

SMOKE SIGNALS



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"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances." 1 Thess 5:16-18a

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 26.....8th Grade Bake Sale @ RLC between services
Mar 31.....Grandparents Day 9:30-11:00 a.m
End of 3rd Quarter - Noon Dismissal

Apr 3.....Teacher In-Service -- No School
Apr 6.....Knowledge Bowl in Napa
Apr 8.....PSC Auction
Apr 14..... Good Friday -- Noon Dismissal
Apr 17-21..Easter Break -- No School
Apr 17-22..7th & 8th grades to Washington DC
Apr 26-.....Iowa Tests in Grades 1-8
May 4

May 13.....Track Meet
May 29..... Memorial Day -- No School

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

It's That Time Again!

Can you believe it? The year is three-quarters over and it's time to reenroll for next year. I must say it has been a year full of wonderful surprises. Our God has a great way of putting obstacles in our way to see how we will handle and overcome them. I believe he tells us to TRUST in Him and he will take care of ALL our worries. That has been truth over the past couple of months with construction, budgets, and the hiring of a new teacher. As always, our great God came through again! I look forward to the future of Redeemer Lutheran School and I pray each of you will continue to let our ministry touch the lives of your children and your family. Please enroll for next year as soon as possible. Spots are filling up and we don't want you to miss out on another great year in our new building. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. We are very blessed to have parents such as you and we look forward to giving your children not only a quality education, but also the Christian values and morals that will allow them to succeed in a forever changing society.

Lutheran Schools Week!

Redeemer Lutheran School celebrated Lutheran Schools Week with over 2,000 other Lutheran schools across the United States. Nearly 260,000 students who attend Lutheran schools participated in a week-long celebration that began on Monday, March 6 and concluded on Friday, March 10. Redeemer's celebration climaxed with the Roundball Tournament on March 10-12. The theme for the celebration was "Lutheran Schools **Growing in God's Love and Grace.**" Among the many activities planned for the week were 50's Day, Pajama Day, Crazy Hair Day, Sports Day, and a School Colors Red and White Day/Pep Rally. What an awesome week! Praise GOD!

Roundball Weekend!

22 Teams from as far as Carson City, Nevada came to Redwood City to compete in our Roundball Tournament and Cheerleader Shootout. What a GREAT weekend this was for us to show everyone what RLS is really all about. Many families, coaches, players and principals wrote letters and spoke with the committee on how wonderful the experience was for their children and school. They were very touched by the Christian love shown to them from OUR families who were working the different areas. Thank you to all who contributed time, money and energy toward making this a great experience for all in attendance. Special thanks goes to **Mrs. Olsen** for all her hard work in creating the programs and dealing with ALL the administrative matters behind the scenes; to **Susie Madsen** and all her crew for setting up the concession stand and working all the many hours; to everyone who volunteered to help out selling food, monitoring doors, and keeping score -- we couldn't have done it without you! 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.

Washington, D.C... Here We Come!

The anticipation is upon us as the students in the seventh and eighth grades prepare for their incredible journey to our nation's capital. This will be our fourth trip to Washington, D.C. Every other year we take the junior high students to D.C. to experience the great history of our country and to learn how Christ was an important

part in our nation's development. We will have the opportunity to visit all the wonderful monuments, homes, memorials, battlefields, the Smithsonians and even take in a Dinner/Theater show. We leave on Monday April 17th and return on Saturday April 22nd. We will have 46 participants attending this year's trip. This is made up of 28 students and 18 adults. Keep us all in your prayers as we travel on an experience of a lifetime.

Teacher Hiring!

As most of you know, Ms. Scofield will be moving to Las Vegas this summer, and Mrs. Maier will be taking her position as the junior high Math & Science teacher. I am pleased to announce the hiring of our new 2nd grade teacher. After a long interview process of three very qualified candidates the interview committee, after many hours of prayer, has offered a contract to Mrs. Janine Greene. Mrs. Greene comes back to Redeemer after moving out of the area for the past four years. Mrs. Greene brings with her a passion for kids and parents and a true passion for her Lord. We all look forward to her once again being part of our team. She is currently co-ordinating our church Talk and Dine groups. Welcome back Mrs. Greene.

"A SAFARI ADVENTURE"
PSC AUCTION
APRIL 8, 2006
RSVP by March 25th
Extra invitations are available in the school office
Contact Judi Weller at 364-2421 or
e-mail jweller2874@yahoo.com

CHEERLEADING

by Miss Kinstler

This year's cheerleading season got off to a late start. With only three returning girls, the first couple of practices were spent learning game cheers. During the Christmas break Molly Lenahan graciously put together a half-time dance, which we were never able to perform due to cheerleaders missing practices for various reasons. Although we were unable to perform the dance, we were able to incorporate the moves into our competition dance. Thanks Molly!! Throughout the season there were many practices that we didn't have full attendance, which made it extremely hard to work on routines. With only a few weeks until Roundball, we still needed to learn our competition routine. Mrs. Gotelli put on her dancing shoes and created a wonderful routine. The girls worked extremely hard the last week polishing up their moves and overcoming many obstacles. They finished in third place in the cheerleader competition at Roundball. Miss Rathe and I had a blast advising this year's team and we are looking forward to next year.

