

# 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

May 26	No School - Memorial Day holiday
May 28	Academic Awards 7PM
May 29	Chapel 8:45AM
May 30	Kindergarten Graduation 9:00AM
May 30	Grade 6-8 finals
May 31	Family Fun Day @ Huddart Park
June 2	Grade 6-8 finals
June 3	8th grade Banquet 6:30PM
June 4	Field Trip Day
June 6	Last Day of School 11:00 AM dismissal
June 6	4th quarter Honor Roll at Chapel
June 6	8th grade Graduation 7:30PM

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER MR. MANCINI

Another GREAT year is so true! I can't believe how fast this year went by. It seems as though we were having our first chapel last week. So much has taken place over the past nine months. Every one of our emotions was tested and once again when we rely on an awesome God, He carries us through ALL things! We had three teachers become moms for the first time -- congratulations Mrs. Madigan, Mrs. Madden and Mrs. Maier! Our hearts and prayers went out to Mrs. Davis, as little Leah Faith was stillborn at 6 months. Mrs. Davis has been a great reflection of our Savior's love during this time. I had the opportunity and pleasure of returning back into the classroom full time while Mrs. Maier was on maternity leave. This was sure a wonderful experience for me as I had the chance to get to know each of the students a little better.

As I have mentioned many times before, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to Redeemer Lutheran School! I am in awe of the gifts our great God blesses us with each day. Our enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year continues to grow. Four classes are at capacity 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!!**

## GRADUATION 2008!

Can you believe we are two weeks away from the end of our school year! Our 18 eighth grade students are preparing for their graduation night. These young men

and women have been a part of Redeemer Lutheran School from as little as one year to as many as nine. They will now begin a new journey in their lives. We are so proud of their accomplishments and look forward to hearing great things about each of them in the years to come. We are very proud to announce that we have chosen two Valedictorians for the 2007-2008 school year. They are Ben Justice, who will be attending The Kings Academy and Sara Dumanske, who will be attending Carlmont High School next fall. Congratulations and God's richest blessings go out to both of them for their shining example of God's love in all they do in their daily lives and for all their hard work, commitment and dedication to Redeemer Lutheran School and Church.

## PASS IT ON

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is in full swing. Feel free to pass on the information to family members, friends, and neighbors. Pass on the school phone number to anyone who might be interested in a Christian education (650)366-3466. Pass on the school's website to anyone who needs information about Redeemer School [www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org).

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. We are very blessed to have congregation members and parents such as you and we look forward to giving our children not only a quality education, but also the Christian values and morals that will allow them to succeed in a forever changing society.

As we enter our 52nd year of educational ministry in Redwood City, we thank our great God that He has allowed us to touch the lives of many families and has helped us produce fine Christian students. We are very proud of all our graduates in what they have become and are becoming. We all continue to take great pride in preparing each student for the ever-changing society they will face and give them the tools they will need to be successful Christian men and women in the years to come.

It will be great to welcome back all of you who will be returning for another year at Redeemer. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the mission and vision of our ministry. It will also be a thrill to welcome our new families into our school community next year. They too will have a chance to experience our caring community. We have an awesome God who continues to bless us to overflowing. We pray for His continued presence among us during this summer vacation and look forward to a very fruitful year to

come. Have a restful and blessed summer vacation.

In His Service!

### CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2008

Congratulations to our graduates. Please join us on Friday, June 6, in the Sanctuary for commencement exercises beginning at 7:30 PM.

Special congratulations to our co-valedictorians **Sara Dumanske & Ben Justice.**

#### Class of 2008

Damion Arends	Darien Arends
Scott Brownlee	Emily Burns
Janae Campbell	Shanna Cooley
Sara Dumanske	Alyssa Flores
Nicole Haemmerling	Michael Harper
Ben Justice	Christina Karrle
Morgan LaCasse	Chris Moffat
Adrian Palafox	Annie Perry
Peter Simon	David Spain

### 2007-2008 SPORTS AWARDS

Our annual varsity sports awards banquet was held on May 21. Special congratulations to our athletes who were honored with recognition awards:

#### BRAVES VOLLEYBALL

Most Valuable Player..... Ben Justice  
 Most Improved Players..... Adrian Palafox,  
 Ryan Smith

#### LADY BRAVES VOLLEYBALL

Most Valuable Player..... Lauren Guidotti  
 Most Inspirational Player..... Tessie Rhodes  
 Most Improved Player..... Jordan Robinson

