

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

Oct 25.....End of 1st Quarter - 12:30 Dismissal
Oct 26.....P/T Conferences - NO SCHOOL
Oct 29-31....4th grade to Coloma
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Nov 3.....7th/8th grade to Washington DC

Nov 3.....Flea Market at Redeemer
Nov 5-13....Book Fair
Nov 9.....Honor Roll awards @ Chapel
Nov 12..... Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
Nov 13..... Picture retakes @ 8:30 AM
Nov 13..... PSC Meeting 7:00 PM
Nov 19-23.. Educators Conference & Thanksgiving
 holiday - NO SCHOOL
Nov 27..... Faculty Meeting 12:30 Dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Mr. Mike Mancini

Wow! First Quarter is Over! Can you believe that we are already done with the first quarter! Time flies when you're having fun! I hope each of you feels this way about your experience at Redeemer. As the first quarter comes to a close I can truly say this has been a very special quarter. I say a big thank you to all the kids and staff for their excitement and a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined our extended family! You are all very special and I thank God daily for giving me the opportunity to be your principal.

As you set up times to meet with your child's teachers, please remember to be joyful in all circumstances. Much more can be accomplished when we all listen and work together as a team! Your children mean the world to us and we all want to see them be successful in and out of the classroom. Let's make it each of our goals to work together to create a positive learning environment

Well Worth Reading: A few years ago I came across a great book by The Rev. Charles Mueller, a Lutheran pastor, who has written two books [Then Comes the Baby in the Baby Carriage](#) and [School-Dazed Parents](#). These books have been very beneficial to parents and teachers alike. They are each filled with tips from effective parents across the country. Here are some awesome tips from [School Dazed Parents](#).

1. Take an interest in things that seem to interest

your children. Watch for opportunities to help them develop these special interests. All children need a hobby.

2. Students who set reasonably high goals will achieve a reasonably high sense of success. Student who set low goals will experience feelings of low success.
3. Don't expect your child to be happy all the time. All people go through disappointments, deal with rejection, and face problems as they grow. Assure your child that the matter at hand can be faced. Be ready to help with advice and assistance, but do not make their problems your own.
4. Sometimes it is better to overlook a minor problem in order to make sure it doesn't get confused with a major one. All problems are not alike.

Washington, D.C. Here We Come.... Again! The anticipation is upon us as the students in the seventh and eighth grades, parents and staff prepare for their incredible journey to our nation's capital. This will be our fifth trip to Washington, D.C. Every other year we take the junior high students to D.C. to experience the great history of our country and to learn how influential God was in our nation's development. We will have the great opportunity to visit all the wonderful monuments, homes, memorials, battlefields, the Smithsonians and even take in a dinner/theater show seeing the performance of "*South Pacific*". This will be our first "fall" trip. The colors should be spectacular and the weather nice and brisk. We leave this Monday, October 29th and return on Saturday November 3rd.

Thoughts for Halloween Night:

1. Check all Candy.
2. NEVER walk alone.
3. Be a positive role model at all times
4. Be very considerate of others

You are all very special to our community and we thank our great God each day for your love and commitment to Redeemer Lutheran School



FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES!

Due to insurance coverage and liabilities for Redeemer Ministries, we can no longer allow siblings (children who are not enrolled at Redeemer Lutheran School) to attend field trips. If you choose to be a chaperone for any class or off campus event you must be over 25 years of age and approved through the school office. All children must be in school to attend any off campus event. Any other circumstances must be cleared by the Principal. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Mancini. We thank you for your support and understanding.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2007-2008

Congratulations to our Student Council election winners for the 07-08 school year. Elections were held on Friday, October 12th following chapel.

- ◊ President: Ben Justice
- ◊ Vice President: Chris Moffat
- ◊ Treasurer: Sara Dumanske
- ◊ Secretary: Tori Ramirez
- ◊ Activities Director: Emily Burns
- ◊ Class Representatives:
- ◊ 7th - Lauren Guidotti
- ◊ 6th - Jacob Weller
- ◊ 5th - Taylor Madsen
- ◊ 4th - Jakob Baumann

Thank you to Mr. Mancini and Mr. Behrens who have volunteered to be this year's Student Council advisors.

