

SMOKE SIGNALS



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"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances." 1 Thess 5:16-

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9	PSC Meeting 7pm
May 12	Spring Pictures
May 13	Track Meet in Fremont
May 19	7th-8th grade Musical 7pm
May 29	No School - Memorial Day
June 2	Kindergarten Graduation 9am
June 2	Academic Awards 7pm
June 3	Family Fun Day @ Huddart Park
June 6	8th grade Banquet 6:30pm
June 9	Last Day of School 11:00am dismissal
June 9	8th grade Graduation 7:30pm

Weds, August 23 -- 1st day of school 06-07 !!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

CONSTRUCTION!

Praise God that we finally have dry weather ahead of us. The construction is once again in full swing. You will notice windows going in and the roofers finishing the final steps of sealing everything off. Then the interior work begins.

The next step of the project is the parking lots and street. PLEASE remember to obey all traffic rules while picking up and dropping off students.

1. All 4-8 students are to be dropped off in the parking lot.
2. All K-3 students are to be dropped off on Grand Street.
3. PLEASE NO DOUBLE PARKING!
4. Watch your speed as you drive through the school area.
5. Grand Street in front of school is for pick-up and drop-off only. Please do not park and leave your car unattended!

These are very important rules that we all need to follow to respect our neighbors who have been very supportive during the long construction process.

Again I thank for your continued love and support of our ministry and for making my job easier by modeling a great Jesus attitude. PRAISE GOD!

WE'RE BACK...

WOW! It is hard to believe that we just finished our fourth trip to our nations capital. Forty-six participants in all enjoyed a fun filled week of exciting adventures and memories of a lifetime. When we began our inaugural trip in 2000 I never would have believed it would grow into the awesome trip it has become. This year's trip was full of many memorable things. This year we had three great highlights. Through the generosity of Mr. Ruben Barrales, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, we were able to, once again, visit the White House! What an incredible building filled with so much history! We then went to Monticello, the home of our 3rd President Thomas Jefferson. Along with the tour we all enjoyed a great meal at the historic Mitchie Tavern. Without a doubt the best fried chicken in the nation! Finally, The laying of our wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was incredibly moving and all in attendance were very proud as four RLS students presented the wreath with the honor guard at the Tomb. Another year completed and already I'm preparing for our trip new fall trip in October of 07! Thanks to all my parent participants and chaperones for your patience and support. A BIG thanks to Mrs. Olsen, as always, for making all the I.D. badges and lanyards for the kids. We sure do have a GRRREAT GOD!

Staffing for 2006/07

It is amazing that the third quarter is over and we are a month away from the end of the school year. WOW! Can you believe how fast this year has gone by? This is the time of year when we align our teaching staff for the upcoming school year. Each year we evaluate our strengths and areas where we feel we can improve on our academic excellence. After meeting with each faculty member and my principal's advisory board, we have made some changes that will strengthen each class and keep each faculty member in their areas of excellence. We are excited to announce that once again we will

have a near to capacity kindergarten classroom. We have already filled two classrooms leaving us with waiting lists for both. Let us all pray that enrollment continues to grow so we can fully utilize the wonderful facility our great God has blessed us with. God has His perfect plan for our school, students, and families. It amazing what He can do when we just let Him.

I am looking forward to our new staffing positions for next year. I believe we have once again put together a dedicated, enthusiastic and committed team to guide our children through the upcoming years. I am thankful to our teaching staff that have been so open and enthusiastic about "doing what is best for Redeemer." This is sometimes very difficult when you are in a comfort area and enjoy what you do. Thank you team! Our classes break up the following way:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Madigan - Returning for her 3rd year in Redeemer's Kindergarten.

1st Grade - Ms. Geraghty - Returning for her 3rd year at Redeemer.

2nd Grade - Mrs. Greene - Back once again at Redeemer and will be starting her 4th year with us.

3rd Grade - Ms. Kinstler - Will begin her 2nd year with us! It is great having her back on campus

4th Grade - Ms. Rathe - Returning for her 4th year at Redeemer.

5th Grade - Mr. Doody - Returning for his 6th year at Redeemer.

Middle School Program

6th Grade - Mrs. Davis - Returning for her 6th year with us. Mrs. Davis will also be the Literature/English teacher for the 6-8 middle school.

7th Grade - Mrs. Maier - Will begin her 9th year with us. She will move to the middle school and teach Math and Science to grades 6-8.

8th Grade - Mrs. Lenahan - Returning for her 12th year with us. Mrs. Lenahan will also be the History/Physical Education teacher for the 6-8 middle school.

Math - Mr. Mancini - 8th grade Algebra class.

Speech/Choir - Mr. Behrens - will begin his 50th year!

These are very exciting times, and I pray you will continue to be as supportive to Redeemer as you have been for so many years. God has brought awesome changes to our family and I am looking forward to the fruits these will bring.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
IS COMING SOON!**

May 1-7 will be National Teacher Appreciation Week. Teacher Appreciation Week happens once per year and is a time when parents can show the RLS staff how much they are valued. The PSC and individual room parents are planning many activities to "spoil" our teachers and staff.

You should also be hearing from your room parent regarding individual room activities for the week. Please feel free to contact Laura Ventura, Teacher Appreciation Coordinator (phone: 650-208-0718, lauraventura@yahoo.com), if you wish to become involved in any teacher appreciation week activity. Teacher Appreciation activities count towards volunteer hours.

Susie Madsen & Jenny Lewman
PSC Co-Presidents

3RD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our 3rd Quarter Honor Roll recipients. Honor Roll is awarded to students in grades 3-8 each quarter who earn a B+ or higher grade point average. Kudos to all of you for your efforts!

