

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

Mar 2..... Lutheran Schools Week begins
8:30 & 10:00 AM All school sing @ RLC
Mar 3-7..... LSW Special Event/Dress days
(see flier for details)
Mar 7..... Roundball games @ Red Morton
Mar 7..... Roundball dance grades 6-8 7:00-9:30F
Mar 8-9..... Roundball games @ Woodside HS
Mar 10..... No School
Mar 11..... PSC Meeting 7PM
Mar 14..... Musical grades 5-6 7:00PM
Mar 15..... Musical encore 1:00PM
Mar 17-21. Holy Week
Mar 18..... Faculty Meeting 12:30 Dismissal
Mar 21..... Good Friday noon dismissal
(No afternoon Kidz Klub)
Mar 24-28 Easter holidays No School

Apr 4..... End of 3rd Quarter 12:30 dismissal
Apr 4..... Grandparents Day 10:30-12:30

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

Redeemer Lutheran School - Creating The Future One Child At A Time!

One of my favorite individuals in the Bible is Paul. He always spoke with great joy for his Lord and was always so positive about situations in his life. I was recently reading Paul's letter to the Thessalonians and was so impressed by the prayer of thanksgiving he wrote. After reading the prayer, I thought, "That's what I would like to say to the parents and teachers at Redeemer." So allow me to use Paul's words and personalize them a bit. "I always thank God for all of you as I remember you in my prayers. In the presence of our God and Father, I never forget that your faith is active, your love is working hard, and your confidence in our Lord Jesus Christ is enduring. Brothers and sisters, I never forget this because I know that God loves you and has chosen you." Thank you, to each of you, for your continued support and love to our ministry.

As we begin the start of the fourth quarter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to Redeemer. I am in awe of the gifts our great God blesses us with each day. Our enrollment continues to grow, some classes are at capacity for next year, and our parents continue to refer new families to us daily. PRAISE GOD! This is such an exciting time on our campus and all of you are

the reason we continue to be "A Beacon of Light" to the community! All I can say is **THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!**

It's That Time Again!

Can you believe it? There are only three months left in our school year. This year has sure flown by and it is time again for reenrolling. As you read this report we have waiting lists in K-3 and other grades are filling up. Please don't wait till later to sign-up! On March 3rd enrollment opens to the public. We will fill any seats that have not been reserved by current students. I am in awe how our great God continues to bless this ministry with wonderful students, parents, and staff. We were thrilled to have over 30 families register for Kindergarten in the fall. PRAISE GOD!

eScrip

Thanks to our growing eScrip membership, contributions to Redeemer are better than ever. We currently have 166 members that have helped Redeemer raise \$2,400 this school year. Money earned by eScrip is funding the new library management system! If you haven't signed up yet for this hassle-free way to donate money to our school, please see below for easy instructions. Please remember to update your Safeway card and any credit or debit cards that may have expired.

Sign Up Online

Go to www.escrip.com

Click on "sign up"

Follow the instructions (our group ID# is 137104928)

LENT WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT REDEEMER

Wednesdays, March 5 & March 12
6:00 Soup Supper \$3/donation
7:00 Worship

Thursday, March 20 -- Maundy Thursday
7:30 PM Worship

Friday, March 21 -- Good Friday
12:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 23 -- Easter
He is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
8:30 AM & 10:00 AM Worship

Please join us for the 5th & 6th grade musical production of

“TWINDERELLA”

(The story of Cinderella's twin brother)
Friday, March 14 @ 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 15 @ 1:00 PM



HOLY WEEK March 17-21

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:** 7th grade will lead chapel and 3rd grade will sing.
- ◊ **Tuesday:** 6th grade will lead chapel and 2nd grade will sing.
- ◊ **Wednesday:** 5th grade will lead chapel and 1st grade will sing.
- ◊ **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 regular Matzoh/each
- ◊ **2nd 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.)
- ◊ **3rd graders** -- paper products (Mrs. Flick will send home a memo with specific assignments)
- ◊ **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 nonperishable items to your classroom by Tuesday, March 18. Daikon, parsley and Charoseth should be brought in first thing (no later than 8:30) on Thursday morning, March 21.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Our Grandparents Day celebration will begin with a special chapel featuring presentations by each class starting at 10:30 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. No RSVP is necessary. The students will be bringing home invitations in March.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

March 2-8

The most anticipated week of the school year is quickly approaching -- *Lutheran Schools Week!* Each day during this week we will have special dress days organized by the Student Council. Be on the lookout for an email and a flier detailing the week!

Please plan to attend Redeemer worship services on Sunday, March 2nd, as all students are encouraged to join in our all-school choir. We will be singing at both 8:30 and 10:00 AM services.

