

SMOKE SIGNALS



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

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12	Track Meet
May 18	7th/8th grade Musical 7PM
May 20	7th/8th grade Musical 2PM
May 28	No School/Memorial Day Holiday
June 1	Kindergarten Graduation 9AM
June 1	Academic Awards 7PM
June 2	Family Fun Day 11-3PM @ Huddart Park
June 3	50th Anniversary Party 10AM Worship 12:00PM Lunch @ Crowne Plaza
June 8	Last Day of School, 11AM Dismissal 8th grade Graduation 7:30PM

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER Mr. Mike Mancini

Accreditation Complete!

After a very hectic three months, we finally had our visitation from the WASC Accreditation Committee. Our term was up and it was time for us to, once again, apply for a fifth go around. The committee spent four days on our campus and interviewed many people. They visited classes, talked with students, reviewed our curriculum and met with the staff each day to ask questions about how we educate students at RLS. Here is a summary taken from the WASC website to explain why we go through this process every three years.

Why Accreditation?

- Certification to the public that the school is a trustworthy institution of learning
- Validates the integrity of a school's program and student transcripts
- Fosters improvement of the school's programs and operations to support student learning
- Assures the school community that the school's purposes are appropriate and being accomplished through a viable educational program
- A way to manage change through regular assessment, planning, implementing, monitoring and reassessment
- Assists a school in establishing its priority areas for improvement as a result of the perpetual accreditation cycle that includes:
 - School self-assessment of the current educational program for students
 - Insight and perspective from the visiting committee

- Regular school staff assessment of progress through the intervening years between full self-studies.

On the final day the visiting team presented a report that details Redeemer's strengths and addresses areas of continued improvement. A summary of the report will be placed on our website, for all to read, in about two weeks. We will receive our official letter of accreditation in June.

If you would like further information about the process or have any other questions, please feel to talk with me or visit the WASC website at www.acswasc.org

COME CELEBRATE "50" WITH US!

On June 3rd Redeemer School will celebrate its 50th year in education! We will also honor Mr. Behrens for his 50 years in educational ministry at that time. The celebration will begin with one special worship service on that Sunday starting at 10AM. We will then continue the festivities with a sit down lunch at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City. At the celebration lunch we will have the opportunity to hear from former students, teachers and parents. This will be a very special day and I hope each of you can come and celebrate with us the blessings God has showered on us for the past 50 years. Look for an invitation in the mail in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU MRS. GREENE

As some of you may already know, Janine Greene will be moving back to Champagne, Illinois in June. Due to a very unexpected job transfer for her husband Chad, the family has decided to move back to the Midwest. This has been a very tough time for Mrs. Greene as she had waited for quite a while to return to Redeemer. Yet we each know that God has a plan for our lives and all we can do is listen and follow His guidance. Mrs. Greene has been a wonderful part of our team throughout her short time back in the Bay Area. We thank God for her ministry at Redeemer and wish Mrs. Greene and her family God's richest blessings in the years to come.

When God closes a door He always opens a window! Upon Mrs. Greene's decision we have been able to offer a position to Mrs. Challeen Flick. Challeen is currently a teacher in the Pacifica School District. She has been teaching in public education for 11 years. Her passion to be a witness for Christ was evident to me when we first met over a year ago and it reflects in the manner

she treats students and parents. She comes with very high praise from her fellow teachers where she currently works.

Challeen and her husband Karl are well known by many school families and staff alike, as they are members of our church and both very active in the different ministries. Challeen has been a singer on our Praise Team for the past year and is a teacher in our Sunday School Program (Sunday 30). Karl is currently working with Pastor Vano on the church website and helps with the sound system for our Praise Team. Their five-year-old son, "Little Karl", will be a part of our Kindergarten class next fall. We are very excited to have Challeen become a part of our faculty at Redeemer.

If you would like to meet Challeen, please come to our 8:30 worship and talk with her after the service. She will be stopping by in the next month to meet parents and her future students. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call.

DENNIS UNIFORM

Avoid the back to school rush and save 10% on all in-store purchases June 1-30, 2007! Store hours in June: Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, Closed Sunday and Monday. Dennis is located at 1282 Oddstad Drive, Redwood City 94063, 650-299-9623.

