

# 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

Sep 24-28...6th grade to Outdoor Ed.  
Oct 3.....Back to School Night 7:00-8:00PM  
Oct 5.....Beach Day  
Oct 5.....Gift Wrap Fundraiser Over  
Oct 8.....Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL  
Oct 9.....PSC Meeting 7:00PM  
Oct 16..... Faculty Meeting - 12:30 DISMISSAL  
Oct 19..... 3rd/4th Musical 7:00PM  
Oct 20..... Open House for Prospective Families  
10:00AM-noon  
Oct 20..... Washington DC '09 Boutique  
Oct 21..... 3rd/4th Musical Encore 1:30PM  
Oct 24..... Free Dress Fundraiser \$5.00  
Oct 25..... End of 1st Quarter - 12:30 DISMISSAL  
Oct 26..... P/T Conferences - NO SCHOOL  
Oct 29-31... 4th grade to Coloma  
Oct 29-  
Nov 2..... 7th/8th grades to Washington DC

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

**Mr. Mike Mancini**

### ***A Great Start!***

What a great start to the new school year! We have been incredibly blessed from our great God with all the new faces here at Redeemer. We welcome all of you to our family. The attitude around the campus is incredibly positive. Once again everyone is smiling! It is such a great feeling to stand out in the parking lot every morning and greet parents. Everyone is filled with such energy and always has a smile and hello to offer. ***ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS... STAY POSITIVE!***

Can you believe that there are only four weeks left in the first quarter? Where did the time go? It is amazing how time flies when you're having fun! Before you know it we will be preparing for graduation.

### ***PROGRESS REPORTS:***

You will be receiving your child's mid-term progress report on Monday, September 24th (grades 3-8). Should you have any questions, please remember the protocol for meeting with teachers. Please do not try to discuss issues between 8:00 and 8:30am. Set a time with your child's teacher to discuss any questions you may have. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

### ***ADVISORY BOARD:***

The legal structure of Redeemer Lutheran Ministries is one legal entity, which is governed by a policy-based system of governance. The organizational chart of our Church is based on the following:

- The church congregation elects a nine-member board of directors of which four are part of the Executive Board. These are the President, VP, Treasure and Secretary.
- The congregation then votes on extending a divine/spiritual call to a Pastor. It is the Pastor's responsibility to be the leader or Shepherd of the ministry he is called to serve and also serves as an ex-officio to the Board of Directors and the Executive Board.
- The Senior Pastor reports directly to the board of directors.
- The School Principal reports directly to the Senior Pastor.
- The Principal is responsible for the day to day operation of the school and all functions under the auspice of the school
- The Principal has an advisory board that helps with school policies and reports to the principal the pulse of the school community.

The current Advisory Board is comprised of: Brian McCollum (as a church board member), Judi Weller (as the President of the PSC), Robin Fourcraut (as past-President of the PSC), and Ann Ponty, Pamela Estes, Karen Pavis and Charles Smith, as parents.

### ***Enforcement of the 2007-2008 Student Handbook:***

I have begun assigning detention to students who continually fail to follow the rules laid out in the Parent/Student Handbook. Most of the students have said they did not know of these rules yet they signed the back copy of the handbook with you and have returned it to the school office. Please go over pages 11-12 regarding the DRESS CODE and pages 16-17 regarding GENERAL INFORMATION. I will be monitoring the detention room when it is assigned to you child. Detention will run from 3:05pm to 4:05pm. Please make arrangements accordingly.

### ***Campus Safety:***

As you may have already noticed we have locked the doors entering from the playground/parking lot side of the school. These doors will be open from 8:15 to 8:30 then locked to keep people from entering without the proper approval. The glass doors on the east side of the

building (next to Kindergarten and Kidz Klub) will be open throughout the day. We are currently in the process of ordering emergency locks, which will be installed in each classroom so that doors can be locked quickly from the inside. Detective Rick Meure, who works in the Juvenile Division of the Redwood City Police Department, spoke to the staff about campus safety, and how to recognize signs of troubled students and visitors.

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES OF CHECKING INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE ENTERING THE SCHOOL BUILDING.**

**Our Vision and Mission:**

I would like to share with you a small paragraph from the book "They Call Me Coach" by John Wooden, that I feel embodies what our responsibilities are as teachers at Redeemer. I have reworded some of Coach Wooden's speech to fit how I see our mission at Redeemer.