#### BRAVES BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player..... Ben Justice  
 Most Inspirational Player..... Peter Simon  
 Most Improved Players..... Colby Campbell,  
 Jacob Weller

#### LADY BRAVES BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Player..... Courtney Lucas,  
 Tessie Rhodes  
 Most Inspirational Player..... Alyssa Flores  
 Most Improved Player..... Tori Ramirez

Thank you to all of our coaches for their dedication throughout the year:

Lady Braves Volleyball.....Miss Kinstler  
 Braves Volleyball.....Mr. Doody  
 Lady Braves Basketball.. Mrs. Lenahan & Mrs. Maier  
 Braves Basketball..... Mr. Mancini, Mr. Doody,  
 & Mr. Spain  
 Cheerleading.....Miss Kinstler

Many thanks to the parents and fans for their support and encouragement throughout the year. Thank you to the PSC for the fabulous new basketball uniforms and for sponsoring the awards banquet.

### HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our third quarter Honor Roll recipients. Honor Roll was awarded in chapel on April 11 and is given quarterly to students in grades 3-8.

#### PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

##### 4.0 GPA

8th grade - Shanna Cooley  
 7th grade - Olivia Gambelin & Megan Hawley  
 6th grade - Kaylee Kohlmaier  
 5th grade - Caitlin Johnson, Taylor Madsen  
 & Sabrina Proctor  
 4th grade - Jakob Baumann  
 3rd grade - Delaney Brown & Caitlin Trainer

##### HONOR ROLL

##### 3.5-3.99 GPA

##### 8th Grade

Sara Dumanske	Michael Harper
Ben Justice	Chris Moffat
Peter Simon	David Spain

##### 7th Grade

Katie Anderson	Jordynn Lewman
Courtney Lucas	Domonique Pearson
Jordan Robinson	Ryan Smith

##### 6th Grade

Sarah Burrows	Anika McGuire
Emily Moffat	

##### 5th Grade

Jennifer Abdel Shahid	Monica Krantz
Mikaela Lewman	Nina Pent
Cooper Obianwu	

##### 4th Grade

Giulio Gambelin	Amanda Hawley
Diamond Pearson	Olivia Pellarin
Katey Zimmer	

##### 3rd Grade

Alexander Patapoff	Nicholas Patapoff
Aidan Stevens	

### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Dear PSC - Thank you so much for the lovely Teacher Appreciation Week. We enjoyed daily morning treats and two yummy lunches. Thank you to everyone who brought in lunches, decorated doors, provided yummy goodies, flowers, and special encouragement throughout the week.

All of the staff members of Redeemer Church and School sincerely appreciate YOU and all of the work you do in support of the school.

## **PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE**

I know there are only two weeks left of school... but the following are a few important reminders:

1. Please do not block the driveway to the parking lot entrance. If the gates are not open when you arrive, please find a parking place. Do not block Harrison Street!
2. When dropping off your child, please park in a designated spot. If you would like to drop off quickly without parking, please pull over in front of the school building, clear of the driving lane, and drop your child off quickly. Please, no loitering and chatting if you're doing the drop and go!
3. When picking up your child, please park in a designated spot.
4. Please observe safe driving practices at all times in the parking lot -- no speeding, watch for children, hang up the cell phone and pay attention!
5. The parking lot is **CLOSED TO CARS** at 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM and again from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM. Please do not leave your car in the lot during these times when the students use the lot as a playground. Please don't make Mrs. Gordon feel guilty or uncomfortable when she asks you to move your car so that the kids can play outside on a beautiful spring day!

Thank you for your cooperation!!!

## **CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION**

Please save the labels from Campbell's soups and related products. Please be sure when you remove the label that the UPC Code is intact. The UPC code is all that needs to be turned in. There is a collection box in the school office. Labels are donated to the Lutheran Navajo Mission in New Mexico.

## **BIG G BOXTOPS**

Please save your Boxtops for Education. There are collection boxes located in all of the classrooms and in the school office. Redeemer earns \$.10/label and is collecting the Box Tops to purchase new playground equipment. Thank you for your support.

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Friday, June 6**

**Dismissal at 11:00 AM**

*\*\*FYI - Mrs. Olsen will be out of the office on June 6 attending her daughter's graduation from Woodside High School. Mrs. Lenahan will be out of the classroom on June 6 attending her son's graduation from Sequoia High School.*

## **YEARBOOKS**

As I type this, I still have a very small quantity of yearbooks available for purchase at \$13.00/each. This year's book is a 44 page full-color book. Please bring in exact cash or check payable to RLS.

