

# SMOKE SIGNALS



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 25-29..... 6th Grade to Mission Springs  
Oct 6.....Beach Day  
Oct 9.....No School - Columbus Day  
Oct 10.....PSC Meeting 7PM  
Oct 20.....Oct Smoke Signals sent home  
Oct 26.....End of 1st quarter, Noon dismissal  
Oct 27.....Parent/Teacher Confs - No School

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

**Mr. Mike Mancini**

Time flies when you're having fun! Can you believe that almost four weeks are gone in the first quarter? Things seem to be running smoothly as we continue to finish up on the little details of construction. I want to thank all of you for your cooperation with the parking lot. You have been great in following the designated directions in the lot. Please remember to park only in the stalls marked in white and please do not use the handicap stalls to wait for your child. If you are not going to park please use the parallel spots near the building to drop off and pick up. This will allow others to pass by as they exit the lot and will not create a traffic back up. Thank you

It seems as though we now have Internet connection in our classrooms so you may now e-mail your child's teacher. The feeling around Redeemer has been one of joy and enthusiasm. Kids are smiling, teachers are smiling, and yes, I even see some of you parents smiling...way to go! Attitudes are contagious... be positive. That is a great motto for all of us to live by as we work or play.

The next two weeks are very busy around the campus. Next week is Outdoor Education at Mission Springs for the 6th grade class and our science teacher Mrs. Maier. Starting on the 2nd of October is Ocean week. We have fun activities planned for the week including the ever-famous Beach Day on Friday. Talk to your child's teacher to see if you can help out in any way. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask the teacher, Mrs. Olsen or myself.

Midterm progress reports are being sent home with your child in grades 3-8 this week. Teachers will be

sending home forms or contacting you about your child's progress for the first half of the quarter. As you look over the reports, let us all remember that kids need support not criticism. It is amazing how much can be accomplished in education when we build up, support, and stay positive.

Thanks for all you do to make Redeemer Lutheran School a better place. On our school web site we have a tab that states, "What makes us special". We should put a picture of our parents in that area! It is all of you that makes RLS special! THANK YOU!

### Quote of the Month:

"The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."

*Robert Maynard Hutchins*

May God continue to bless you, your family and all we do for the kids here at Redeemer.

## MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL

THURSDAYS 8:30-9:30 AM

MEET IN THE CHURCH "SACRISTY"

(Inside the church, small office behind the pulpit by the band area.)

We are privileged to meet for an hour each week at Redeemer Lutheran School to release God's power on our children and school through prayer. We believe that prayer makes all the difference for our students, staff and the direction and protection of our school.

Lamentations 2:19 exhorts us to "Pour out your hearts like water before the face of the Lord, lift up your hands toward Him for the lives of your children". We use the scriptures to guide us in our prayers of praise, confession, thanksgiving and intercession.

Moms - join us to pray for our students, staff and school. Receive support and encouragement from other mothers who will share your burdens. Messages or requests can be left in the confidential prayer box in the school office. Visit the Moms In Touch website at [www.MomsInTouch.org](http://www.MomsInTouch.org) to learn more about this international organization.

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### PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

Your 2006-07 version of the Parent & Student Handbook was sent home with your youngest child on Friday. Please take a few minutes to look it over. Be sure to sign and return the yellow form included to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the handbook.

Please pay special attention to a few changes/additions that were made to this year's book:

1. Page 5 - new grading standards
2. Page 7 - middle school missed work
3. Page 8 - birthday celebrations
4. Page 9 - student lunches (There is no microwave or hot water available for students. Please send ready to eat food only.)
5. Page 11 - dress code! Please help us enforce the dress code by sending your children appropriately dressed in the morning! Please note skirt length item #12!
6. Page 16 - general information
7. page 17 - cell phones

### FAMILY DIRECTORY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Your directory was sent home with your youngest child on Friday, September 15th in the Friday Folder. One directory per family please. If you would like additional copies, please feel free to photocopy it! I apologize in advance for any errors or omissions! Please look over your listing and let me know if any changes need to be made.

A complete 2006-2007 school calendar (including special events) is included in the front of the directory.

Teacher voicemail extensions and school e-mail addresses are listed in the back of the directory. Teacher addresses and phone numbers are also included in the directory. Please use the teacher's home information only in emergency. Please make every effort to contact teachers at school regarding school business. Thank you.

### ROOM PARENTS

The room parent list included in the directory is incomplete and incorrect! Following are the correct room parents for all grades:

- K: Mallory Stevens & Terra Coakley
- 1st: Terrianne McGrath & Jenny Lewman
- 2nd: Stephanie Fazio & Reezanne Elpel
- 3rd: Wendy Zimmer, Heather Riccardi, & Heidi Pellarin
- 4th: Lynnel Pent, Kim Johnson & Linda Heywood
- 5th: Judi Weller, Lisa Kohlmaier & Jene Turgeon Langi
- 6th: Mimi Pearson & Terrianne McGrath
- 7th: Judy Vano & Vicki Justice
- 8th: Jeannie Dinkel

### 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, 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!

### VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball season is in full swing. As of this writing, our girls are undefeated and the boys team is at 3 wins & 2 losses . Way to go!! Thank you to our fabulous coaches Miss Kinstler and Mr. Doody for volunteering to lead the teams!