CONGRATULATIONS LADY BRAVES!

Coaches Lenahan and Maier

The Lady Braves recently concluded another successful basketball season. After graduating many starters last year, the Lady Braves were in for a year of rebuilding - but someone forgot to tell *them* that! Hardly missing a beat, they continued in their winning ways. Returning 8th grade players, Tarlon Badiie, Jenny Eastman and Heather Smith provided leadership. Returning 7th grade players, Jiana Bowie, Jenny Mize, Hayley Parker, and Katherine Ruiz provided the muscle. New players Meaghan Gerhart, Niki Serrano, Polline Villalobo and Jessica Vano provided spirit and willingness to work hard. Together they jelled into a team that made their coaches, parents, fans and Redeemer proud.

The Lady Braves finished their regular season with a 6-2 league record. The key to winning continued to be a strong defense, giving up an average of just 20 points per game while scoring an average of over 30 points per game. They went into the season-ending Lodi Tournament playing at the top of their game after avenging early season losses to both Prince of Peace and Zion-Piedmont.

At Lodi, the Lady Braves showed what they were made of - losing only to Gloria Dei, the #1 ranked team from the valley, by only 4 points. On Sunday they faced Mokelumne River in the game for 5th place where the Lady Braves came out on top by a score of 38-17. **WAY TO GO!**

We would like to thank the players for giving us a thrilling season. We also would like to thank the parents for their support throughout the season.

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."

The season started with an incredible performance at the Mission Peak Tournament where our boys went all the way to the championship game and for the first time in school history won the title! We then opened our Lutheran school play and won all but two games. Both of those losses coming to eventual league and Roundball Champion Zion, Piedmont.

We earned the #2 seed in our bracket of the Roundball Tournament. The team started the tournament in great shape with a win over the #8 seed Bethlehem of Carson City. Our next game was against the #7 seed Zion, San

Francisco. The team played well and easily defeated the Lions. On Saturday we faced the #3 seeded St. Marks, Citrus Heights. The team once again played well together and by half-time had the game well under control. Our next two games were exact repeats of last year's final two games for the Braves. We had to face #1 Gloria Dei Cougars for the right to go to the Championship game. The Braves were once again big underdogs. They came out playing hard and prevailed in one of the most exciting games in RLS history! A tough-fought game by both sides, ending in the final seconds...Braves win 34-32! On to the CHAMPIONSHIP! What an achievement for these boys. This would be the first time that RLS had been to a Roundball championship game in 28 years! We faced a mighty foe....Zion, Piedmont. It had been difficult for us this season to beat the Panthers. We lost to them in the season opener by 5 and then later in the season by 15. This would be a great challenge for our team. Emotions ran high as we started the game and our Braves played hard but they just could not get it going losing 45-25. WOW! What a season! WAY TO GO BOYS! Matt Page and Matthew Fazio were named to the All Tournament Team. I am very proud of all these young men, and will remember this season for a very long time! An awesome 14-3 record! Thank you guys!

Thanks to Mr. Doody my assistant coach for all his help and support. Thanks to all of our terrific parents and fans! We couldn't have done it without you! See ya next season!

BASKETBALL UNIFORMS

Reminder to all basketball players... *Please turn in your laundered uniforms and warm-ups to your coach ASAP!* Thank you.

PSC NEWS

Roundball Wrap-Up

A special thanks goes out to the following people who helped make the Roundball Tournament Concession a success:

Kellie Baumann	Mary Bibbs
Elise Bowie	Darlyne Brewer
Diana Browder	Melissa Davis
Marilyn Enderson	Jim & Stephanie Fazio
Brian & Yvette Garcia	Linda & Kurt Haemmerling
Vicki Justice	Susie Kramer
Michelle LaBelle	Debra Lennen
Gary Lowndes	Carla Lucas
Chris Madsen	Gale Olsen

Karen Pavis
 Melanie & Jim Proctor
 Kurt Schreiner
 Keith & Heather Perry
 Bob Quile
 Jessica & Robert Stafford
 Thanks to your efforts, we raised over \$700.00 for the school.

Susie Madsen
 PSC Co-President

(A big thank you from the rest of us to Susie Madsen for all of her efforts organizing and working the concession stand! It's a huge job and we appreciate Susie stepping forward and taking it on... with excellence!! ~Roundball Committee)

FRESH CHOICE FUNDRAISER THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Save the date! Plan on a meal out and earn funds for Redeemer School. 15% of meal proceeds all day long will go to Redeemer. Contact Jessica Stafford for details at jstafford@arpartners.com or 366-5077. Look for a flier next month.

GRANDPARENTS DAY FRIDAY, MARCH 31 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Our Grandparents Day celebration will begin with special presentations by each class starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Church, followed by treats and photos in Fellowship Hall. Don't have a grandparent who can come? Invite a significant adult friend to be your "grandperson" for the day. After the reception, grandparents are welcome to take students home with them for the day to enjoy some special time together. No RSVP is necessary.

