

SMOKE SIGNALS



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 23..... Progress Reports Sent Home (Gr 3-8)
Sep 26..... End of Gift Wrap Fundraiser
Sep 26-30...6th Grade @ Outdoor Ed.

Oct 3-7...Ocean Week
Oct 7..... Beach Day
Oct 10..... No School -- Columbus Day
Oct 11..... PSC Meeting 7pm
Oct 27..... Noon Dismissal -- End of 1st Qtr, P/T Confs
Oct 28..... No School -- P/T Conferences

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

WOW! What a great start to the new school year. We have been incredibly blessed from 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 on Grand Street in the morning and greet parents and students. 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 should have received your child's mid-term progress report today. Should you have any questions, please remember the protocol for meeting with teachers. Please do not try to discuss issues between 8:00 and 8:30am. Set a time with your child's teacher to discuss any questions you may have. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

THANK YOU!

To our wonderful family here at Redeemer, Lisa and I would like to express, to each of you, our deepest thanks for the love, support, prayers and wonderful care you have shown to us, my mom, and the rest of our family during the sudden passing of my dad, Ray, on the 27th of August. Our school theme, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18a, could not have been more true during these times. As together, we will be joyful always, we will pray continually and we will give thanks in all circumstances. We are so grateful to our awesome God that he blessed our family for 48 wonderful years with the gift of Dad. We know today Dad sits with Jesus enjoying the gift of heaven. To the students, thank you for the wonderful chapel service. Your love means more to me than mere words can express. Thanks for making those memories so valuable to Mrs. M and me. We continue to be in awe of how God has placed all of you in our life! What a great family we have here! PRAISE GOD! God's Blessings to each of you!

CONSTRUCTION!

On Thursday, September 1st at 8:00am the first claw sunk into the old administration building known as Hudson House 1! Cheers from students and parents alike could be heard from blocks around as they watched the big tractor demolish the three buildings in less than an hour. Now the dust truly begins, as we watch our new facility rise from the ashes of the old buildings. Plenty of equipment and workers will be on campus, as dirt is moved in and moved out. We all look forward to the sound of hammers and nails pounding away at the frame of our building. Pray that our great God holds off the rain until the month of November.

Thank you for all of your patience during the construction phase. The students and staff are doing quite well during this time.

For all these wonderful things I can only say one thing....PRAISE GOD! We are very blessed to have

families such as you that continually support the ministry of our school. We look forward to giving each child not only a quality education, but also the Christian values and morals that will allow them to succeed in our forever changing society. THANK YOU!

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A FEW NOTES FROM THE OFFICE MRS. OLSEN

Welcome one and all! I just wanted to update you on a few things.

DRESS CODE: We have been doing periodic spot checks on dress code compliance. The kids have been pretty "spotless" for the most part, but I wanted to send out a few reminders. Please note that we will be following the Detention Policy as stated in the Handbook for Dress Code violations. Students are given a verbal warning the first time. They will be assigned a detention for the second offense, and a detention plus parent conference will be required for the third offense. If you are unsure of any part of the dress code, please review your Parent/Student Handbook (pages 10-11).

1. Dennis Uniform clothing articles only.
2. Belts must be worn with all pants and shorts for students in grades 3-8 (with the exception of the girls flat front slacks which do not have belt loops).
3. Students must keep their shirts neatly tucked in throughout the day.
4. Skirts/Jumpers may be no more than 1" above the knee. Thank you to all of our girls this year for observing this new rule! Skirt length is much improved over past years and you look great!
5. No makeup may be worn to school. Please be sure that, if your child has applied makeup at home the evening before, it is completely removed before coming to school.
6. No fingernail polish is allowed.
7. No dangling earrings.

CELL PHONES may NOT be used on campus during school hours. They must remain turned off, in your child's backpack.

CLASS MUSICALS: Unfortunately, we will not be able to do our usual class musicals this year. Due to construction, we will have to hold 7th & 8th grade

classes in Fellowship Hall for a period of time. Because we don't know exactly what the timing will be, we felt it better to cancel all but the 7th/8th grade musical and the Kindergarten graduation musical. The exact date for 7th/8th has not yet been determined, but it will be scheduled in spring time. We apologize for the disappointment this will bring to the other grades...

ABSENCES & TARDIES: If your child is absent, please call the office and let us know the reason. If your child arrives at school after the 8:30 bell, please check in with the school office and obtain a Tardy Slip. Please note that detention will be assigned after the 4th unexcused tardy in a quarter. If you need to remove a child from campus during school hours, please come to the office first and obtain a check-out slip. Thank you!

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 am
Organ-Led Worship - 10:00 am

Sunday Spiritual Growth Hour

Adult Bible Class - 8:30 am
Adult Life Group - 8:30 am
Adult Discussion Group - 10:00 am

FAMILY DIRECTORY/EVENT CALENDAR

Your much awaited 2005-2006 Family Directory is in your youngest child's Friday Folder today. One directory per household please. Feel free to take it to Kinko's and make a copy if you'd like additional copies. I will apologize in advance for any mistakes. Please let me know ASAP if your listing is incorrect (or missing?). I tried this year to list students and parents whose last names are different under both the parent's name and the student's for easy reference.