#### GIRLS TEAM:

Jenny Mize	Jessica Gotelli
Katherine Ruiz	Niki Serrano
Hayley Parker	Jiana Bowie
Sara Dumanske	
Megan Hawley	Tess Rhodes
Tori Ramirez	Lauren Guidotti
Courtney Lucas	Olivia Gambelin

#### BOYS TEAM:

Joey Dinkel	Justin Olsen
Scott Saier	
Ben Justice	David Spain
Adrian Palafox	
Devin McGrath	Ryan Smith
Colby Campbell	

Come support our teams at their home games on the blacktop. Girls play at 3:30 and boys at 4:30. Mark your calendars: 9/25, 9/28, 10/2, and 10/16.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our Student Council representatives for the 2006-2007 school year. Elections were held on Thursday, September 14th. Officer candidates made speeches to the entire student body and all grades voted for their choice of officers. Class representatives made speeches to their classes.

### RLS 06-07 Student Council:

- President: Joey Dinkel (8th)
- Vice President: Ben Justice (7th)
- Secretary: Jessica Gotelli (8th)
- Treasurer: Nicole Haemmerling (7th)
- Activities Director: Jessica Vano

### Class Representatives:

- 4th - Gaby Ruiz
- 5th - Anika McGuire
- 6th - Victoria Ramirez
- 7th - Chris Moffat
- 8th - Justin Olsen

Thank you Mrs. Lenahan and Mr. Mancini for volunteering to be our Student Council Advisors.

### 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.



## ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS

Start off the new school year with a song! Piano and voice lessons are available to all ages at very reasonable rates. Location is only three blocks from Redeemer. Call Carla at (650)366-3465. (This listing is for your information only. It is not necessarily a recommendation by RLS and the teacher has no connection to RLS.)

## BEACH DAY

Redeemer's annual all-school field trip to the beach is Friday, October 6th. All parents are welcome and invited to join us. Be sure to return the blue permission slip to your child's teacher.

If you will be driving, please be sure your driver form AND ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION are on file in the school office no later than Monday, October 2. Please remember that I must have a

copy of your driver's license and proof of insurance which shows liability limits of at least \$100,000/\$300,000. Be sure to sign the form. I cannot accept last minute forms, so please plan ahead! All prior year's forms and documentation have been shredded. New information is required each school year. Thank you for your assistance!

Forms are available in the school office or may be downloaded from [www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org).

## GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER ENDS SEPTEMBER 25TH

The PSC Fall Fundraiser ending date is Monday, September 25th. Please be sure to turn in your order form and payment on that date. 50% of all sales go to Redeemer. Checks should be made payable to PSC. Thank you for your support.

## WAL-MART RECYCLING CHALLENGE

The Wal-Mart Recycling Challenge has begun again!

Donate plastic dry cleaning, shopping and grocery bags to Redeemer Lutheran School. (Any color and any plastic material are accepted.) Recycle AND earn money for Redeemer School!!

Please make sure the bags are clean, dry and empty. (Bags that have been in direct contact with food are not acceptable. e.g. bread bags, bags for grapes, etc.)

Offer to pick up and donate plastic bags from your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family members and bring them to school.

Where to Donate Plastic Bags:

Two recycling containers are located on the Redeemer campus. One is near the church office and the other is located outside by the school parking lot.

If you would like to earn mandatory hours by assisting with this recycling/fundraiser, please contact Susie Madsen at 650-679-9336 or [srmadsen@stanford.edu](mailto:srmadsen@stanford.edu)

We hope you will help us make this recycling effort a success!



## BOXTOPS

Save your "Boxtops for Education" from General Mills products and earn money for Redeemer. Money earned from this program goes to purchase new playground equipment.

We need a volunteer to organize and head up this fundraiser. Most of the work can be done at home. A great way to earn your hours!! Contact Robbie Moffat at 306-9128 or rarmoffat@comcast.net to volunteer.

## MOVIES FOR KIDS ON THE BIG SCREEN AT REDEEMER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

We have two upcoming Movie Nights... Movies are free if a parent stays or \$10/child if left unattended. Enjoy two hours away from your kids to go out for dinner or shopping. Free refreshments provided for the children!

### Friday, September 29, 7pm-9pm

G-rated film: *Curious George*

Plot Outline: George, an inquisitive chimp with an insatiable sense of adventure, makes new friends and embarks on great misadventures each time he is out of the watchful eye of the Man with the Yellow Hat.

### Friday, October 13, 7pm-9pm

PG-rated film: *Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties*

Plot Outline: Jon Arbuckle travels to the United Kingdom and brings Garfield along for the trip. A case of mistaken cat identity finds Garfield ruling over a castle, but his reign is jeopardized by a greedy feline who has designs on the estate.

## SUHSD 7TH & 8TH GRADE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Carlmont, MA, Sequoia, Woodside

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

7:00-9:00 PM

CARRINGTON HALL

(on the Sequoia High School Campus)

1201 Brewster Avenue, RC

For additional information contact Susan Berghouse, Director of Public Information & Communications, SUHSD, 650-369-1411 ext 2210 or ext 2211.

E-mail: sberghous@seq.org

## KIDZ KLUB

If you will be using Kidz Klub (Extended Care), be sure you have completed and returned the yellow Kidz Klub registration forms. Additional copies may be obtained from the school office or Mrs. Vano. If you think you *might* use the service on a drop-in basis, please turn in a form now so that you're registered and ready to go when the need arises.

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