***We who teach at Lutheran Schools have a great influence on the lives of all the young children who come under our supervision. The lives we lead, and teach them to lead, will play an important role in their future. It is essential that we regard this as a sacred trust and set the example we know is right. We must try to prevent the pressures of society and their peers from causing them to swerve from moral principles.***

Redeemer teachers have always made it a priority to teach Christian values and morals that would shape the lives of our students.

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

Our theme for the new school year of 2007/2008 is **Habakkuk 3:18**. *"I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior"*.

**REDEEMER SCHOOL WINS MAYOR'S BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**

Redeemer Lutheran School was awarded the 19th Annual Mayor's Beautification Award for Structural Remodel/Design. The award was given out at a reception in City Hall on September 10. Kudos go once again to the Building Committee chaired by John Madden Sr. and to the design architect, Jon Daseking.

**ATTENTION ALL 6-7-8 GRADERS!**

Junior High students (6-7-8 graders) are invited to join the newest set of catechism classes. **Learn more about God and grow in your faith.** Contact Pastor Hal 366-5892 x20 to get all the details.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
EARN MANDATORY HOURS!**

**HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

Volunteers are still needed to work hot lunch on the following dates:

- Friday, Sept. 21
- Wednesday, Oct. 3
- Friday, Oct. 19
- Monday, Oct. 29
- Wednesday, Oct. 31
- Friday, Nov. 9
- Wednesday, Nov. 28
- Friday, Nov. 30

Hours are 11:15-12:45. Please contact Susie Gilbert at [srmadsen@stanford.edu](mailto:srmadsen@stanford.edu) to sign up for a time slot.

**POWER WASHERS**

If you have your own power washer, we'd love to have you help out around the campus. The area outside Kidz Klub and the Snack Shack needs a good washing. So do the exterior stairs leading up to the staff lounge. Can you help us out? You set the hours! (*Thank you to Mr. Cooley who power washed all the lunch tables before school began.*)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3**

**7:00-8:00PM**

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT  
IN NEW SCHOOL BUILDING**

**Visit the classrooms, Meet the teachers,  
Share fellowship with other parents &  
enjoy refreshments.**

**Hope to see you there!**

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

8:30 AM - Band Led Contemporary Worship

**8:30 AM - Sunday30 (Sunday School)**

10:00 AM - Organ Led Contemporary Worship

**SUNDAY30 HELPERS NEEDED**

Sunday30 serves the needs of the 3 year-old through 5th grader during the early worship service (8:30am Sundays). There is a need for both adult and youth involvement in this Children's Team Ministry! Contact: Pamela Estes, 780-9727.

**CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS:**

Please continue collecting "Labels for Education" from Campbell's Soup and other products. Please drop off your labels in the school office. Please be sure the UPC code from the label is complete and unturned. Labels are given to the Lutheran Navajo Mission in Arizona.

## **"UNPLUG THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE"**

"Unplug the Christmas Machine" presentation in Adult Bible class on **Sunday, September 30** at 8:30am and 10:00am in Conference Room 1. This workshop will offer guidance toward a more Christ-centered Christmas with reduced stress of all the busyness. Participants will be challenged to unplug the Christmas machine, retain the meaningful rituals for your family, minimize the commercialism, and focus on the real meaning of Christmas for you.

## **GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER ENDS OCTOBER 5TH**

The PSC Fall Fundraiser ending date is Friday, October 5th. Please be sure to turn in your order form and payment by that date to the office or your child's teacher. 50% of all sales go to Redeemer. Checks should be made payable to PSC. Thank you for your support.

## **FAMILY DIRECTORY SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Your directory was sent home with your youngest child on Friday, September 7th 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.

THE FIRST CORRECTION: Mrs. Madden's e-mail is [nmadden@redeemer-school.org](mailto:nmadden@redeemer-school.org) (not geraghty!)

The directory contains much more than just addresses and phone numbers! Take a few minutes to look through it as it contains a school calendar including special events, extension numbers and e-mail addresses for teachers, class lists, and more!

Teacher home 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. If you have a homework question, try phoning a friend first! Thank you.

## **[www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org)**

The complete calendar, staff e-mail addresses and extensions, homework assignments, sporting event schedule, and most forms are also available on our website-- [www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org). Our webmaster has worked hard to make it a useful, friendly site, so please make it one of your "favorites" and visit often!

