

SMOKE SIGNALS



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"I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior" Habakkuk 3:18

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 24-
Jan 4.....No School
Jan 7.....School resumes 8:30 AM
Jan 8.....PSC Meeting 7:00 PM
Jan 15..... Faculty Meeting - 12:30 DISMISSAL
Jan 15..... Pasta Pomodoro Dining for Dollars
Jan 16..... Financial Planning Workshop 7:00 PM
Jan 17..... Cheerleader Lunch
Jan 21..... NO SCHOOL - ML King Jr Day
Jan 22..... Spelling Bee 1:30 PM
Jan 23..... PSC Free Dress Fundraiser \$5.00
Jan 24..... End of 2nd Quarter - 12:30 DISMISSAL
Jan 25..... NO SCHOOL - P/T Conferences

Feb 15.....NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's Bday observed
Feb 18.....NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

Enjoy His Arrival...Don't Miss It!

Over the past couple of years I have used this message to give to all of you as a thought for the holidays. While reading the devotional book *God Came Near* by Max Lucado during our staff devotions this year, I decided to share this passage with each of you once again. I feel it states the true essence of our Christmas holiday. I hope you enjoy it as much as our staff did. As Christmas approaches we begin to see the activities of the holidays; shoppers out in droves, lights, music, and the stress of getting everything ready. I wonder if we sometimes get so busy that we forget what Christmas is really about?

One's imagination is kindled thinking about the conversation of the innkeeper and his family at the breakfast table. Did anyone mention the arrival of the young couple the night before? Did anyone ask about the welfare of the young pregnant girl? Perhaps. Perhaps someone raised the subject. But, at best, it was raised, not discussed. There was nothing that novel about them. They were, possibly, one of several families turned away that night.

No, it's doubtful that anyone mentioned the couple's arrival or wondered about the condition of the girl. THEY WERE TOO BUSY! The day was upon them. The day's bread had to be made. The morning's chores had to be done. There was too much to do to imagine that the impossible had occurred.

God had entered the world as a baby.

At this point in history, the human being who best understands who God is and what he is doing is a teenage girl in a smelly stable. She can't take her eyes off him. Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. So this is he. She remembers the words of the angel. "His kingdom will never end."

He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being.

Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter.

She touches the face of the infant-God. "How long was your journey!" This baby had overlooked the universe. These rags keeping him warm were the robes of eternity. His golden throne room had been abandoned in favor of a dirty sheep pen. And worshiping angels had been replaced with kind but bewildered shepherds. Meanwhile, the city hums. The merchants are unaware that God has visited their planet. The innkeeper would never believe that he had just sent God into the cold. And the people would scoff at anyone who told them the Messiah lay in the arms of a teenager on the outskirts of their village. They were all TOO busy to consider the possibility.

Those who missed His Majesty's arrival that night missed it not because of evil acts or malice; no, they missed it because they simply weren't looking.

Little has changed in the last two thousand years, has it?

As the holiday season begins, let's make sure we all focus on the arrival of our awesome God. This is a time for family, friends, laughter and love. But most importantly it is a time to remember the greatest gift each of us was given; Jesus!

My wish for all of you is for a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. May the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow bless each of you in the New Year to come and may each of us remember **"Jesus is the Reason for the Season!"**

**CONGRATULATIONS
MR. & MRS. MADDEN**

Elizabeth Kate (Izzy) Madden was born on December 6, 2007 at 11:22 AM. She weighed in at a whopping 10 lbs, 2 oz and was 19 inches long. Mom, Dad, and Izzy are doing great!!!

YEARBOOK PICTURES

I need your pictures! If you have digital pictures of school events -- Beach Day, Field Trips, Sports, Costume parade, Classroom activities, etc. -- please be generous and share them with me! The more pictures I have to choose from, the better the yearbook will be! I will be putting together the Beach Day and Costume Parade collages when we return in January and need your pictures ASAP.

Please put pictures on a CD. If you have no more than five pictures to share, you may e-mail them to me at golsen@redeemer-school.org. Please look through your pictures first and send only the best! God didn't bless me with the patience to look through 50 fuzzy dark shots for the one fabulous one!! Thank you!

COMPUTERS WANTED

If you or your company have iMacs, eMacs or any PowerMac G4 or later machines that are being retired, please consider donating them to Redeemer School. We are in constant need of both replacement machines and parts for our existing machines.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office or John Madden at jmadden@redeemer-school.org

THANK YOU!

**CHAPEL OFFERINGS
Teddy Bears!**

Thank you to all who brought Teddy Bears to chapel. Redeemer School collected 125 bears! The church and school together collected over 1,000 bears! Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our Mission Projects.

OPEN HOUSES

Wednesday, January 23 * 7:00-8:30 PM

Saturday, January 26 * 10:00 AM - Noon

We will be holding two open houses in January for prospective families and students. Please help us spread the word! Tell your friends and associates who are looking for a quality Christian education about Redeemer. As an added benefit, you'll receive a \$300 tuition credit for each new student who enrolls!

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

Mon, Dec 24 @ 5:00 PM Family-friendly service
Mon, Dec 24 @ 11:00 PM Service of carols & candles
Tues, Dec 25 @ 10:00 AM Christmas celebration

Redeemer Ministries

New Year's Eve Party at Laser Quest

You are invited to a New Year's Eve party that you will never forget!! Redeemer Ministries will have the entire Laser Quest Center for 6-7 hours to celebrate the start of 2008. You can play unlimited Laser Quest games!! Blast into the New Year!!

Where: Laser Quest
1400 N. Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA 94043
(650) 965-9800
When: Mon. Dec. 31, 2007
8:00 pm - 3:00 am
Cost: \$35.00

To attend, please contact Pam Fosnes @ 650-369-9630 by December 21 (pamfosnes@aol.com) - Checks to Redeemer. All ages are welcome. Students 5th grade and under require a chaperone of 18+ years.