Please note that there is a complete 05-06 school calendar on pages 2-3.

Teacher extensions and email addresses are listed on page 33.

SCHOOL PICTURES

All students were photographed on Wednesday. Those who purchased pictures will receive them in about four weeks. If your child was absent, you don't like their picture, or you forgot to purchase pictures, retakes are Monday, November 7. Class pictures will be received after retakes in November. They will not come with your individual photo order.

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GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER

The PSC Fall Fundraiser due date has been extended until Monday, September 26. Please be sure to turn in your order forms and payment on that date. 50% of all sales go to the PSC and Redeemer! Thank you for your support.

OCEAN WEEK

Redeemer's annual Ocean Week is coming up soon! During the week of October 3-7 we will study and celebrate God's beautiful oceans and creatures. Due to construction and our crowded facility, there will be no Ocean Week Open House this year. We will, however, have our all-school game day at 2:00 on Wednesday, and the ever popular Beach Day on Friday! A Permission Slip for the beach is included in this Friday's Folder. All parents who are interested are invited and encouraged to join us.

If you will be driving, please be sure your driver form and all supporting paperwork are on file with the school office no later than Monday, October 3. Please remember that I must have a copy of your driver's license and proof of insurance which shows liability limits. Be sure to sign the form. I cannot accept last minute forms, so please plan ahead!!

LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found Box is located outside my office. It is full already, and I've already emptied it once. Please check the box if you are missing any clothing items. Please be sure to label all clothing items brought to school -- both uniform and non-uniform. I cannot return items if I don't know who they belong to! Be sure to put your child's name in their lunchbox! Unclaimed uniforms will be given to the Uniform Bank for resale and non-uniform items will be given to charity at the end of the quarter.

NEW YEARS EVE AT LASER QUEST GRADES 3-8

Don't miss this year's New Year's Eve Bash!

Redeemer Ministries has once again rented out the entire Laser Quest arena in Mountain View.

Cost is \$35 per person and includes:

- unlimited laser tag games from 8 PM to 3 AM
- beverages and snacks throughout the night
- midnight pizza party
- loud Christian rock music (so you stay awake!)
- karaoke whenever you're in the mood
- hangin' out with your friends all night

Only 100 spots available on a first-come first-serve basis. Get your tickets while they last! (See Pastor Joel for your tickets)

This event is open to 3rd through 8th grades. A parent or guardian must accompany children younger than 7th grade. Non-playing parents/guardians do not have to pay, but why wouldn't you want to play!?

DONATE YOUR CAR

Proceeds Benefit **RLEAF**
Redeemer Lutheran Education Assistance Fund

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SEQUOIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
7TH - 8TH GRADE
PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Tuesday, October 11, 2005
7:00-9:00 pm
Carrington Hall
(Sequoia High School Campus)
1201 Brewster Ave.
Redwood City

WHITE TABLECLOTHS

We are missing 5 round white tablecloths from the church kitchen. If you took any tablecloths home to wash, we need them to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

USED UNIFORMS

Used uniforms are available to purchase from Carla Lucas. Contact her at 556-0950 to arrange a shopping trip. If you have uniforms to donate, please make sure they are clean and in good condition. Please discard any old, faded, stained or torn garments.

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@yahoo.com

When you get a confirmation e-mail from Yahoo Groups, 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!

KIDZ KLUB (EXTENDED CARE)

If your child is in Kidz Klub, please be sure to ALWAYS check your child in and out on the Kidz Klub computer. Please be sure you have turned in a completed yellow registration form before using Kidz Klub. Additional copies may be obtained from Judy Vano. If you think you might use the service on a drop-in basis, turn in a form now so you're registered when the need arises.

PIANO & VOICE LESSONS

I received a call from a woman in Redwood City who teaches piano and voice lessons in her home after school. If interested, please call Carla Deasy @ 650-366-3465. (This listing is for your information only. It is not necessarily a recommendation by Redeemer.)

LUNCH HOUR COVERAGE

Would you or someone you know be interested in a paid position working at Redeemer? We are looking for a Lunch Hour aide to supervise the lunch tables every day from 11:40 am until 12:50 pm. Please call Mr. Mancini (366-3466 ext. 15) for more information or to apply. Thank you!

DROP-OFFS & PICK-UPS **PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!**

Grand Street is for drop-off and pick-up only. It is not for parking. Please keep moving ... just like the loading zone at the airport!!

Please pull up on Grand heading SOUTH (towards Jefferson). Please do not drop your children across the street and let them cross traffic. Please do not pull up to the curb heading the wrong way!!

If you would like to stop and park, please use the lot or side streets. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