Grade 3

Nick Chiamos	Cole Elpel
Victoria Garvin	Caitlin Johnson
Taylor Madsen	Sabrina Proctor

Grade 4

Julia Kirincic	Kaylee Kohlmaier
Emily Moffat	Sarah Burrows
Jordan Vano	Jacob Weller

Grade 5

Jordynn Lewman	Courtney Lucas
Domonique Pearson	Jordan Robinson

6th Grade

Ben Justice

7th Grade

Joey Dinkel

8th Grade

Heather Smith	Jenny Eastman
Derek White	

KNOWLEDGE BOWL

On April 6, ten of our students competed against seven other Lutheran Schools in our first Knowledge

Bowl. St. John's School in Napa hosted the competition. It was a lot of fun and we hope they will do it again next year. Our 5th-6th grade team came in 3rd place, and our 7th-8th grade team placed 5th. Mr. Mancini and Mrs. Lenahan enjoyed the competition and acted as coaches/chaperones. Great job kids!

Team Members:

Grade 5: Blair Lowndes & Jordan Robinson
Grade 6: David Spain, Ben Justice, Sara Dumanske
Grade 7: Hayley Parker, Justin Olsen
Grade 8: Ben Browder, Heather Smith, Jenny Eastman

BOX TOP BULLETIN

The Spring Box Top Challenge is over and the PSC would like to thank everyone who participated. We collected \$270 -- 2,700 labels! Everyone will receive an ice cream for their efforts. We will also reward the winners with a pizza lunch. This challenge will have two winning classes, the 1st grade and the 4th grade. Both of these classes collected over 800 labels! (Lunch date TBA later) Please continue to collect box tops over the summer for use in the fall. Don't forget to ask family and friends to save them for you too! Thank you Mr. Burrows for being our "Box Top Grand Poobah!"

WALMART PLASTIC BAG RECYCLE CHALLENGE

Great job everybody!! We collected 33 big bags of plastic bags. Your efforts earned Redeemer \$165 (\$5/big bag). Thank you for your support! Thank you Pamela Estes for organizing the fundraiser.

YEARBOOKS

It's time to order your 2005-2006 yearbook! It is a 40 page full-color book. Cost is only \$13.00/each. Quantities are limited and will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis, so order your book today. Order forms are available in the school office. Make checks payable to Redeemer or exact cash accepted.

2006 BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET

THURSDAY, MAY 11
FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00-8:00 PM
BBQ BURGERS & DOGS

If your child was a varsity basketball player or cheerleader this year, your family is invited to attend. Please RSVP to the school office by May 5 @ 366-3466 ext. 10. Call anytime and leave a voice mail.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The mission of Redeemer Ministries is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus and the community of faith, offering them hope, help and healing in His name."

REDEEMER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Band-Led Worship - 8:30 a.m.
Organ-Led Worship - 10:00 a.m.



TRACK MEET SATURDAY, MAY 13

NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL, FREMONT

Our annual track meet is coming up quickly! Teachers are selecting students in grades K-8 to represent Redeemer. If your child is chosen and is not able to participate, please let your teacher know *immediately* so that an alternate can be chosen. Even if your child is not participating in an event, please come over and cheer on the other athletes. It's a lot of fun. Wear your "Redeemer Red" and show your school spirit. Bring an ice chest or purchase food and drinks at the concession stand. Don't forget a hat and sunscreen!

Directions from Redwood City: Dumbarton Bridge, 880 south, Mowry Exit - turn right (west), Left on Cedar (2 lights). Newark High will be on your right about 1/4 mile. Parking can be pretty bad... unless you get there early you will have to park in the shopping center across the street. Leave yourself some extra time!

SPRING PICTURES

Friday, May 12

(immediately following chapel)

Order forms will be sent home. Pictures must be ordered and paid for in advance. Only students who are purchasing pictures will be photographed and there is no makeup day. Siblings may be photographed together in family groups. **Please give order packet with information to your youngest child.** Be sure ALL of your children know if they are being photographed as a family group! Students will be photographed outside in the church courtyard.

This is a "free dress" day for all students (even if they are not being photographed). Please observe the following rules: No sweats, ripped, 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.

"WAY OUT WEST IN A DRESS"

or...Life's a Hurdle

When You're Wearing a Girdle

7th & 8th Grade Musical

Friday, May 19

7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Join us for a rollicking good time in the old west!



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Redeemer Lutheran Education Assistance Fund

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REGISTRATION

If you have not already registered for 06-07, please do so as soon as possible. Please complete an enrollment application and turn it in with your \$350 registration fee. If you will not be returning, please take a minute to call or email and let me know. Thanks!

If you wish to receive tuition assistance next year, please turn in your RLEAF application by May 1. You must re-apply every year.

Students with past due balances -- tuition, extended care, lost books, lost sports uniforms, etc. -- will not be allowed to participate in end of the year activities including field trips and graduation. Please be sure all of your accounts are up to date. Students with incomplete mandatory hours will also not be allowed to participate. Please be sure to turn in your hours early or send in a check payable to Redeemer for \$10 for each uncompleted hour. Should you have any questions, please contact the school office.

DENNIS UNIFORM

Avoid the back to school rush and save 10% on all in-store purchases June 1-30, 2006! Store hours in June: Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, Closed Sunday and Monday. Dennis is located at 1282 Oddstad Drive, Redwood City 94063, 650-299-9623.

CHAPEL DATE CHANGE

Chapel will be held next week on Thursday, May 4. Fourth grade will be leading chapel, and 5th & 6th grade will be singing. Please join us! There will be no chapel on Friday, May 5.