

# SMOKE SIGNALS



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*"Being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives." Ephesians 2:22*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 26	NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service
Mar 30	End of 3rd Quarter, Noon Dismissal
Mar 30	Grandparents Day, 9:30-11:00 AM
Apr 2-6	Holy Week, special daily chapels
Apr 4	3rd Quarter Honor Roll in chapel
Apr 6	Good Friday, Noon Dismissal No PM Kidz Klub
Apr 9-13	NO SCHOOL, Easter holiday
Apr 17-20	ITBS standardized testing
Apr 20	3Q Christian Heart Awards in chapel
May 12	Track Meet
May 18	7/8th musical, 7:00 PM
May 20	7/8th musical, afternoon

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER MR. MANCINI

### It's That Time Again!

Can you believe it? The year is almost over and it's time to re-enroll for next year. It has been a wonderful year to date in our new building! God continues to bless this ministry with wonderful students, parents, and staff. We were thrilled to have 31 families register for Kindergarten in the fall. The hard part was taking only 20. This is the first year in many that we have had a waiting list of five or more! PRAISE GOD! We are receiving many inquiries for the other grades so please make sure you re-enroll ASAP! If you have other plans, please contact me at your earliest convenience. 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.

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.

### Roundball Weekend!

Twenty-two 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

about how wonderful the experience was for their children and school. They were very touched by the Christian love shown to them from our families that 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 **Jenny Lewman** and all her crew for setting up the concession stand and working all the many hours; to everyone who volunteered to help sell food, monitor doors, and keep score. We couldn't have done it with out 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. Let's continue to create a sprit filled community on our campus! Get involved in activities and enjoy the fellowship with other parents!

### **WAY TO GO RLS....SPIRIT CHAMPION FOR 2007!**

## CHEERLEADING

*by Miss Kinstler, Coach*

This cheerleading season was a huge success. We had one returning cheerleader from last year, three brand new students, and three students who entered the sixth grade. The whole team consisted of 6th and 7th graders. All of the girls worked very hard learning all the cheers for the games as well as learning the competition routine one month before the performance. They placed second in the Redeemer Roundball Tournament. Way to go!!

A BIG thank you to Gaby Bizzarro (RLS class of '05) and Jacquie Arends (class of '04) for teaching the girls the cheers for the games and competition. Also thank you to Lauren Kinstler for choreographing the adorable dance! All the girls worked very hard and did a fantastic job! I can't wait for next year!!

### 06-07 Cheerleading Squad

Nicole Haemmerling (7)	Emily Burns (7)
Katie Anderson (6)	Olivia Gambelin (6)
Maddy Gerhart (6)	Megan Hawley (6)
Lisette Palafox (6)	

## CONGRATULATIONS LADY BRAVES!

by Mrs. Lenahan, Coach

The Lady Braves completed one of their most successful seasons ever, losing to only two teams all year! The Lady Braves lost to Prince of Peace in the Championship game in the Mission Peak Tournament, later avenging that loss in the NorCal Tournament. The other losses came during the season and in the tournament to the eventual league and NorCal Champion, St John's Napa.

During the regular season, the Lady Braves compiled a league record of 10-3 which put them in a tie for second place with Prince of Peace behind undefeated St. John's Napa. The team employed a strong defense which gave up an average of just 23 points per game while scoring an average of over 32 points per game. The Lady Braves went into the season-ending NorCal Lodi Tournament believing in themselves and at the top of their game.

At Lodi, the Lady Braves took care of business. They opened with a game against Bethlehem, Carson City. The team played well and easily defeated the Crusaders. This victory set up a game against our league rivals, Prince of Peace. The girls wanted to win this game badly. We had lost to POP in the Championship game at the Mission Peak tournament and split with them in league. The team felt that beating them on a neutral court would prove which team was the best. The girls showed what they were made of in this game. They played with intensity and heart and the gymnasium exploded with emotion when the final buzzer sounded and our girls came out on top by four points. This win propelled us into a semi-final match up with perennial powerhouse St. John's. We had lost two tough games to them in league and knew we were in for a big challenge. The girls played hard but fell by a score of 35-27. This put us in a game on Sunday for third place against Our Savior, Livermore. The team played well together and won easily, bringing home the third place trophy. What a season! *WAY TO GO LADY BRAVES!*

Jiana Bowie and Niki Serrano were named to the All Tournament Team at both the Mission Peak Tournament and the NorCal Lodi Tournament. Mrs. Maier and I were excited for them and very proud of the effort that all the girls gave this season.

