

SMOKE SIGNALS

Redeemer Lutheran School * 468 Grand St. * Redwood City 94062
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July 18, 2005

UPCOMING DATES

Aug 24..... First Day of School 8:30 am
Aug 24..... MANDATORY 6th-8th Parent
Information Night 7:00 pm
Aug 26..... Back To School Night 6:30 pm

Sep 2..... Gift Wrap Fundraiser Begins
Sep 5..... Labor Day Holiday No School
Sep 21..... School Pictures
Sep 26-30..... 6th Grade Outdoor Ed

WELCOME!

Mrs. Gale Olsen

**School Office Administrative Assistant
Smoke Signals Editor In Chief**

Welcome new families! Welcome returning families! We are looking forward to a fantastic year. We currently have 144 students enrolled with openings in every grade except Kindergarten. *Spread the word!*

If you recommend a new family to RLS and that family enrolls one or more children and they attend and pay tuition for at least one semester, you will be credited with a \$400 tuition rebate in 05-06. You may use it during the year, or save it for 06-07 re-enrollment fees. You will be credited \$400 for every child that enrolls from each family!! **They must list your name as a referral on their enrollment application and have no prior connection to Redeemer Church or School.**

TEACHER AIDE OPENINGS

We have teacher aide positions available for 2nd and 3rd grade. This is a part-time, paid position. For details, please call Mr. Mancini at ext. 15.

As this is written, classes for 05-06 look like this...

<u>Gr.</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Classroom</u>	<u># of students</u>
K	Mrs. Madigan	Room 3	21
1	Ms. Geraghty	Baptist Ch.	13
2	Mrs. Maier	Baptist Ch.	14
3	Ms. Kinstler	Baptist Ch.	20
4	Ms. Rathe	Conf. Room	17
5	Mr. Doody	Room 2	12

Middle School:

6	Mrs. Davis	Room 1	15 (Lit/English)
7	Ms. Scofield	Room 4	14 (Math/Science)
8	Mrs. Lenahan	Room 5	18 (History/PE)

Mr. Mike Mancini - Principal & Algebra
Mrs. Gale Olsen - School Office
Mr. Gary Behrens - Speech (grades 6-8)
Mrs. Sherry Harper - Teacher's Resource
Mrs. Pam Fosnes - Aide
Mrs. Brown -- Kindergarten Aide
Mrs. Vigil -- 1st grade Aide

IMPORTANT OFFICE MISC.

1. School starts Wednesday, August 24. School hours are 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for all grades.
2. The school office is open daily during the school year, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.
3. The School fax number is 650-366-5897.
4. Please call the office in the morning if your child will be absent or late. Voice Mail picks up during off hours (I am Extension 10). If you need to remove your child from campus during school hours, you must first obtain a check-out slip from the office.

5. Student telephone calls cost \$.50/each. If a child is sick or instructed to call home by a teacher, the call is gratis. All calls for forgotten homework, PE clothes, etc. must be paid for at the time of call. No IOU's! Be sure your child has a couple of spare quarters, just in case. The office phone is NOT to be used for social calendaring. Plan ahead! Thanks!

6. **Children not enrolled in Extended Care may not be dropped off prior to 8:15 a.m. and should be picked up no later than 3:15 p.m. Thank you for being prompt! Students still on campus at 3:30 will be checked into Extended Care and you will be billed.**

7. **MEDICATIONS** - The only medicine the office keeps on hand is Tylenol. We must have your signed authorization on the emergency card in order to dispense Tylenol to your child. If your child requires any other medication, prescription or over-the-counter, it must be kept in the office. Packaging must have your child's name on the container along with written instructions. Students may not keep any medications with them in their backpacks or desks - no exceptions please.

8. Please notify the office immediately if your child comes down with a contagious disease (e.g., strep throat) or has a head of lice. We must notify other class members of any possible exposure.

9. If your child is in grades 1-3, their classroom is at the Baptist Church. Please park in Redeemer's lot. Redeemer families are not allowed to park in the Baptist Church lot. No exceptions! Teachers will walk their students as a group to the Redeemer campus for pick up at 3:00 p.m. Please do not allow your child to walk alone to their classroom. Please do not drop them off at the curb on Hudson Street. Neither of these options is safe for the children as Hudson is a very busy street and Noah's Ark preschool uses the Baptist Church lot for drop-offs. Thank you for your cooperation.

10. Smoke Signals is a monthly publication. It is sent home with your youngest child the third or fourth Friday of the month in their "Friday Folder." If you do not receive your copy, first ask your child! If no luck there... I'll be happy to send home another copy.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

Each year I prepare a family directory which lists all students and their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. This information is obtained from your enrollment application. If you have moved, changed your marital status, etc. since enrolling, please let me know. *IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DIRECTORY FOR ANY REASON, PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.* The directory will be available in September and will be sent home with your youngest child. (One directory per household please! You are welcome to make additional copies.)

INTERNET / CLASSROOM COMPUTERS

All of Redeemer's classrooms have computers are ready to surf the net. Enclosed in this mailing is an Internet/Computer Use Permission Slip. This must be returned before your child is allowed to use RLS computers or participate in Internet classroom activities. Please read it through carefully and return the signed slip to the school office. Thank you for your prompt response.

STUDENT IN MEDIA CONSENT FORM

Enclosed in this mailing is a consent form to permit Redeemer to use your child's picture and/or name in Redeemer publications. Please check only one box and return the form to the school office. Please note that by choosing the "no" box on the consent form, your child's name and/or picture will not be included in any RLS publication, including group e-mails and Smoke Signals publications.