YEARBOOKS

It's time to order your 2006-2007 yearbook! It is a 44 page full-color book. Cost is only \$13.00/each. Quantities are limited and will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis, so order your book today. Order forms are available in the school office. Make checks payable to Redeemer or exact cash accepted.

TRACK MEET SATURDAY, MAY 12

NEWARK HIGH SCHOOL, FREMONT

Our annual track meet is coming up quickly! Teachers have selected students in grades K-8 to represent Redeemer. Even if your child is not participating in an event, please come over and cheer on the other athletes. It's a lot of fun. Wear your "Redeemer Red" and show your school spirit. Bring an ice chest or purchase food and drinks at the concession stand. Don't forget a hat and sunscreen!

Directions from Redwood City: Dumbarton Bridge, 880 south, Mowry Exit - turn right (west), Left on Cedar (2 lights). Newark High will be on your right about 1/4 mile. Parking can be pretty bad... unless you get there early you will have to park in the shopping center across the street. Leave yourself some extra time!

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generous donations to our Friday chapel offerings. We were able to send \$800 in first quarter offerings to the James Kim Foundation. You will remember the Kims were the SF family who was lost in the snow in Oregon last winter. Our second quarter offerings were sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael. We sent \$600 to help support their program. Thank you to all who brought in Teddy Bears in December and canned food in November.

REDWOOD CITY ART CONTEST

Congratulations! Redeemer had three winners selected from more than 1,400 entries in the RC Civic Cultural Commission's annual art contest!! This year's theme was "Fantastic Flying Things." Redeemer will also receive a check for \$100 because we had the highest number of private school participants as a percentage of enrollment.

Congratulations to:

- ◊ McKenna Shade - 1st place in kindergarten
- ◊ Pammie Coakley - 3rd place in kindergarten
- ◊ Sara Dumanske - 1st place in 7th grade

The winners received awards at a ceremony on May 3 at City Hall. Thank you to all of the students for your participation.

CHRISTIAN HEART AWARDS

Congratulations to our 3rd quarter Christian Heart Award recipients.

- ◊ Kindergarten - Andrew Tran
- ◊ 1st grade - Travis Miller
- ◊ 2nd grade - Gina Fazio
- ◊ 3rd grade - Andrew Cahill
- ◊ 4th grade - Kevin Ponty
- ◊ 5th grade - McKenna Brown
- ◊ 6th grade - Domonique Pearson
- ◊ 7th grade - Peter Simon
- ◊ 8th grade - Scott Saier

*"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us."
Ephesians 5:1-2*

Please join us for the
7th & 8th grade musical

"The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree"

Friday, May 18 - 7PM
Sunday, May 20 - 3PM

You won't want to miss it!

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our 3rd quarter Principal's Honor Roll recipients. Principal's Honor Roll is awarded each quarter to students in grades 3-8 who have a perfect 4.0 GPA (straight A's).

CONGRATULATIONS!

- ◊ Grade 3 - Diamond Pearson
- ◊ Grade 4 - Caitlin Johnson
- ◊ Grade 6 - Olivia Gambelin

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our 3rd quarter Honor Roll recipients. Honor Roll is awarded each quarter to students in grades 3-8 who have a 3.5-3.99 GPA with no failing grades.

Grade 3

Andrew Cahill Amanda Hawley
Katey Zimmer

Grade 4

Cole Elpel Monica Krantz
Kyle Lucas Taylor Madsen
Nina Pent Sabrina Proctor
Gaby Ruiz

Grade 5

Sarah Burrows Kaylee Kohlmaier
Brian LaCasse Jordan Vano
Jacob Weller

Grade 6

Katie Anderson Megan Hawley
Lisette Palafox Domonique Pearson
Jordan Robinson Ryan Smith

Grade 7

Shanna Cooley Sara Dumanske
Michael Harper Ben Justice
Peter Simon David Spain

Grade 8

Joey Dinkel

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Our annual Grandparents Day was March 30th. We had over 300 people in attendance at our very special chapel! *Praise the Lord!* Each class did a presentation, along with performances by our handbell and vocal choirs. Grandparents were then invited back to the classrooms for some yummy refreshments. Thank you to all of our wonderful parents who helped make the event a huge success by providing refreshments and helping out in the classrooms. We couldn't have done it without you!