We will be hosting our annual Roundball (basketball) Festival on March 7-9. March 7th games will be at the Red Morton Rec Center Gym on Roosevelt Avenue. All Saturday and Sunday games and the Cheerleading competition will take place at Woodside High School. Please come out and cheer on our Braves and our cheerleading squad. Game times will be distributed once the schedule is made. Be on the lookout for email updates.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! The PSC is a major contributor to the success of our Roundball Festival. The PSC is looking for many volunteers to help run the concessions stand and be door monitors at the entrance to the Woodside High gyms. Volunteers are needed on Saturday and Sunday, March 8th and 9th, to sign-up for a shift (or two). This is a fun way to meet other school parents and a great way to fill your mandatory hours. Please contact Linda Heywood to sign-up. There is also a "Sign-up" sheet posted by the Snack Shoppe. Thank you for volunteering!!

WHOOPING COUGH

Please be aware that one of our kindergarten students was exposed to whooping cough. The RLS student does not have whooping cough, but apparently you can be a carrier after being exposed without actually having any symptoms.

HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for parent volunteers to help watch the students play on the playground during their lunch recess. We need helpers every day (except Wednesday) from 12:00-12:45 to help with the K-2 and 3-5 recess times. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer one day/week. Thank you!

FINANCIAL AID

The BASIC Fund is a privately funded organization that gives scholarships to students attending private schools. Aid is based on income and awarded on a lottery basis. Applications for the 07-08 school year are due April 15th. Applications are available in the school office or are available to download on their website. For more information on the The BASIC Fund, please visit www.basicfund.org.

Redeemer Lutheran School also offers financial aid. Amount of aid granted is based on income. Applications for the 08-09 school year are due in to the school office by May 1st. This year we are using an outside program called TADS (Tuition Aid Data Services) to determine scholarship eligibility. The application process is fair and confidential. TADS applications are available from the school office, or you may apply online at <http://www.tuitionaid.com/>. Cost to apply is \$29.00. If you plan to apply online, stop by the office and pick up a "School Directions" information sheet.

Please note that you must reapply every year for financial aid. Grants are awarded on an annual basis and are not guaranteed for future years. If you have any questions at all, please contact Mr. Mancini.

2008-2009 ENROLLMENT

The month of February was set aside for priority registration for returning Redeemer students. Effective Monday, March 3, enrollment is open to the public. We have waiting lists for 08-09 1st and 3rd grades. If you currently have a kindergartner or 2nd grader, it is imperative that you turn in your application and \$300 registration fee immediately. Effective Monday, any open spots will be filled from the waiting list.

Remember, enrollment fees increase after March 14th. Enrollment fee for returning students is currently \$300. Effective March 15, 2008, your enrollment fee is \$350/child. If you have two or more students, you must pay your first child's enrollment fee before March 14th to qualify for the lower rate for all students. Please turn in enrollment forms for all of your children as quickly as possible. You may pay for second and subsequent registration fees in 30 day increments.

If you've misplaced your application, forms are available in the school office or you can download one from the internet at www.redeemer-school.org. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE RETURNING IN 08-09, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP AND LET US KNOW. This helps us greatly in our planning and budgeting process.

SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our second quarter Honor Roll recipients. Honor Roll is awarded each quarter to students in grades 3-8 who earn at least a 3.5-3.99 GPA. Principal's Honor Roll is awarded to students with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Kudos to all for your hard work this quarter!

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 4.0 GPA

	<u>3rd grade</u>
Delaney Brown	Caitlin Trainer
	<u>7th grade</u>
Olivia Gambelin	Megan Hawley
	<u>8th grade</u>
Shanna Cooley	Sara Dumanske
Michael Harper	Ben Justice

HONOR ROLL 3.5-3.99 GPA

	<u>3rd Grade</u>
Justin Abdel Shahid	Hailey Cole
Cristian Palafox	Nicholas Patapoff
	<u>4th Grade</u>
Jakob Baumann	Giulio Gambelin
Amanda Hawley	Diamond Pearson
Olivia Pellarin	Katey Zimmer
	<u>5th Grade</u>
Jenny Abdel Shahid	Reilly Cole
Caitlin Johnson	Monica Krantz
Mikaela Lewman	Taylor Madsen
Nina Pent	Sabrina Proctor
Gaby Ruiz	Cooper Obianwu
	<u>6th Grade</u>
Sarah Burrows	Kaylee Kohlmaier
Anika McGuire	Emily Moffat
	<u>7th Grade</u>
Katie Anderson	Jordynn Lewman
Domonique Pearson	Jordan Robinson
Ryan Smith	
	<u>8th Grade</u>
Nicole Haemmerling	Chris Moffat
Peter Simon	David Spain

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.

