

# SMOKE SIGNALS



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 20-24..... No School  
Dec 15..... Grades 3&4 musical 7PM  
Dec 16..... Grades 3&4 musical encore noon  
Dec 21..... National Geographic Bee 2PM  
Dec 22..... 1:00 Dismissal  
Dec 25-Jan 7.... No School  
Jan 8..... School resumes

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

### THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS:

As we approach the Thanksgiving holidays I can't help but think of all the blessings we have received throughout the past year from our great God. It is so easy to reflect on difficult times instead of giving thanks to God for all our circumstances in life. Thanksgiving is a time of reflection. A time to look back and thank God for all the gifts he has blessed us with during the year.

We at Redeemer are very excited and thankful with Mr. and Mrs. Madigan, and rejoice with them in thanksgiving, as they prepare for the arrival of a new baby due the end of June. We know that God will bless this wonderful time as they experience the wonderful 9 months ahead. Mrs. Madigan is planning to return in the fall to continue her teaching duties. Praise God for this exciting news!

I had a Thanksgiving message that I wanted to share with each of you which was written by John F. Kennedy in 1963. I regret to say I left the book in the mountains and will retrieve it next week. As I tried to find the message on the Internet I came across this prayer that I felt was perfect for all of us this Thanksgiving...

*"God of all Creation: You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth.*

*The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and*

*together they glorify your name!*

*On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.*

*We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.*

*We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.*

*We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen."*

*Thomas P. Roberts, editor*

Thanks for your continued love and support of our ministry. May the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow continue to bless you and your family during this Thanksgiving holiday.

## CHAPEL OFFERINGS DECEMBER 1, 8 & 15

Bring in a NEW  
soft & cuddly  
12-18" dark-colored



## TEDDY BEAR

Bears will be given to the  
Human Services Agency of SM County.

# TOY & BOOK DRIVE

RC Police Activities League &  
RC Police and Firefighters Association

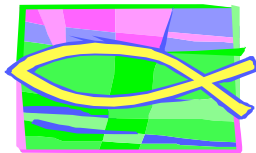
*Bring in a new toy or book.*

The collection bin is located in Fellowship Hall.  
Bins will be picked up Dec. 19th.

## CHRISTIAN HEART AWARDS

Congratulations to our first quarter Christian Heart Award recipients:

- ◇ K -- Khal Abouzeid
- ◇ 1st -- Isaac Bibbs
- ◇ 2nd -- Cristian Palafox
- ◇ 3rd -- Katey Zimmer
- ◇ 4th -- Taylor Madsen & Monica Krantz
- ◇ 5th -- Sarah Burrows
- ◇ 6th -- Olivia Gambelin
- ◇ 7th -- Sara Dumanske
- ◇ 8th -- Polline Villalobo



## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

*Miss Kinstler, Coach*

This was my first year as a volleyball coach and this year's volleyball team had a great season. We ended the season with 11 wins and 2 loses, which put us in second place in season play. In the volleyball tournament we placed 4th out of 15 teams. The weekend was full of exciting games and lots of time getting to know each other more. I am very proud of all the girls this year. We laughed a lot and played hard. This year for Awards night we had a game against the parents, which was a lot of fun. I hope all of the 6th and 7th graders that played this year will come and play again next year. I am looking forward to next year!! A big thanks to all the parents for your support and help!!

Most Valuable Player.....Niki Serrano  
 Most Inspirational Player.....Hayley Parker  
 Most Improved Player.....Megan Hawley

Team Members:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Jenny Mize (8)     | Jessica Gotelli (8) |
| Katherine Ruiz (8) | Niki Serrano (8)    |
| Hayley Parker (8)  | Jiana Bowie (8)     |
| Sara Dumanske (7)  |                     |
| Megan Hawley (6)   | Tess Rhodes (6)     |
| Tori Ramirez (6)   | Lauren Guidotti (6) |
| Courtney Lucas (6) | Olivia Gambelin (6) |

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

*Mr. Robert Doody, Coach*

All of the players made big advances in their skill level and court behavior. We finished the season over the .500 mark but more importantly we learned a lot, played some terrific games, supported each other and had a good time doing it. We played in many different situations from small gyms to rainy outdoor courts. Justin Olsen kept getting better every game and finally unleashed a powerful hitting attack that dominated at the net. Joey Dinkel ran our one-setter offense and kept things under control on the court. He added some timely blocking. Once, he started serving against Zion from 5 points down and didn't stop until we won the game. Ben Justice and David Spain were the quiet warriors, who kept getting better and kept putting the ball back on the opponents side. The rest of my team which included sixth and Fifth graders had to ramp up quickly and fill-in at many different positions. I am proud of this team and hope they all continue to play and improve. Thanks for a wonderful year. Coach Doody

Most Valuable Player.....Joey Dinkel  
 Most Inspirational Player.....Ben Justice  
 Most Improved Player.....Justin Olsen

Team Members:

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|--------------------|------------------|
| Joey Dinkel (8)    | Justin Olsen (8) |
| Scott Saier (8)    |                  |
| Ben Justice (7)    | David Spain (7)  |
| Adrian Palafox (7) |                  |
| Devin McGrath (6)  | Ryan Smith (6)   |
| Colby Campbell (5) |                  |

Coach: Mr. Robert Doody

## HOLIDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

### THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 23 @ 9:00 AM

### CHRISTMAS

Advent Wednesdays Dec. 6, 13, 20 @ 7:00 PM

**Sunday, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**

Morning Worship @ 9:30 AM  
 Multimedia presentation of the  
 Christmas Story @ 5:00 PM  
 Candlelight Service @ 11:00 PM

**Monday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25**

Celebrative blended worship service @ 10:00 AM

## FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

A big congratulations to our Principal's Honor Roll recipients. These students earned a 4.0 GPA (STRAIGHT A'S!) for the first quarter. Way to go!

### PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Grade 3 -- Andrew Cahill & Diamond Pearson  
Grade 4 -- Cole Elpel, Caitlin Johnson, Monica Krantz  
Grade 5 -- Kaylee Kohlmaier  
Grade 6 -- Olivia Gambelin  
Grade 7 -- Sara Dumanske, Ben Justice  
Grade 8 -- Joey Dinkel

### HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to all of our 1st Quarter Honor Roll recipients. These students earned a 3.5-3.99 GPA with no failing grades. Kudos to all!

#### Grade 3

Amanda Hawley	Caden Kohlmaier
Olivia Pellarin	Lexi Riccardi
Sarah Weller	Katey Zimmer

#### Grade 4

Nick Chiamos	Paul Jin
Mikaela Lewman	Kyle Lucas
Taylor Madsen	Tony Pavis
Sabrina Proctor	

#### Grade 5

McKenna Brown	Sarah Burrows
Jordan Vano	Jacob Weller

#### Grade 6

Katie Anderson	Megan Hawley
Jordynn Lewman	Domonique Pearson
Victoria Ramirez	Jordan Robinson
Ryan Smith	

#### Grade 7

Shanna Cooley	Nicole Haemmerling
Michael Harper	Morgan LaCasse
Chris Moffat	Peter Simon
David Spain	

#### Grade 8

Jiana Bowie	Justin Olsen
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[www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org)

Your source on the web for RLS calendar, sports info, teacher e-mails, homework, downloadable forms, and more.

Check it out!

## YEARBOOK PICTURES

Pictures of school activities are always needed for the yearbook. Digitals are preferred, but not required.

If you have prints, please bring them in to the school office. Be sure to put your name on the back if you would like them returned. If you have one or two digitals to share, please email them to me at [golsen@redeemer-school.org](mailto:golsen@redeemer-school.org). If you have more than just a couple, please put them on a CD or a flash drive (that I will return to you the next day). (Please do not e-mail me large groups of photos!!!)

Especially needed are sports pictures! I have no pictures of the volleyball season, so if you do, please share! I also need pictures of Beach Day and any classroom field trips. Thank you!

## RLS YAHOO! E-MAIL GROUP

If you haven't already joined, please consider signing up for Redeemer's e-mail group. You'll receive no spam, just important updates, reminders, pictures, and information regarding upcoming events at Redeemer School. Stay informed! Don't miss out! Send me an e-mail at [golsen@redeemer-school.org](mailto:golsen@redeemer-school.org) and I'll send you an official e-mail "invitation" to join. It's easy!

## TUTORING

### DO YOUR KIDS NEED HELP WITH HOMEWORK?

If your child is struggling with any subject, be it English, math, science, history, foreign language or art classes, please consider having a talented tutor from the **Schneider Tutoring Service** help you. Our tutors are available for all grade levels (from kindergarten to 12th) and make learning interactive, productive, and fun. We guarantee improvement for a very reasonable fee. In addition, the Schneider Tutoring Service has a history of getting results. **REFERENCES ARE AVAILABLE**

For more information please call Max Schneider at (650)796-5341 or email him at [maximd123@yahoo.com](mailto:maximd123@yahoo.com).

All of Max's tutors are Woodside High School seniors. This listing is not necessarily an endorsement of Schneider Tutoring Service, but is provided for your information only.

# PARENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (PSC)



## SCRIP

### Smart Holiday Shopping is Here

The PSC is pleased to roll out to you a new Scrip program that works in conjunction with what we are already doing with eScrip. This program is a great way to earn money for our school while buying items you would normally buy. Basically you prepay for gift cards of your favorite stores and then use them at your convenience. A percentage of your purchase, anywhere from 2% all the way up to 25%, goes back to Redeemer.

#### Ideas for purchase:

- Holiday gift cards
- Birthday presents
- Teacher presents
- Major appliance purchase
- Furniture purchase
- New electronic device such as a TV or computer
- Gas cards
- Groceries
- Home and gardening
- New tools
- Travel
- Uniforms (Dennis Uniforms is a vendor)

Please fill out the order form you received in the Friday Folder, total up your order and include a check made out to Redeemer Scrip and return it TODAY!!. Gift cards will be delivered in about one week. The order forms will be going home monthly.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Stafford, [jstafford@ar-edelman.com](mailto:jstafford@ar-edelman.com), 650-201-8812.

Thanks for your support!

NEXT PSC MEETING  
TUESDAY, DEC. 12  
7:00 PM

SEE YOU THERE!



## Online Shopping for the Holidays

Thanks for everyone who's already signed up. We now have 140 supporters - up from 126 last month!

If you shop online, the holidays are a wonderful opportunity to support Redeemer. Redeemer can earn up to 10% when you shop at the eScrip Online Mall - and you can save up to 40%!

Online merchants provide free shipping and promotions for eScrip members.

If you'd like to become an eScrip member, you can sign up online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) (our group ID # is **137104928**), or fill out the eScrip form enclosed with Smoke Signals. For any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Pavis, [karen.pavis@nokia.com](mailto:karen.pavis@nokia.com), 650-361-1269, or Laura Ventura, [lauraventura@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraventura@yahoo.com), 650-208-0718.



### Partial Merchant List

- Apple iTunes & Store
- Babies R Us
- Circuit City
- eBay
- Home Depot
- Gap
- JCPenney
- Kmart
- Lands' End
- Macy's
- Nordstrom
- Old Navy
- Sears
- Target

Hold the Date:  
Chevy's Night Fundraiser  
Wednesday, Dec. 6.