## **ROOM PARENTS**

The room parent list included in the directory is incomplete. Following is a more comprehensive list of room parents for 07-08:

- K: Stephanie McCollum
- 1st: Terra Coakley & Marsha Huggins
- 2nd: Heather Perry
- 3rd: Stephanie Fazio & Mallory Stevens
- 4th: Wendy Zimmer & Anne-Marie Gambelin
- 5th: Terrienne McGrath
- 6th: Susan Brown & Kathy Burrows
- 7th: Mimi Pearson
- 8th: (open)

## **NEW RLS FAMILIES**

Please welcome the Obianwu family and add them to your directory. **Cooper (5th grade) and Isabel (1st grade)** joined us on September 12th.

Parents: Emeka & Kati Obianwu  
2433 Oregon Avenue, RC 94061  
Phone: 512-658-9952 (they're from Texas)  
e-mail: [emeka.obianwu@troux.com](mailto:emeka.obianwu@troux.com)  
[kobianwu@earthlink.net](mailto:kobianwu@earthlink.net)

Also please welcome **Charlie (6th grade) and Shannie (1st grade) Setser** who joined RLS on September 20th.

Father: Robert Setser  
712 Bair Island Rd #202, RC 94063  
Phone: 242-2153  
e-mail: [robs@netequityassociates.com](mailto:robs@netequityassociates.com)

## **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!

## **BEACH DAY**

Redeemer's annual all-school field trip to the beach is Friday, October 5th. 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 1. 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 they may be downloaded from [www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org).

## VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball season is in full swing and the teams are doing great! Thank you to our fabulous coaches Miss Kinstler and Mr. Doody for volunteering to lead the teams!

### GIRLS TEAM:

Emily Burns	Sara Dumanske
Annie Perry	Olivia Gambelin
Lauren Guidotti	Megan Hawley
Courtney Lucas	Tessie Rhodes
Jordan Robinson	June Bowie
Kristina Lennon	

### BOYS TEAM:

Ben Justice	Adrian Palafox
Isaiah LaBelle	Ryan Smith
Sean Smith	Aaron Burns
Dakota Turiello	Jacob Weller

Come support our teams at their home games on the blacktop. Girls play at 3:30 and boys at 4:30. Mark your calendars: 9/27, 10/1, 10/4, 10/11.

## STUDENT LUNCHES

Please send prepared, ready-to-eat lunches only. **There are no microwave or cooking facilities available for students.** Be sure to send any necessary utensils.

Lunches and snacks should focus on nutritional items. Please keep sweets and sodas to a minimum. **Glass bottles and containers are not allowed on campus due to breakage.** Please do not send pull-top cans with younger students as sharp edges can cut fingers.

## NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

### OPEN HOUSE

for girls grades 6-8  
Sunday, October 21st

for more information, go to [www.ndhsb.org/admissions](http://www.ndhsb.org/admissions)

## SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Carlmont \* Woodside \* Sequoia \* Menlo Atherton  
**7th/8th GR. PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9  
7:00 PM

SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL  
Carrington Hall

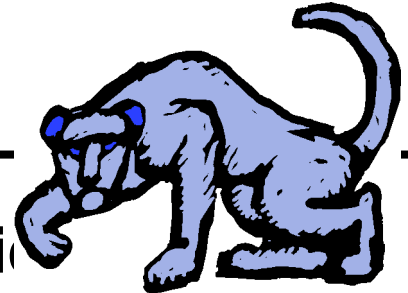
## REDEEMER OPEN HOUSE

### HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT REDEEMER!

We will be holding an Open House for prospective students and families on Saturday, October 20th from 10:00AM-Noon. Please help us publicize this event. Tell your friends and neighbors!

## STAFF PARKING LOT

Please note that the small parking lot on the north side of the school on Hudson Street is for **STAFF PARKING ONLY**. Please do not park in the lot between 7:00AM and 6:00PM on school days. Many times staff members leave for short errands during the day, only to return and have nowhere to park their car. If you will be on campus during the school day, please park on Harrison or Grand Street. Thank you for your cooperation.



3rd-4th Grade Music

# THE JUNGLE BOOK

Friday, October 19th @ 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 21 @ 1:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