MILK

Due to the pending demolition of the old school office building, we currently have no secure, enclosed place to house the milk refrigerator. Consequently, there will be **NO MILK SERVICE** for the 05-06 school year. We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause. Please bear with us! :) Thank you!

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Enclosed is a list from Dennis Uniforms of approved school uniforms for the 05-06 school year. You may also go online at www.dennisuniform.com and look at the list of authorized uniform pieces and check out pricing. Redeemer's school code is M3HRED. The store also has a list of Redeemer's authorized uniform pieces. Please purchase uniforms at Dennis Uniform only. Look-a-likes from stores other than Dennis are not acceptable. *This year's new addition is the "hoody" sweatshirt, sure to be a hit with the older kids!*

REDEEMER'S CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT IS THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2005 FROM 6-8 PM! SAVE 10%.

We have three items available for special order: red lined hooded jackets, and navy fleece jackets and vests. Please don't wait until the last minute. Order early and have your winter clothing when you need it!

We have a large stock of used uniforms for sale at \$3.00/piece that you are welcome to look over. Our current "Experienced Uniform Coordinator" is Carla Lucas (556-0950). Call first to arrange a shopping trip.

PE uniforms are required for all students in grades 6-8. These uniforms are also purchased at Dennis Uniform. Students who do not "dress out" for PE are marked down in their PE grade.

PLAYGROUND OR PARKING LOT?

The Redeemer parking lot is off limits to cars 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and again 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The students use the lot as a playground during the day and Extended Care and Sports use the lot after school. If you'll be on campus during these times, please park on Harrison or Grand Street.

Please remember to **ENTER on HARRISON and EXIT on HUDSON STREET.**

MANDATORY HOURS

Mandatory Hours reporting forms will be sent home at a later date. Please note that all families are required to donate work hours -- 35 hours for two-parent families and 17 hours for single-parent families. Be on the lookout for work hour opportunities -- see the monthly Smoke Signals, ask your teacher, attend monthly PSC meetings! Thank you for your participation!

CHAPEL

Please join us for a special opening day chapel at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 24.

Chapels are held each Friday morning at 8:40 during the school year (Chapel is on Thursday when we have a Friday holiday). You are always welcome and invited to join us.

We support various charities throughout the year with our weekly chapel offerings. Look for specifics in next month's Smoke Signals. Thank you for your generosity.

TUITION PAYMENTS

If you did not sign up to pay in full for your 2005-2006 tuition, you should have received a letter from SMART Tuition company letting your know the dates and amounts for auto-withdrawal. If you have not yet returned your SMART enrollment form to the school office, and are not planning to pay in full, please return your SMART form immediately. You have missed the deadline for an August payment, therefore you will now have nine larger payments withdrawn from your account (September - May) rather than the standard ten payments (August-May).

Students who have not paid in full or had their SMART tuition auto-withdrawal account set up prior to the first day of school will not be allowed to attend until their account is current.

Checks for payment in full are due in the school office no later than August 1 to qualify for the \$200/child tuition discount. Please mail to 468 Grand Street, RC 94062. Thank you!

04-05 OUTSTANDING BALANCES

Families with outstanding balances from 04-05 will not be allowed to return until all past due amounts are either paid in full or a payment plan is agreed upon with the principal and school board. This includes tuition, extended care, and unfulfilled mandatory hours. 05-06 registration fees must also be paid in full before your child may attend classes. Please call me if you have any questions.

If you have any outstanding amounts or are missing any enrollment information, a statement is included with this mailing.

PARENT HANDBOOK

We are currently revising our Parent Handbook. It will be available when school begins and will be sent home with your youngest child. Enclosed is a page on the current DRESS CODE. Please review it carefully with your student.

DRIVER FORM

Enclosed is a Driver Information Form. This form, along with proof of insurance (**showing amount of coverage!**) and a copy of your driver's license must be returned before you will be allowed to drive on any school-related activities. Please return this information ASAP so you are ready to participate in our Ocean Week field trip on October 7!

PSC WELCOME BACK FAMILY DINNER FRIDAY, AUG. 26 6:30-8:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

See you there!!

RLS E-MAIL GROUP

SIGN UP NOW

for Redeemer Lutheran School's E-Mail Group

Receive important reminders, notices, and information sent directly to your e-mail.

Simply send a blank e-mail to
redeemerschoolnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

When you get a confirmation e-mail from yahoogroups, hit reply and send. Simple!

Only RLS (Mrs. Olsen) can send e-mails via this group. You will not receive any spam because you've signed up. It's a great way to stay informed! Don't delay... log on and sign up today!

Enclosed in this mailing is a pink

EMERGENCY CARD

**THIS CARD MUST BE ON FILE IN
THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER
THAN 8:30 A.M. ON WEDS,
AUGUST 24.**

Students may not attend class without it! Please mail or drop yours off today. Don't wait until school starts.

Be sure to sign the card.

Please use **BLACK** ink.

Please avoid folding the card
if at all possible!

SUMMER READING REMINDER

Students entering grades 4-8 are expected to read the novel for their grade level listed below before school begins on August 24, 2005. When school starts, your child should be ready to discuss their novel and participate in activities based on their summer reading.

Students Entering 4th grade:

- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Students Entering 5th grade:

- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Students Entering 6th grade:

- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Students Entering 7th grade:

- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Students Entering 8th grade:

- Dragonwings by Laurence Yep

6TH - 8TH PARENTS & STUDENTS Information Night

MANDATORY meeting Wednesday, August 24 @ 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars!