

SMOKE SIGNALS



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 29.....No School - Memorial Day
June 1.....Chapel
June 2.....Kindergarten Graduation 9:00AM
June 2.....Academic Awards 7:00PM
June 3.....Family Fun Day 11:00AM-3:00PM
June 6.....8th Grade Banquet 6:30 PM
June 9.....Last Day of School 11:00AM
June 9.....8th Grade Graduation 7:30PM

Aug 23.....First Day of School 06-07

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER Mr. Mike Mancini

What a Year!

This will be our last Smoke Signals for the 2005-2006 school year. Wow! It is hard to believe that the year is already over and summer is upon us. I want to thank each and every one of you for making this year such a memorable one. God has put us all in a very special place. We have seen pleasant growth over the past year. We started the year with 146 students and finished with 151. We have had many "new" families inquire about next year and are excited that our projected enrollment could top 170! PRAISE GOD!

God has a wonderful way of putting obstacles and situations in our lives that we don't always understand. This year that has been most certainly true. One thing is for certain: He will never let us walk alone. One of my learnings this year has been to know that I don't always have to be in control. I can let God control the things in which I cannot foresee, for I know He will always provide what is best for me. I have discovered He does that for each family member and staff at Redeemer as well. What a great comfort that has been to us during the construction process and other situations that arose.

God has blessed our ministry for 49 years! The anticipation and excitement of our new educational

facility is finally upon us. We will be moving in during the month of July. We could use your arms and legs to help us move out of the old rooms. Talk with your classroom teacher for next year, and let them know what your summer schedule availability will look like. What a great way to meet new families before the school year begins. We will have a very special dedication service in August and hope ALL of you will attend. Stay tuned to your e-mail and mailboxes. Information will be sent out to all as to the upcoming events.

As we enter our 50th year of educational ministry, in Redwood City, we thank our great God that He has allowed us to touch the lives of many families and has helped us produce fine Christian students. We are very proud of all our graduates in what they have become and are becoming. We all continue to take great pride in preparing each student for the ever-changing society they will face and give them the tools they will need to be successful Christian men and women in the years to come.

It will be great to welcome back all of you to our new building and to see all our families who will be returning for another year at Redeemer. It will also be a thrill to welcome new families to our school next year. We have an awesome God who continues to bless us to overflowing. We pray for His continued presence among us during this summer vacation and look forward to a very fruitful year to come. Have a blessed summer vacation.

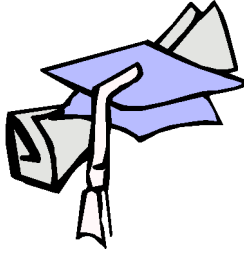
God's Richest Blessings!

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.





CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2006

Congratulations to our graduates. Please join us on Friday, June 9, in the Sanctuary for commencement exercises beginning at 7:30 PM. Special congratulations to our co-valedictorians Heather Smith and Derek White.

Class of 2006

Tarlon Badiee	Ben Browder
Joshua Chiamos	Jenny Eastman
Kevin Enderson	Matthew Fazio
Felicia Flores	Doug Fosnes
Meaghan Gerhart	Wesley Hollingsworth
Chad Mey	Matt Page
Michael Quile	Heather Smith
Freddie Spain	Dylan Story
Daniel Tonello	Derek White

2006-2007

Just a quick recap of teachers for next year:

- Kindergarten -- Mrs. Madigan
- 1st Grade -- Mrs. Madden
(formerly known as Ms. Geraghty)
- 2nd Grade -- Mrs. Greene
- 3rd Grade -- Miss Kinstler
- 4th Grade -- Ms. Rathe
- 5th Grade -- Mr. Doody
- 6th Grade homeroom
& Jr Hi Literature/English -- Mrs. Davis
- 7th Grade homeroom
& Jr Hi Math/Science -- Mrs. Maier
- 8th Grade homeroom
& Jr Hi History/PE -- Mrs. Lenahan

We will need lunch table and playground supervision workers for next year. Please contact Mr. Mancini for details and let him know if you are interested.

TUITION

Just a few reminders... if you use the SMART Tuition payment plan, your last payment for this year will be taken out in May. Next year's payments will begin in August. Your tuition payment method will remain the same for 06-07 as it was in 05-06 unless you tell me otherwise (e.g., if you paid in full this year, I will assume you will do the same next year). If you need to change the bank account that your payments are withdrawn

from, please contact SMART directly. Please remember that if you are paying in full, your check must be received in the school office by August 1, 2006. You may deduct \$200/child.

YEARBOOKS

We still have some 2005-2006 yearbooks available for purchase. Cost is \$13.00/each. Please bring order form and check or exact cash to the school office. Quantities are limited and are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss out! Yearbooks will be handed out the last week of school.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, June 9

Dismissal at 11:00 AM

I will not be on campus on June 9th as my son is graduating from Woodside High School that morning. Best wishes to one and all for a marvelous summer! ~Mrs. Olsen

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, June 3

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Huddart Park

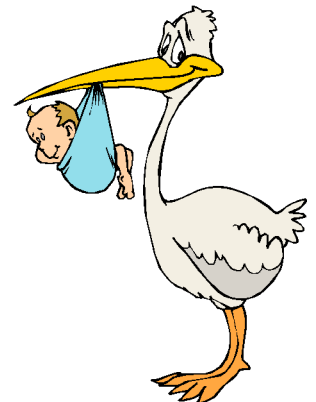
(Werder Shelter)

A-L Bring a SALAD to share
M-Z Bring a DESSERT to share

We'll have games for the entire family. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, squirt guns, frisbees, footballs, whatever! If you haven't already RSVP'd, please e-mail the school office at golsen@redeemer-school.org and let us know that you're coming and if you'd like hot dogs or hamburgers. This will greatly help us purchase the proper amount of food. See you there!

WELCOME CAROLINE DAVIS

Congratulations to proud parents Melissa and Tim Davis and big sister Ella on the birth of Caroline Grace on Sunday, May 7th at 9:59 AM. Weight 8 lbs. 10 oz and 21" long. Grace is happy and healthy and the family is doing great! Mrs. Davis thanks everyone for your well wishes and prayers.



BASKETBALL AWARDS

Our varsity basketball players and cheerleaders were honored on May 11 at a BBQ Banquet in their honor. Congratulations to our awards recipients:

Braves Basketball

Most Valuable Player.....Matt Page
Most Inspirational Player.....Derek White
Most Improved Players.....Freddie Spain
Brave Heart Award.....Matthew Fazio

Lady Braves Basketball

Most Valuable Player.....Jiana Bowie
Most Inspirational Players.....Jenny Eastman &
Tarlon Badiee
Most Improved Player.....Heather Smith

A big thank you to all of our *coaches* for their tireless energy and enthusiasm:

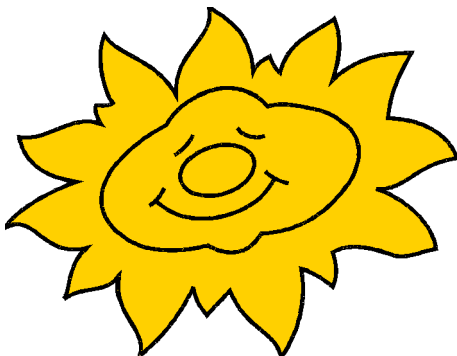
Braves Basketball.....Mr. Mancini & Mr. Doody
Lady Braves Basketball....Mrs. Lenahan & Mrs. Maier
Cheerleading.....Miss Kinstler & Ms. Rathe

CHEERLEADING 06-07

If your daughter (entering grades 6-8) is interested in joining the cheerleading squad, please have her come to a brief informational meeting on Tuesday, May 30, 3:00-3:30 PM in Ms. Rathe's classroom. Parents are also welcome to join us.

BOWLING PASSES

In this Friday's Folder your child received a bowling pass to Bel Mateo Bowl (they're small.... look deep into the bottom of the folder!). These passes are good for one free game and shoe rental EVERY DAY throughout the summer! Not just one free game, but one free game each day! How fun is that?! Register your key tag online and use it June 3-September 4, Monday-Sunday 9AM-5PM. Additional or replacements for lost key tags cost \$10.00 each. Sorry, the school office doesn't have any additional key tags if yours is misplaced.