VARSIITY BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADER AWARDS

As you know, both the boys and girls varsity basketball teams and our cheerleading squad all had fabulous seasons. On April 19th the teams got together to celebrate and honor this year's outstanding players.

Congratulations to 06-07 award recipients:

Lady Braves Basketball

Most Valuable Player - Jiana Bowie
Most Improved Player - Katherine Ruiz
Most Inspirational Player - Niki Serrano

Braves Basketball

Most Valuable Player - Joey Dinkel
Most Improved Player - Justin Olsen
Most Inspirational Player - Mitch Smyser

Congratulations to our fabulous cheerleaders

Most Dedicated - Katie Anderson
Most Ambitious - Megan Hawley
Most Helpful - Blair Lowndes
Most Spirited - Maddy Gerhart
Most Reliable - Lisette Palafox
Most Surprising - Emily Burns
Most Caring - Nicole Haemmerling

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS!

Friday, June 1st - Kindergarten Graduation at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Friday, June 1st - Academic Awards will take place in the church beginning at 7:00 PM. Please join us as we recognize students in grades 3-8 for outstanding academic performance. We will also award the annual Christian Heart Award to a student in grades K-8. Our Hand Bell choir and Singing Angels vocal choir will also perform. Refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, June 2nd - Family Fun Day This is always the favorite family event of the year. Please join us at Huddart Park for a day of fun, food, and fellowship. Please see the flier attached.

Sunday, June 3rd - RLS 50th Anniversary Celebration Join us for one very special worship service at 10:00 AM followed by lunch at 12:00PM at the Crowne Plaza. Invitations will be mailed out in the coming weeks.

Friday, June 8th - Last Day of school for 2006-2007. School is dismissed at **11:00 AM**.

Friday, June 8th - Eighth Grade Graduation ceremony in the church beginning at **7:30 PM**. Please join us.

Have a fabulous summer!!!

**Mark your calendars for the
first day of school 2007-2008
Wednesday, August 22!**

RLEAF

(Redeemer Lutheran Education Assistance Fund)

Applications for financial aid for the 2007-2008 school year were due on May 1st. Be sure to get yours in immediately to the school office if you haven't already done so. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis. You must reapply every year to continue to receive aid. Applications are available in the school office or you can download one from the website at www.redeemer-school.org. Click on "about us" and "documents for parents."

BASIC FUND

The BASIC Fund is a private organization providing scholarships to students attending private schools. Scholarship eligibility is based on financial need. BASIC Fund is still accepting applications for the 07-08 school year. Contact them at 415-986-5650 or on the web at www.basicfund.org.

CALLING ALL CHEERLEADERS!

All incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls (grade in 07-08) are invited to attend a cheerleader information meeting on Monday, May 14th at 3:30 in Miss Kinstler's room. This will be a brief meeting to find out how many girls are interested in cheering next year and let them know requirements and expectations. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come and ask questions too! *Go Braves!!*

HOMEWORK

***The homework page on the
RLS web site is back up and running!
Go to www.redeemer-school.org
and click on the "homework" link.***

A huge thank you to Tim Davis (Mrs. Davis's hubby) for making the homework page for us. Be sure to check it out.

The homework page isn't the only valuable information on our web site -- there are many items of interest! Look up the school calendar for important dates, download forms, find teacher e-mails, etc. A big thanks to John Madden (Mrs. Madden's hubby) for being our outstanding webmaster.

MENLO SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Menlo Summer Sports Camp is offering six one-week sessions for boys and girls entering kindergarten through 7th grade beginning June 11. Campers play baseball, basketball, soccer, assorted games and swim each day. Information, call 650-330-2001, x2758 or check out www.menlosummercamps.com.

CORRECTION!

Correction to the March 23rd Smoke Signals. Blair Lowndes was inadvertently omitted from the list of cheerleaders and Olivia Gambelin was listed as a cheerleader in error! Sorry for the mix-up girls!!

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"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.