At Laser Quest, everyone plays with a *code name* (up to 10 characters), so get those thinking caps on! Also, please wear comfortable/casual attire and soft soled shoes. Bring extra money for snacks.

CHEERLEADING 07-08

This year Miss Kinstler decided that one cheerleading squad just wasn't enough... so now we have TWO! Our JV squad is for girls in grades 3-5. Varsity cheerleading is open to girls in grades 6-8. Thank you Miss Kinstler for coaching both teams!

Varsity Squad

Emily Burns*	Nicole Haemmerling*
Christina Karrle	Megan Hawley*
Lauren Guidotti	Tessie Rhodes
Jordynn Lewman	Tori Ramirez
Katie Anderson*	Lisette Palafox*
Blair Lowndes*	McKenna Brown
Anika McGuire	Sarah Burrows

* returning members from 06-07

JV Squad

Delaney Brown	Gina Fazio
Caitlin Trainer	Diamond Pearson
Lexi Riccardi	Olivia Pellarin
Sarah Weller	Amanda Hawley
Mikaela Lewman	Juliet Steadman
Megan Smith	

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

Please continue collecting the **UPC symbol** from each soup label. There is a deposit box at the entrance to the Event Center and in the school office. If you would prefer to donate the entire label that is okay as long as the slit doesn't split the UPC symbol. Remember to also cut out your "Labels for Education" on General Mills products!

LIFE WITH GOD 101 LAUNCHES FEBRUARY 6

Receive a basic overview of Christian faith. Deepen your walk with God. Sign-up in the church office (366-5892) or via e-mail hdraeger@gmail.com.

Life with God 101 is designed to answer questions about life with the God Who made us, and then made us His own. Through Him, He keeps us growing and experiencing a life that is abundant. This class allows you opportunity to become acquainted with the vision and values of the Lutheran community facilitated by Pastor Hal. He will address a variety of topics and answer many of your common questions. The class also provides a basis for deciding if you want to become a member of Redeemer in a formal way. This semester-long class launches Ash Wednesday, February 6! It is held on every Wednesday evening, 8:00-9:15 pm through Lent and then from 7:00-8:30 for the rest of the class. It meets in the newly remodeled Conference Room 1 and *there is room for YOU!*

LADY BRAVES JV BASKETBALL

The girls recently completed another successful JV Basketball season. This is an instructional league in which the girls learn about the game of basketball, how to play defense, and some of the offensive skills they will need if they decide to play at a higher level. We started the season with an all-day tournament in Livermore in which the team did very well and took home the 2nd place trophy. The girls all worked hard to improve their skills and we had a season filled with exciting games.

Thank you to all the girls who participated for making this such a fun season for Mrs. Maier and me. Our returning players from last year were June Bowie, McKenna Brown, Sarah Burrows, Kaylee Kohlmaier, Emily Moffat and Lauren Wendland. The fifth graders who joined us for their first year of Redeemer Basketball were Mikaela Lewman, Katelyn McGrath, Taylor Madison, and Gaby Ruiz. We look forward to coaching these players in the future as they move on to play at the varsity level.

We would also like to thank all the parents for driving to the games and cheering the team on to a very successful season. We truly appreciate all the support that you give to the team and to the coaches.

GO LADY BRAVES!

Mrs. Lenahan and Mrs. Maier

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

The boys' JV season was full of many exciting games and showed great promise for the years to come. Both Mr. Mancini and myself were very proud of each player in how they modeled Christ while on the basketball court. Our biggest accomplishment of the season was the tournament at Our Savior Livermore, where our team played quite well and took home a 6th

place trophy. Way to go team! I look forward to watching these young men continue to improve on their skills as they prepare for being on the Varsity team in the future.

A BIG thank you to all the parents who were so supportive and helpful in driving to the away games and the tournament in Livermore. We couldn't have done it without you!

God's Blessings,
Mr. Doody
Mr. Mancini

ROUNDBALL VOLUNTEERS

Mark your calendars now for the weekend of March 8-9 when Redeemer hosts the annual Roundball Boys Basketball Tournament at Woodside High School. We will need **many** volunteers to make this weekend a success. You can help by volunteering to work the concession stand and/or be a door monitor at the gyms. Please call Linda Heywood if you'd like to help (365-3536) or e-mail her at schockheywood@aol.com.

Don't forget... 07-08 mandatory hours must be completed by May 1, 2008. Roundball is a great way to fulfill some of your hours... it's fun and it's a weekend activity for those of you who have a hard time fulfilling hours during the work week.

A TASTE OF TUSCANY PSC DINNER & AUCTION APRIL 12, 2008

We need your help! The auction is quickly approaching and we need your help now soliciting donations. Please contact Robin Foucrault at 216-6685 or rkfoucrault@co.sanmateo.ca.us to volunteer. We'll also need many helpers as we get closer to the auction date. Please contact Robin to sign up. Don't forget, mandatory hours are due May 1... this is a great opportunity to fulfill lots of hours!

REGISTRATION 2008-2009

Kindergarten registration begins January 7, 2008!

If you have a kindergartner for next year, please enroll as early as possible. Priority registration for kindergarten ends Feb. 14, 2008. Forms received after Feb. 14th will be placed on the waiting list. Your \$350 enrollment fee is also due with your form. 08-09 enrollment forms are available in the school office. We will schedule a screening appointment when your registration is submitted.

Priority registration for current Redeemer students will be February 1-29, 2008. Registration paperwork will be mailed home in January.

Beginning March 3, 2008, enrollment will be open to the public for all grades.

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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.



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