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I'm full of valuable information!!

SMOKE SIGNALS

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*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
Galatians 5:22-23*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 6-10..... Holy Week
Apr 9..... Seder Meal 9AM
Apr 10..... Noon Dismissal,
.....No afternoon child care!
Apr 13-17.... No School, Easter break
Apr 21..... 12:30 dismissal, Faculty Meeting
Apr 25..... Dinner, Bingo & Silent Auction 5:30P

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 our 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? The year is almost over and it's time to reenroll for next year. It has been a wonderful year to date! God has continued to bless this ministry with wonderful students, parents, and staff. We are

thrilled to have a full Kindergarten and First Grade for the fall. PRAISE GOD! We are receiving many inquiries for the other grades so please make sure you reenroll ASAP! If you have other plans, please contact me at your earliest convenience. I look forward to the future of Redeemer Lutheran School and I pray each of you will continue to let our ministry touch the lives of your children and your family.

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

Roundball Weekend!

Seventeen Teams from as far as Carson City, Nevada came to Redwood City to compete in our Roundball Tournament and Cheerleader Shootout. What a GREAT weekend this was for us to show everyone what RLS is really all about. Many families, coaches, players and principals wrote letters and spoke with the committee on how wonderful the experience was for their children and school. They are very touched by the Christian love shown to them from OUR families who were working the different areas. Thank you to all who contributed time, money and energy toward making this a great experience for all in attendance. Special thanks goes to Mrs. Olsen for all her hard work in creating the programs and dealing with ALL the administrative matters behind the scenes. To Linda and Jim Heywood and all their crew for, once again, setting up the concession stand and working all the many hours. To everyone who volunteered to help out, from selling food, to monitoring doors, and keeping score, we couldn't have done it without you! 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. Let's continue to create a spirit filled community on our campus! Get involved in activities and enjoy the fellowship with other parents!

WAY TO GO GIRL CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONS!
(THREE PEAT?)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS!

In our continued effort to green-up our campus, I will no longer be sending home paper fliers for all events. Some information will only be available via the Yahoo! e-mail group.

If you're not already signed up, please do so today! If you've changed your e-mail address and are no longer receiving RLSNEWS e-mails, please contact me.

Send me an e-mail at golsen@redeemer-school.org and I'll send you an e-mail invitation to join our group. It's simple!

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AWARDS GOODNESS

Congratulations to our February **Goodness** Award recipients:

- ◇ K - Chris Dodge
- ◇ 1st - Clairese Muckel
- ◇ 2nd - Hannah Solis
- ◇ 3rd - Logan Fisher
- ◇ 4th - Aidan Stevens
- ◇ 5th - Olivia Pellarin
- ◇ 6th - Cole Elpel
- ◇ 7th - Sarah Burrows
- ◇ 8th - Domonique Pearson

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AWARDS FAITHFULNESS

Congratulations to our March **Faithfulness** Award recipients:

- ◇ K - Ella Davis
- ◇ 1st - Karl Flick
- ◇ 2nd - Bret DuBois
- ◇ 3rd - Paul Garcia
- ◇ 4th - Matthew Ramirez
- ◇ 5th - Sarah Weller
- ◇ 6th - Taylor Madsen
- ◇ 7th - McKenna Brown
- ◇ 8th - Tori Ramirez

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BINGO!

Saturday, April 25th

Dinner: 5:30-7:30pm

Bingo 7:00-9:00pm

Silent Auction Friday & Saturday (4/24-25)

Spaghetti dinner \$5.00
Bingo \$20 for 10 games

Food, fun & fellowship...
Bring your family & friends!

Proceeds benefit the 2009 Washington DC trip.

SCIENCE FAIR

On February 27th we held our biennial Science Fair. I hope you had the opportunity to stop by and check out some of the terrific projects. Grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade each did a classroom project. The fourth graders each did an endangered species report that included some fabulous models. Students in grades 5-8 were each required to do an individual experiment and report.