SUMMER READING

Students in grades 4-8 have **REQUIRED** summer reading. Please be sure to pick up your book early and have your child read it before school begins in August. Students, especially those in Junior High, who have not read their required book will be at a significant disadvantage as many first quarter literature assignments are based on the book. Thank you for your support!

2006-2007 SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

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:

- Tangerine by Edward Bloor

UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

- This year the Kindergarten class will graduate one week earlier than the 8th graders. The Kindergarten graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, June 2 in Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 AM. The kindergartners will still be back at school the following week for field trips and fun!
- Because of the Kindergarten graduation, Chapel will be held on THURSDAY, JUNE 1. Hopefully we will give out Track Meet ribbons at this chapel, assuming we have received them from the school that coordinated the meet. Look for a group e-mail to confirm.
- Academic Awards will be held Friday, June 2 at 7:00 PM in the church with refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we honor students in grades 3-8 who have excelled in their studies this year. The Hand Bell Choir and the Singing Angels will perform.
- The 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony will begin at 7:30 PM in church on Friday, June 9. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, relaxing, exhilarating, and fun summer vacation. See you back at Redeemer on Wednesday, August 23, 2006!

RLSNEWS

Be on the lookout for group e-mails... we'll be needing many willing hands once the new building is complete. We'll have some furniture and supplies moving to do! Isn't that exciting?!

Not part of the e-mail group? Want to be? Send an email to golsen@redeemer-school.org and I'll send you an "invitation" to join the group. It's easy! Don't miss out on another important reminder!! Remember to let me know if you change your email address!

For those families who are leaving Redeemer, if you no longer wish to receive Redeemer group e-mails, follow the instructions included in every e-mail on how to remove yourself from the mailing list.

DENNIS UNIFORM

Dennis Uniform offers 10% off of all in-store purchases during the month of June.

Redeemer also has a special Customer Appreciation Event on Thursday, July 20 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Dennis in Redwood City. Receive 10% off all in-store purchases during these hours. (A warning to you.... this event can be rather crowded! Be prepared!)

Carla Lucas has all of our "experienced uniforms." Call her to arrange for a shopping trip. Bring all donations of CLEAN USEABLE uniforms to Carla. Please do not bring in dirty, torn, or otherwise unwearable items. Thank you.

Carla Lucas can be reached at 556-0950. 735 Harrison Ave @ Hudson, Redwood City.

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PARENT SERVICES COMMITTEE YEAR END WRAP-UP

What a great year we have had! I want to express my appreciation to all the hard-working, dedicated individuals who contributed so much to the Parent Services Committee this year. Thanks to you, we raised approximately \$50,000 with the following

fundraisers: school auction, plastic bag recycling, Chevy's nights, Fresh Choice Nights, Box Tops collection, E-Scrip, cookie dough sales, wrapping paper sales, special hot lunches, Roundball concession, t-shirt & experienced uniform sales.

Fundraising aside, here's a quick look at what the PSC accomplished in just 10 months. We started off the year with a new family orientation and back to school dinner. We contracted with a new hot lunch provider, showed our gratitude to teachers and staff by sponsoring a holiday party, providing a holiday bonus, and a week of teacher appreciation activities. We sponsored a parent education night, approved a new set of By-Laws and applied for two grants (didn't get them, but hopefully set the stage for future grant writing). PSC funds also helped support events such as ocean week, and the Mission Springs, Coloma and DC trips. Wow, we were busy! We even have a new Yahoo Parent Forum which you can tap into at:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RLS_PSC_Forum/

I encourage everyone to attend Family Fun Day - our final PSC event for the year. Join other Redeemer families at Huddart Park on June 3 for BBQ, crafts and games. Contact Kim Engelmann if you want to help out with the event.

As the year comes to a close, it's nice to reflect on past accomplishments, but it's also a great time to look toward the future. Next year, we will be in our brand new learning facility. Praise God! With the new building, we'll have an opportunity to sponsor new and innovative activities. No doubt, there will be unexpected purchases that PSC can help fund. We need people with ideas and enthusiasm to make PSC a success. If you are new to PSC, I encourage you to take the plunge and get involved. There are many committee positions open for next year. It's a fun and rewarding way to contribute to this wonderful school.

God's blessings,

Susie Madsen
PSC Co-President

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