleaders. Due to the large increase in enrollment in our junior high over the summer, we decided to have a second tryout in September. We are so excited to welcome three new cheerleaders to our squad.

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

* co-captains

Thank you to Mrs. Julie Eastman for taking over coaching duties. Thank you to Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Olsen for being Faculty/Staff Advisors.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Each week in chapel we collect offerings which are designated to a particular mission for the quarter. Our first quarter offerings are going to LCMS World Relief to help the victims on Hurricane Charley (and the subsequent hurricanes that battered Florida). Thank you for your support and generosity.

You are invited to join us every Friday morning at 8:40 for chapel! Parents are always welcome. Remember, chapel is on Thursday when we have a Friday holiday.

*PLEASE MARK ALL CLOTHING with your child's name!
The Lost & Found can is already overflowing!!*

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our Student Council members for 2004-2005. Elections were held on Thursday, September 16. The officers gave speeches to and were elected by the entire student body. Class representatives gave speeches to their class and their buddy class and were voted for by these two classes only. Thank you Ms. Rathe for volunteering to be our Student Council advisor this year. Judging from the kids' speeches, we should have an awesome and productive year!

- ◊ President.....Nick Justice
- ◊ Vice President..... Chris Haemmerling
- ◊ Secretary..... Gabbi Bizzarro
- ◊ Treasurer.....Hayley Parker
- ◊ Activities Dir.....Jenny Eastman

- ◊ 4th Grade Reps..... Tessie Rhodes & Matthew Waring (tie!)
- ◊ 5th Grade Rep.....Ben Justice
- ◊ 6th Grade Rep.....Jiana Bowie
- ◊ 7th Grade Rep.....Josh Chiamos
- ◊ 8th Grade Rep.....John Abdel Shahid

Parents - if your child is involved in the Student Council, please review the requirements for Student Council participation. Students must maintain these standards for the entire year to remain members of the Student Council.

1. Must maintain an above average relationship with peers and teachers
2. Must attend the church of their choice on a regular basis (MINIMUM OF 50%)
3. Must maintain a C+ or better grade average with no failing subjects
4. Must be willing and able to attend all Student Council meetings (meetings will be held *before* school on the second Friday of each month)
5. Must be a positive role model for the students of Redeemer Lutheran School

Please call Ms. Rathe at extension 27 if you have any questions or e-mail her at srathe@redeemer-school.org.

8TH GRADE PARENTS

It's time to think about high school if you're not already! A memo was sent home with your students outlining steps you need to take if your student plans on attending a private high school. If you didn't see it, ask them for it or call me for another copy!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Sequoia Union High School District
Carlmont, MA, Sequoia, Woodside
Parent Information Night
Thursday, October 7
7:00-9:00 pm

Sequoia High School Multi-use Room
1201 Brewster, Redwood City

Learn about programs and transfer options. Meet the district principals. Receive dates for school site parent information nights. Call Susan Berghouse at 369-1411 x 2210 for further information.

High School Information Night
Wednesday, Nov. 3
7:00-8:30 pm

First Congregational Church
1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto

Meet the Admission Directors from Castilleja, Crystal Springs, Harker, Kehillah, Menlo, Mid-Peninsula, Notre Dame, Sacred Heart, and Woodside Priory. Learn about the independent high school admission process and financial aid.

MISCELLANEOUS!

Your Parent Directory was sent home with your youngest child on Friday, September 24. Please ask them for it if you haven't seen it!!! The directory contains much more than just phone numbers and addresses. Be sure to review the school year calendar at the front of the book which includes special events. Teacher extensions and e-mail addresses are also listed, along with class lists, room parents, PSC officers, and more! Please call the school office with any corrections!

Please note the ADDED HOLIDAY on TUESDAY, FEB 22!

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Please view 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. Do it today!!

