

SMOKE SIGNALS

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July 24, 2006

UPCOMING DATES

Aug 20..... Dedication of New School Building
Aug 23..... First Day of School 8:30 am
Aug 23..... MANDATORY 6th-8th Parent
Information Night 7:00 pm
Aug 25..... PSC Welcome Dinner 6:30 pm

Sep 4..... Labor Day Holiday No School
Sep 20..... School Pictures
Sep 25-29..... 6th Grade Outdoor Ed

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

*"Redeemer Lutheran School - Creating The Future
One Child At A Time!"*

Wow! We are less than a month away from the start of a very exciting school year. Our 50th anniversary year! What a very exciting time this is as we start our 50th year in our new school facility! Isn't the statement above so true about Redeemer? God has given us a great opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of many young people each day.

I hope that each one of you is having a wonderful summer vacation. Mrs. Mancini and I spent two weeks in Lake Tahoe for some much needed R & R. With all that is happening in our own lives it is so easy to get caught up in the negative vibes that surround us, our school, and even our work place environment each day. There is a banner that hangs in many of our teachers rooms that states "**Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.**" Chuck Swindoll, a popular Christian writer, has a quote on attitude. He says, "*I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our ATTITUDES.*" Great idea to live by isn't it? We all have a responsibility to our young kids of today, as we together... *Create The Future One Child at a Time.* So we should all be positive role models with contagious attitudes.

Morning and afternoon student drop-off and pick-up is back to normal! Yea! Thank you all for your cooperation and flexibility last year. Please note that the entrance to the lot is on Harrison and the exit is on Hudson. No students may be dropped off on Grand Street. Should you have any questions at all feel free to contact either Mrs. Olsen or myself at your earliest convenience.

Also, please take the time each month to read through each of these issues of Smoke Signals. There is always important information that is discussed each month.

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

Quote of the Month:

"Young people need role models not critics."
~ John Wooden

RLS 06-07 THEME

Ephesians 2:21-22

"In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

10:00 AM WORSHIP
(no 8:30 worship on Aug. 20)

**NEW SCHOOL BUILDING
DEDICATION**

**Followed by a barbeque lunch
& dedication ceremony**

**PLEASE JOIN US AS
WE CELEBRATE!**

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 151 students enrolled with openings in every grade except 1st. *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 \$300 tuition rebate in 06-07. You may use it for February 2007 tuition or 07-08 re-enrollment fees. You will be credited \$300 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.**

As this is written, classes for 06-07 look like this...

Gr.	Teacher	# of students
K	Mrs. Madigan	15
1	Mrs. Madden	24
2	Mrs. Greene	15
3	Miss Kinstler	13
4	Ms. Rathe	20
5	Mr. Doody	17

Middle School:

6	Mrs. Davis	17 (Literature/English)
7	Mrs. Maier	15 (Math/Science)
8	Mrs. Lenahan	15 (History/PE)

Mr. Mike Mancini - Principal & Algebra
Mrs. Gale Olsen - School Office
Mr. Gary Behrens - Speech (grades 6-8)
Mrs. Judy Vano - Kidz Klub Director (extended care)

IMPORTANT OFFICE MISC.

1. School starts Wednesday, August 23. 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. **Children not enrolled in Extended Care may not be dropped off prior to 8:15 a.m. and must 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.**
6. **MEDICATIONS** - The only medicine the office keeps on hand is Tylenol (or a generic equivalent). 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 (including inhalers) with them in their backpacks, lockers or desks - no exceptions please.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Students must be dropped off and picked up in the parking lot. Enter on Harrison, exit on Hudson. Please do not drop off students on Grand Street. Please remember that the parking lot becomes a playground during the school day and after school and is therefore closed to cars from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM and 3:30-5:00. Please park on Harrison St. if you will be on campus during those hours.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

Each year I prepare a family directory which lists all students and their addresses, phone numbers, and parent e-mail addresses. This information is obtained from your enrollment application. If you have moved, changed your marital status, e-mail address, etc. since enrolling, please let me know. ***IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR INFORMATION 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 for your personal use.)

INTERNET / CLASSROOM COMPUTERS

All of Redeemer's classrooms have computers and 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Enclosed is a list from Dennis Uniforms of approved school uniforms for the 06-07 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.

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. These will soon be relocated onto the school campus.

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.

CHAPEL

Please join us for a special opening day chapel at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, August 23.

Chapels are held each Friday morning at 8:45 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 2006-07 tuition, you should have received a letter from SMART Tuition company letting you 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!

05-06 OUTSTANDING BALANCES

Families with outstanding balances from 05-06 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. This includes tuition, extended care, and unfulfilled mandatory hours. 06-07 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

The new version of our Parent Handbook will be sent home with your youngest child on the first day of school. Please review it carefully, sign and return the Handbook Agreement form no later than August 28, 2006. 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! All previous year's forms have been shredded and disposed of. A new form is required each year. Thank you for your cooperation and prompt response.

**PSC WELCOME BACK
FAMILY DINNER
FRIDAY, AUG. 25
6:30-8:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**See you there!!
See the PSC flier for more details.**

STUDENT CELL PHONES

Redeemer Lutheran School policy allows students to have cell phones, but they are not to be visible during regular school hours 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM (including lunch and recess). Phones must be kept in backpacks or lockers. Students may use their phones on campus before and after school hours. Phones are to be **turned off** during the regular school day (including lunch and recess). Students breaking the rules will have their phone confiscated and parents will be asked to come and retrieve the phone from the principal.

SUMMER READING REMINDER

All students entering grades 4-8 are **required** to read the novel for their grade level listed below before school begins on August 23, 2006. When school starts, your child should be ready to discuss their novel and participate in activities based on their summer reading. Many first quarter literature assignments are based on the 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:

- Tangerine by Edward Bloor

HOT LUNCH

The hot lunch program will once again be provided by Nob Hill Catering every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please look for the white two-sided information sheet included in this mailing! **Sign up online for lunches.** Don't delay. Lunches begin on Friday, September 1.

We always need volunteers to set up and serve lunch. Please see the goldenrod volunteer form and return it to the school office or e-mail Susie Madsen ASAP! Thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and support!

All hours worked helping with hot lunch count toward your mandatory hours requirement for the year. And it's fun!

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 redemerschoolschoolnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.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!

Enclosed in this mailing is a white

EMERGENCY CARD

**THIS CARD MUST BE ON FILE IN
THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER
THAN 8:30 A.M. ON WEDS,
AUGUST 23.**

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!

KIDZ KLUB

(Extended Care)

Redeemer offers before and after school care for our students in grades K-6. Our morning session runs from 7:00-8:15 AM and the afternoon session runs from 3:00-5:45 PM. We have a special Kidz Klub Room in the new building! (Very exciting!) Rest assured there will be space available for all interested K-6 students. (Students in grades 7-8 may be admitted on a case by case basis.) Mrs. Vano will be back again as our Director.

We are re-working our rate schedule for the 06-07 school year and are hoping to add in some fun activity choices. Please look for a mailing to come home in the near future.

6TH - 8TH PARENTS & STUDENTS Information Night

MANDATORY meeting
Wednesday, August 23 @ 7:00 pm.
Please mark your calendars!