ATTENTION MUSIC LOVERS

Start off the 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 provided for your information only. It is not necessarily a recommendation by RLS and the teacher has no connection to RLS.)

PICTURE RETAKES Tuesday, November 13

If your child was absent on picture day or if you are unhappy with your photos, picture retakes are on November 13th and will begin at 8:30 AM. Students must wear their school uniforms. If you are unhappy with your photos, please bring in the entire package and have your child give it to the photographer. If you forgot to purchase pictures on the original picture day or if your child was absent, order forms will be available in the school office about a week before retake day. All students will be receiving "student body cards" as part of the photo package.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

The Redeemer student body continues to grow! We have added a total of eight new students since the school directory was published and now have 161 students enrolled in grades K-8.

Last month we welcomed the **Obianwu** and **Setser** families. This month we have added three more families. Please add their information to your directory:

Abby & Ben Edwards - Kindergarten

Parents: Scott & Angela Edwards
2529 Carson Street, Redwood City 94061
568-9551
scotte@peninsulacovenant.com / sachome@prodigy.net

Breana Touchatt - Kindergarten

Parents: Buzz & Valerie Touchatt
(address unlisted by request)
701-0131
buzzval@sbcglobal.net

Hannah Solis - 1st grade

(information unlisted by request)

GREAT JOB!

I hope you were able to catch one of the 3rd/4th graders' productions of "The Jungle Book" last weekend. They did a great job!

DVDs of the performance may be purchased for \$10/each. Proceeds benefit the RLS Musicals Fund. Cash or check payable to RLS. (Please note that DVDs will not be burned until payment is received. Drop off your payment in the school office so you will receive your DVD as soon as it becomes available.)

Our next musical will feature our 7th & 8th graders and will take place on Friday, December 14th and Sunday, December 16th.

HONOR ROLL

First quarter Honor Roll recipients will be recognized following chapel on **Friday, November 9th**. Honor Roll is awarded to students in grades 3-8 who earn at least a 3.5 GPA for the quarter. Students who earn a perfect 4.0 GPA are awarded the "Principal's Honor Roll."

Flea Market Day

Saturday, November 3rd, 9am-1pm

Hosted by: Redeemer Lutheran Church and School
Located at: 468 Grand St., Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot

One man's trash is another man's treasure! Come by and find your treasure!!!

Support Redeemer School by Purchasing Scrip Gift Cards

Scrip are gift certificates issued by national and local retailers. When church members and Redeemer School families order Scrip gift certificates through the school Parent Services Committee (PSC), a percentage of your purchases are donated to the school. The PSC will take monthly Gift Card Scrip orders. The order is due on the same Tuesday as the PSC meetings. As a general rule, orders are available for pick-up within 7-10 days following the order deadline.

Certificates are available for grocery stores, clothing, toys, movie theaters, gasoline, and a lot more. Some of the new retailers that have been added to the order form are as follows: Lucky grocery store, Michael's Arts and Crafts, Kragen's Auto, Outback Steakhouse, P.F. Changs (Palo Alto), Subway, and Cold Stone Creamery.

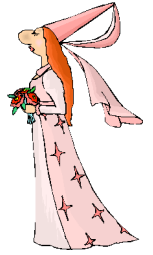
Also, don't forget to order Gift Card Scrip for December's Dining for Dollars event at Applebee's December 18th).

Finally, it's a great time to start ordering Gift Card Scrip for Christmas gifts!!

Forms are available at the school office. The next order deadline is Tuesday, November 13. Contact Pamela Estes at 780-9727 or pkestes@rcn.com.

COSTUME PARADE Wednesday, October 31 1:30 PM

Due to the overwhelming popularity of last year's costume parade, we will once again offer the students the opportunity to dress up in costume and parade around the playground before sharing treats in their classrooms.



A few rules for the day's events.

1. Students must wear their regular uniforms to school and may *bring a costume to school to change into at lunch time*. Please make sure your costume is appropriate and does not depict the occult, blood and guts, offensive or obscene characters.
2. Any student who does not want to wear a costume must wear his/her regular school uniform.
3. If your personal beliefs conflict with the costume parade or classroom party, you are welcome to check your child out in the school office at lunch. Please note that it will be a regular school day in the morning.
4. Parents are welcome to join us for the parade and stay for the party. Bring your cameras!



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.