When all of my in-stock books are sold out, I have the option of placing an additional order with the yearbook publishing company (they have an additional 21 books at the factory). Cost for these books will be **\$18.00/each** (includes cost for mailing the books to RLS and then RLS to you). An order for these books will be placed on June 9th and books will be received in approximately 2 weeks.

## **FAMILY FUN DAY**

**Huddart Park**

**1100 Kings Mountain Road,**

**Woodside 94062**

**(Werder Shelter)**

**Saturday, May 31, 2008**

**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Last names A-L bring SALAD to share

Last names M-Z bring DESSERT to share

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers & Drinks provided by PSC.

We'll have games for the entire family. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, squirt guns, frisbees, footballs, volleyball, whiffle bat & balls, whatever!

## **TUITION**

Just a few reminders... if you use the SMART Tuition payment plan, your last payment for this year will be taken out in May. Next year's payments will begin in August. Your tuition payment method will remain the same for 08-09 as it was in 07-08 unless you tell me otherwise (e.g., if you paid in full this year, I will assume you will do the same next year). If you need to change the bank account that your payments are withdrawn from, please contact SMART directly. Please remember that if you are paying in full, your check must be received in the school office by August 1, 2008. You may deduct \$200/child.

Tuition rates for 08-09:

Redeemer Church Members:

1st child	\$5990/annual
2nd child	\$5400/annual
3rd child	\$5130/annual
4th child	free!

Non-Redeemer Church Members:

1st child	\$6660/annual
2nd child	\$6000/annual
3rd child	\$5700/annual
4th child	free!

## REDEEMER SUMMER CAMPS

### June and July

- Students entering grades 1-4 have the opportunity to attend Science and/or Clay/Art Camp
- Students entering grades 5-8 have the opportunity to attend Music/Drama, Technology and/or Basketball Camps

All camps still have openings. Registration forms are available in the school office. Please see the enclosed flier for camp details and dates.

## SUMMER READING

Students in grades 4-8 have **REQUIRED** summer reading. Please be sure to pick up your book early and have your child read it before school begins in August. Students, especially those in Junior High, who have not read their required book will be at a significant disadvantage as many first quarter literature assignments are based on the book. Thank you for your support!

### 2008-2009 SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

#### Students Entering 4th grade:

- Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

#### Students Entering 5th grade:

- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

#### Students Entering 6th grade:

- The Cay by Theodore Taylor

#### Students Entering 7th grade:

- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

#### Students Entering 8th grade:

- Tangerine by Edward Bloor

## RLSNEWS YAHOO! E-MAIL GROUP

Not part of the e-mail group? Want to be? Send an e-mail request to [golsen@redeemer-school.org](mailto:golsen@redeemer-school.org) and I'll send you an "invitation" to join the group. It's easy! Don't miss out on another important reminder!! Remember to let me know if you change your e-mail address!

***For those families who are leaving Redeemer, if you no longer wish to receive Redeemer group e-mails, follow the instructions included in every e-mail on how to remove yourself from the mailing list. You don't have to wait for me to remove your name!***

## SMOKE SIGNALS

This is the final 07-08 edition of Smoke Signals. Look for your summer edition in late July.

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE

- **Academic Awards** will be held Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00 PM in the church with refreshments to follow in Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we honor students in grades 3-8 who have excelled in their studies this year. The Hand Bell Choir and the Singing Angels will perform. "ICE" (Imitating Christ's Example) recognition awards will also be given to students from grades K-8.
- The **Kindergarten** class will graduate one week earlier than the 8th graders. The Kindergarten graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, May 30 in Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 AM. The kindergartners will still be back at school the following week for field trips and fun!
- Because of the Kindergarten graduation, **chapel** will be held on THURSDAY, May 29.
- The **8th Grade Graduation** Ceremony will begin at 7:30 PM in church on Friday, June 6. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, relaxing, exhilarating, and fun summer vacation.

**The first day of school for 08-09 is  
Wednesday, August 20, 2008!**

## 2008-2009 REGISTRATION

If your child will be attending Redeemer in 08-09 and you haven't yet registered, please do so ASAP. Enrollment forms are available in the school office or you can download one from the website ([www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org)). Go to "about us" then "documents for current students" and click on "enrollment form." Please include the \$350 enrollment fee.