We would like to thank the players for giving us another exciting season. We say goodbye to a great group of eighth graders that have been a joy to coach. Good luck to Jenny Mize, Hayley Parker, Katherine Ruiz, Niki and Jiana. You will be missed! We also would like to thank the parents for their support throughout the season.

### 06-07 Lady Braves

Jiana Bowie (8)	Jenny Mize (8)
Hayley Parker (8)	Katherine Ruiz (8)
Niki Serrano (8)	Sara Dumanske (7)
Alyssa Flors (7)	Jessica Vano (7)
Courtney Lucas (6)	Victoria Ramirez (6)
Tess Rhodes (6)	Jordan Robinson (6)

## 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 great year! With the graduation of four starters and a group of inexperienced players who had either never played for RLS or this was their first time playing competitive basketball, this truly was 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 lost a tough contest to Fremont Christian. We then opened our Lutheran school play and won all but three games. Those losses coming to eventual Roundball Champion Zion, Piedmont, St John's, Napa and Our Savior, Livermore. We finished league tied for 2nd place. We then earned the #3 seed in our bracket of the Roundball Tournament. The team started the tournament in great shape with a win over the #10 seed Bethlehem, Carson City. Our next game was against the #5 seed St. Peter, Elk Grove. The Braves played well and defeated the Eagles. On Saturday we faced the #4 seeded West Portal Wildcats. The team once again played well together and by halftime had the game in control. Our next game was a repeat of last year's championship game for the Braves. We had to face #1 Zion, Piedmont for the right to go to the Championship game! The Braves were big underdogs in this game after having split with the Panthers during league play! They came out playing hard but the two earlier games and a big court were a little too much for the Braves. They lost by 11, putting them into Sunday's 3/4 game!

What an achievement for these boys. In Sunday's game we faced a mighty foe....St. Peter, Lodi. The Panthers were a very big team and each player had about 3-5 inches on our team. This would be a great challenge for our team. The Braves played very hard and made a great game of the contest. Emotions ran high as we started the game and our boys hung in with the larger Goliaths! As the buzzer went off the Braves just ran out of time for a valiant comeback losing 43-38. WOW! What a season! *WAY TO GO BOYS!*

Congratulations to Joey Dinkel, who was 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 15-5 record! Thank you guys! Thanks to Mr. Doody and Mr. Spain, my assistant coaches for all their help and support. Thanks to all of our terrific parents and fans (SPIRIT AWARD~2007)! We couldn't have done it without you! See ya next season!

### 06-07 BRAVES

Joey Dinkel (8)	Justin Olsen (8)
Scott Saier (8)	Mitch Smyser (8)
Peter Steadman (8)	Matthew Weller (8)
Ben Justice (7)	Chris Moffat (7)
Adrian Palafox (7)	Peter Simon (7)
David Spain (7)	Devin McGrath (6)
Ryan Smith (6)	

## BASKETBALL UNIFORMS

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

## REDEEMER R/C FLIERS (coming soon)!



As a child I always wanted to fly. I imagine it may be a common childhood dream - to be like the birds of the air and the beautiful butterflies that float effortlessly on the wind. As we get older we realize that we will not be able to fly no matter how much we dream about it. Then some of us become airplane pilots and experience flight in another way. Now your children don't have to wait until they grow up to experience flying.

I am excited to announce the arrival of a new club at Redeemer. It is called the Redeemer R/C Fliers and will be available to all students from 1st through 8th grade. This club will bring the fun and excitement of radio control airplanes to kids of all ages. Whether you are experienced or a novice in R/C airplanes there is something in this club for you.

We have an excellent flight simulator which will allow each student the opportunity to increase his/her radio control skills before launching the actual airplanes. Half the fun is building the planes, so we will dedicate time each week to assisting the children in the building of their selected airplanes. All airplanes will be either sailplanes or electric powered. Building supplies and electronic equipment are part of the club fees (which vary by level of involvement).

The R/C hobby is a great way for kids to engage in an activity they will be able to take with them for life. I am excited to bring this club to Redeemer and I welcome one and all to participate. Parents are welcome to be a part of the club as we will have opportunity to fly our completed planes on certain weekends each month at several flying fields located on the Peninsula.