Your child should have brought home an invitation this week to share with their grandperson!

A note to any parents who may be attending -- please leave nearby street parking and parking lot spaces for our grandparents. Thank you!

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL
 CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED
 IN CHAPEL FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

2006-2007 REGISTRATION

Registration packets for next year were mailed home in January. Please reenroll your student(s) as soon as possible so that we are better equipped to plan for the 06-07 school year.

2006-2007 Rates

Enrollment Fee for all students\$350/each
(Note: rate for returning students increased on March 1)

Tuition

Redeemer Church Members

1st child.....\$5490/annual
2nd child.....\$4940/annual
3rd child.....\$4695/annual

Non-Redeemer Church Members

1st child..... \$6100/annual
2nd child.....\$5490/annual
3rd child..... \$5215/annual

If you paid registration fees for your first child prior to the March 1 deadline, your second child's registration fee of \$300 is due April 1, 2006.

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. The credit may be applied to your 07-08 enrollment fees or second semester 06-07 tuition.

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 May 1, 2006. YOU MUST APPLY EVERY YEAR.**

BASIC FUND is a nonprofit agency that offers scholarships to students entering kindergarten through 8th grade. 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, 2006. For more information go to www.basicfund.org.



ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

Redeemer will be administering the IOWA TESTS to all students in grades 1-8. **Testing dates are April 26-May 4.** Most testing is done in the morning. Please ensure your child **arrives on time**, has a good breakfast and is well rested so that they are able to do their best on these tests. Please avoid scheduling appointments during this time as it is not always possible to make up missed tests.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Palm Sunday, April 9

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

Maundy Thursday, April 13
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14
12:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16
8:30 a.m. Band Led Worship
10:00 a.m. Organ Led Worship

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.



THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS & P/T CONFERENCES

Third quarter report cards will be sent home with your child on Friday, March 31. Parent/Teacher conferences for the third quarter are optional and are held only at the request of a teacher or parent. If you would like a conference, please contact your teacher ASAP to arrange a time (teacher phone extensions and e-mail addresses are listed in your Parent Directory). **Conference times are available on Friday, March 31 between 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

Please schedule Junior High P/T conferences by returning the form that was sent home with your child earlier this week.

RLS NEWS YAHOO! MAIL GROUP

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

KIDZ KLUB KLOZURES

Please note that there will be no Kidz Klub **after** school care on our half day, Friday, March 31.

There is also no Kidz Klub **after** school care on Good Friday, April 14.

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLE CHALLENGE

Please join us over the next four weeks in cleaning up the environment and making money for Redeemer at the same time by collecting plastic bags and bringing them to school!

Did you know ... every year billions of pounds of plastic dry cleaning, shopping and grocery bags end up in landfills? To help reduce the negative environmental impact of plastic bags, Wal-Mart is partnering with schools in a recycling program that benefits the environment and the schools.

Wal-Mart's Recycling Challenge:

From Friday, March 17, through Friday, April 14, we invite you to help us collect as many plastic bags as possible. Redeemer will earn \$5 for every 60-gallon collection bag we return to Wal-Mart for recycling. Participating schools are grouped into regions and the three schools in each region that recycle the most will also receive an additional cash prize: first place receives \$1500, second place \$1000 and third place \$500.

How You Can Help:

Donate plastic dry cleaning, shopping and grocery bags to Redeemer Lutheran School. (Any color and any plastic material are accepted.) Please make sure the bags are clean, dry and empty- remove receipts. (Bags that have been in direct contact with food are not accepted. e.g. bread bags, bags for grapes, etc.) Offer to pick up and donate plastic bags from your neighbors, friends, coworkers and family members.

Where to Donate Plastic Bags:

A recycle container will be placed in the lobby of Fellowship Hall until Friday, April 14. On each Friday, beginning March 17 and ending April 14, volunteers will

collect your donated plastic bags during drop-off and pick-up in the Redeemer school parking lot (so long as it is not raining). On each Friday, beginning March 17 and ending April 14, additional recycle containers will be located near the entrances to the school.

Any Questions or Suggestions?

Please contact Pamela Estes at 650-780-9727 or pkestes@rcn.com

If you would like to volunteer to collect during drop-off/pick, or are able to deliver collected plastic bags to any Wal-Mart near your work or home, please contact Pamela.

For more information about the program, see: <http://www.kidsrecyclingchallenge.com/media.html>

We hope you will help us make this recycling effort a success!

Susie Madsen

Co-President, Parent Services Committee

LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found can is overflowing once again! All unmarked and unclaimed items will be donated either to the Used Uniform Bank or charity on Friday, March 31 after school. Lost & Found is located outside Mrs. Olsen's office in a big yellow trash bin. Please be sure to label all of your child's clothing, lunch boxes, binders, etc. with their name so that misplaced items can be returned. Thank you.

REMINDER!

Please remember that there is no parking on Grand Street in front of the church/school 8:00-8:30 a.m. and 2:45-3:15 p.m. This area is for drop-off and pick-up only during these hours. Thank you for your cooperation!



DON'T FORGET!
NO SCHOOL MONDAY, APRIL 3
Teacher In-Service Day