***If your child will not be attending Redeemer in the Fall, please call me in the school office (366-3466 ext. 10) and let me know.*** Please don't assume that I've "heard it through the grapevine" (that's not always a very accurate means of sending important information!).

## MEDICATIONS

Please pick up any prescription or over-the-counter medications (including inhalers) kept in the school office prior to the end of school. All unclaimed medications will be tossed on June 16th. Thank you!

## LOST & FOUND

All contents of the Lost & Found can will be donated to appropriate organizations on Monday, June 16th. Please check for misplaced items prior to the last day of school. Thank you!

## DENNIS UNIFORM

We've added a couple of new items for next year:

- Girl's polo shirt (a little more feminine and fitted style)
- Mock turtleneck

Be sure to order your jackets early so that they're available when the weather turns cold. Dennis Uniform has a complete list of all of Redeemer's uniform pieces in the store, or you can shop online at [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com) and enter school code M3HRED.

**Dennis Uniform offers 10% off of all in-store purchases during the month of June.**

Redeemer also has a special Customer Appreciation Event on Thursday, July 17 from 10:00AM-6:00 PM at Dennis in Redwood City. Receive 10% off all in-store purchases during these hours.

Our "experienced uniforms" are located on campus in the old "Ball Room" off the parking lot. More information will follow regarding sales of experienced uniforms. Contact Pamela Estes to arrange a shopping trip or to drop-off donations. Please bring in CLEAN USEABLE uniforms only. **Please do not donate dirty, torn, or otherwise unwearable items.** Thank you.

## GRADES 6-8 FINALS

**Friday, May 30 & Monday, June 2**

Please don't schedule appointments during these days. Please make sure your child is on time for school and ready to go! Just a reminder, school starts at **8:30AM.**

## REPORT CARDS IOWA TEST RESULTS

Report Cards and Standardized Test results will be sent home with your child on the last day of school. Please be sure to look for them in your child's final Friday Folder. (Report cards and test results will be held in the office if you have any outstanding bills, including tuition, extended care, mandatory hours, lost books, lost uniforms, etc.)

## TRACK SHIRTS

Please bring in your LAUNDERED track shirts ASAP! Cost for replacement of lost or damaged shirts is \$25. Shirts must be returned (or paid for) prior to end of year activities or your child will not be allowed to participate. Thank you!!

Track Meet ribbons will be awarded in chapel when they are received from Prince of Peace School. Look for a group e-mail with the chapel date (ribbons are usually awarded the last day of school).

## AVIATION DAY CAMP

Aviation Day Camps are week-long experiences designed for campers entering Grades 1-6 in Fall 2008. Camps meet 9:00AM - 4:00PM (or half day 9:00-noon) at the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. Each camp topic features exciting aviation encounters and hands-on projects. Enroll your child for one, two or three weeks of educational aerospace fun and adventure.

Camps include:

- ◊ Air & Space (build and launch model rockets)
- ◊ Flying Wright (explore a century of aviation)
- ◊ Physics Flyers (investigate the four forces of flight)

Pick up a flier in the school office or call 650-654-0200 for more information.

## SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT "COLLEGE FOR KIDS"

"College for Kids" is a 3 week afternoon program offered on all three SM County junior college campuses for youth entering 5th - 9th grades. This is a summer academic enrichment program that offers a wide variety of courses in math, writing, science, art, drama, sports, and more. There are no grades and no homework. Fliers are available in the school office or call 650-574-6149 for more information.

## ST. PIUS CHURCH FESTIVAL OF FUN!

1100 Woodside Road, RC

Friday May 30 -- 6:00PM - 10:00PM

Saturday May 31 -- 1:00PM - 10:00PM

Sunday, June 1 -- 1:00PM - 8:00PM

Fun for the entire family. Enjoy professionally run rides or test your luck at numerous activities. Great food is available!

## REDEEMER REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

Available for purchase at the Snack Shop or School Office. Only \$5.00/each. Be environmentally conscious... don't buy the individual plastic bottled water. Fill up a reusable bottle instead. Share your faith by proudly using your bottle when you walk, bike, or exercise. Come thirsty... leave refreshed in the Lord!

## HOUSING NEEDED FOR NEW PASTOR

Eric, Redeemer's new intern (Outreach Pastor) and his wife Katy are seeking housing in our area beginning in early June. If you have or know of a 2-bedroom house, apartment, townhouse, condominium or other living arrangements, please get in contact with Pastor Draeger, 366-5892 x20.

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### 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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