This club is an extension of the existing Kidz Klub at Redeemer. Students enrolled in Kidz Klub will receive a discounted rate for the R/C Fliers club. If you are interested in joining this club and would like more information please contact me via e-mail ([jvano@redeemerministries.org](mailto:jvano@redeemerministries.org)) or phone (650-366-5892 x17). We would like to begin this club immediately after Easter break so sign up today!

Happy Easter!  
Pastor Joel

## "MY FAVORITE WEEK OF THE YEAR"

One of our teachers defined Teacher Appreciation Week "Her favorite week of the year"... and yes, that's coming soon! At Redeemer, we'll celebrate our teachers and staff during the first week of May. The PSC and individual room parents will be planning many activities to make this week memorable and show the RLS staff how much they are valued. Stay tuned for more information coming soon in the Friday Folders. If you wish to become involved, please contact Laura Ventura (Nicholas Pinedo's mom), Teacher Appreciation Coordinator, [lauraventura@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraventura@yahoo.com) (phone: 650-208-0718).

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

Our Grandparents Day celebration will begin with a special chapel featuring presentations by each class starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Church, followed by treats in the new school building. 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 last week to share with their grandperson. Additional copies are available in the school office.

## 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, 2007. 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, 2007. For more information go to [www.basicfund.org](http://www.basicfund.org).

## 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 30 after school. Lost & Found is located outside Mrs. Madigan's Kindergarten classroom 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.

## **THIRD QUARTER REPORT CARDS & P/T CONFERENCES**

Third quarter report cards will be sent home with your child on Friday, March 30. 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).

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL  
CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED  
IN CHAPEL  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.

## **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK**

Whew! We made it through another one!!! At Redeemer, March Madness does not refer to college basketball.... we make our own madness!!!

Lutheran Schools Week began with our Varsity Girls Basketball Team leaving for their annual Lodi tournament on Friday, March 2. They had an awesome weekend, finishing up third place overall in the tournament! Special congratulations to Jiana Bowie and Niki Serrano for being named to the tournament all-star team.

Sunday, March 4, marked the official beginning of LSW with an all school choir at the 8:30 and 10:00 RLC worship services. Thank you to everyone who participated.

On Monday we started our day with songs and prayer on the playground, led by Mr. Mancini. We were surrounded by crazy hair and hats galore!

Tuesday was country western or hillbilly day. Yeehaw!

Wednesday was red & white day. The day ended with everyone's favorite - the official Roundball Pep Rally led by our cheerleaders!!! Buddy classes made banners and learned a cheer to wish our Braves good luck!

Thursday was sports day. The campus was full of football fans, ballerinas, soccer players and sports enthusiasts galore!

Congratulations to our kindergarten class for winning the LSW Spirit Award. Kindergarten had 100% participation every day of our theme-dress days. This earned them the "Tomahawk Award" and ice cream treats on Friday afternoon.

Friday was PJ day and marked the beginning of the Boys Roundball Tournament with games at Red Morton. Thank you to all of the parents and fans who came out to cheer on our Braves! Students in 6th-8th grade from all participating schools were then treated

to a dance Friday evening. About 100 students attended. Special thanks to Jessica Vano for organizing the dance and to Pastor Joel for the music. Thank you to all of the parents who helped out.

Games continued at Sequoia High School on Saturday. Our boys played well and qualified to play in the 3rd/4th place game on Sunday. Saturday evening was the ever popular cheerleading competition. The girls performed a terrific routine and were awarded the second place trophy. Way to go girls, we are VERY proud of you!!!

Finally, Sunday found the 8:30 Redeemer church service full with visitors from participating schools! What an awesome way to worship our wonderful God!! Our boys finished in 4th place (out of 22 teams!). Congratulations boys on a terrific tournament. Special congratulations to 8th grader Joey Dinkel who was named to the Tournament All Star team.

Big thanks to all of our players, cheerleaders, parents, and fans. At the conclusion of the Roundball Tournament RLS was awarded the coveted SPIRIT AWARD. This award is given to recognize exceptional school spirit and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all!

A HUGE thank you to Mark & Jenny Lewman and all of their volunteers for a terrific concession stand. A big thanks to Kurt Schreiner for his knockout chili! Thanks to everyone who monitored the gym doors. You did a great job!

Thanks to all of our most excellent scorekeeper volunteers - Mr. & Mrs. Mancini, Mr. B, Mr. Laurente, Mr. and Mrs. Maier, Mr. & Mrs. Lenahan, Molly & Frankie, Kyle & Chad Mey, and Jim Fazio...

A VERY SPECIAL thank you to our tireless coaches!!!  
Lady Braves Basketball - Mrs. Lenahan & Mrs. Maier  
Braves Basketball - Mr. Mancini & Mr. Doody  
Cheerleaders - Miss Kinstler & Miss Rathe

Thank you to our loyal fans and supportive parents! You are super! If you didn't make it to any of the games this year, be sure to mark your calendar for next year. Roundball is always the second weekend in March. It is A LOT of fun! Don't miss out!

## **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.

Children's Sunday School - 8:30 a.m.



## HOLY WEEK

**April 2 - 6**

Each day during Holy Week we will have a special chapel. Parents are welcome to join us on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Unfortunately, due to space limitations in Fellowship Hall, only students and staff may attend the Seder Meal on Thursday.

- ◇ **Monday:** 5th grade will lead chapel and 1st grade will sing.
- ◇ **Tuesday:** 6th grade will lead chapel and 2nd grade will sing.
- ◇ **Wednesday:** 7th grade will lead chapel and 3rd grade will sing. We will present 3rd Quarter Honor Roll certificates after chapel.
- ◇ **Thursday:** Seder Meal. Please see information below for class assignments to help us with the "meal." Please note that this is a ceremonial meal only. Students should eat a regular breakfast.
- ◇ **Friday:** 8th grade will lead chapel and 4th grade and Kindergarten will sing.

### Seder Meal

Each year at Redeemer on Maundy Thursday we have a Seder Meal. This is a ceremonial meal which celebrates Passover in a way that it may have been done in Christ's time. Each class is assigned an item to contribute to the meal. Thank you for your help in providing the needed items. Kindergarten and 8th grade do not need to bring anything. 8th graders will act as servers during the meal and clean up after.

- ◇ **1st graders** -- one box of Matzah/each
- ◇ **2nd graders** -- paper products (Mrs. Greene will send home a memo with specific assignments)
- ◇ **3rd graders** -- 2 taper candles & holders/each (These will be returned, be sure to mark with child's name. They don't need to be new. Please don't send irreplaceable/valuable holders.)
- ◇ **4th graders** -- daikon (turnip-like vegetable or parsley. Miss Rathe will send home a memo with specific assignment.)
- ◇ **5th graders** -- "Charoseth" (apple & raisin salad. Mr. Doody will send home a memo with specific instructions.)
- ◇ **6th graders** -- 1 quart of purple grape juice/each (ready to drink, not concentrate!)
- ◇ **7th graders** -- medium-sized mixing bowl & handle towel/each (These will be returned, be sure to mark with child's name.)

Please bring non-perishable items to your classroom by Tuesday, April 3rd. Daikon, parsley and Charoseth should be brought in first thing (no later than 8:30) on Thursday morning, April 5.

## YEARBOOKS

It's time to order your 2006-2007 yearbook. Yearbooks will once again be **\$13.00**. This year we have a full-color, 44 page book. Order forms will be sent home with your child in their Friday Folder.

Please note that quantities are limited. Please reserve your book early to ensure that your student will receive one. Books are distributed the last week of school.

*Please don't ask me to reserve a book without paying for it... order form and payment are both required! (If you misplace order form, a handwritten note will suffice! Be sure to include student's name and grade.) Thank you!!*

## 07-08 REGISTRATION

Remember to register your student for next year. The enrollment fee is now **\$350/student**. Be sure to include a new registration form. Extra copies are available in the school office or you can download from the website -- [www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org) and click on "admissions."

Please register as soon as possible. It helps out tremendously for planning and budget purposes when we know how many students to plan for. If your student will not be returning in 07-08, please call the office and let us know.

Refer a new student and earn a \$300 tuition credit! The new family must have no prior connection to RLC/RLS, must reference your name on their application, and must attend for at least one semester. The tuition credit may be used for your 08-09 registration fees or Feb/Mar 2009 tuition payment.

Please call the office if you have any questions.

## IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS

**April 17-20**

### Missed Test Makeup Day April 23

Please mark your calendars for our standardized testing. Students in grades 1-8 will all participate in the ITBS achievement tests. Tests are usually given in the mornings. Please do not schedule any non-urgent appointments during this time. **Please make sure your child is well rested, well fed, and ON TIME FOR SCHOOL during this week** so that they have every opportunity to do their best on the tests.

If your child is in the 7th grade and is considering a private high school, these tests are very important. High schools require 7th grade achievement tests, along with 7th and 8th grade report cards when considering students for enrollment.