All 5th-8th grade projects were judged by an independent panel of ten judges. Awards were given out in two divisions: 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade. Congratulations to our award winners:

BEST IN SHOW GRADES 7 & 8

- ◇ 1st Place - McKenna Brown, 7th grade
- ◇ 2nd Place - June Bowie, 7th grade
- ◇ 3rd Place - Emily Moffat, 7th grade

First Place Grades 7 & 8:

- ◇ McKenna Brown, 7th grade
- ◇ June Bowie, 7th grade
- ◇ Emily Moffat, 7th grade

Second Place Grades 7 & 8:

- ◇ Jacob Weller, 7th grade
- ◇ Sarah Burrows, 7th grade
- ◇ Megan Hawley, 8th grade
- ◇ Jordynn Lewman, 8th grade

Third Place Grades 7 & 8

- ◇ Anika McGuire, 7th grade
- ◇ Olivia Gambelin, 8th grade
- ◇ Courtney Lucas, 8th grade

BEST IN SHOW GRADES 5 & 6

- ◇ 1st Place - Taylor Madsen, 6th grade
- ◇ 2nd Place - Sarah Weller, 5th grade
- ◇ 3rd Place - Juliet Steadman, 6th grade

First Place Grades 5 & 6

- ◇ Sarah Weller, 5th grade
- ◇ Juliet Steadman, 6th grade
- ◇ Taylor Madsen, 6th grade

Second Place Grades 5 & 6

- ◇ Lexi Riccardi, 5th grade
- ◇ Diamond Pearson, 5th grade
- ◇ Mikaela Lewman, 6th grade
- ◇ Cole Elpel, 6th grade

Third Place Grades 5 & 6

- ◇ Audrey Miller, 5th grade
- ◇ Nick Chiamos, 6th grade
- ◇ Ethan Heywood, 6th grade
- ◇ Monica Krantz, 6th grade

HOLY WEEK

April 6-10

Each day during Holy Week we will have a special chapel at 8:40 AM. 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:** 5th grade will lead chapel and 1st grade will sing.
- ◊ **Tuesday:** 6th grade will lead chapel and 2nd grade will sing.
- ◊ **Wednesday:** 7th grade will lead chapel and 3rd 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 and bring a lunch.**
- ◊ **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 (Miss Kinstler 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, April 7. Daikon, parsley and Charoseth should be brought in to church kitchen (in Fellowship Hall) first thing (no later than 8:30) on Thursday morning, April 9.

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 09-10 school year are due April 17th. 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 09-10 school year are due online by May 1st. We are again using an outside program called TADS (Tuition Aid Data Services) to determine scholarship eligibility. The application process is fair and confidential. TADS worksheets and instructions are available in the school office.

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.

MANDATORY HOURS

Mandatory Hours for the 08-09 school year are due on May 1st. Please turn all of your hours worked in to the school office no later than May 5th. Hours will not be accepted after this date. Accounts not credited with the required hours by this deadline will be billed at \$20/hour for unfinished hours. Balance of billed hours must be paid no later than May 20th. Students with unfulfilled hours or unpaid balances will not be allowed to participate in end of school activities (including field trips and graduation) and final report cards will be held until payment is received.

All hours worked by parents, guardians, grandparents, other relatives and friends without children at Redeemer count! Hours may not be transferred from one school family to another.

Remember to keep track of all hours worked after May 1st. These hours will all count toward your 08-09 hours.

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.



FIRST GRADE'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Redeemer 1st grade class will be participating in a Community Service Project this spring benefiting a local organization called the Edgewood Center in San Carlos, and would like to request donations from Redeemer families. The Edgewood Center supports Foster Children and their families, and our kids will be committing to donate at least 10 backpacks filled with school supplies. Our children will learn about what a foster child is by listening to a reading of The Shoe Box by Francine Rivers, and we'll discuss how God wants us to help others especially those in need.

The list of NEW items we need are:

Backpacks
Crayons
Colored Markers
Ball point pens Black and Red
Highlighters
No. 2 Pencils and sharpeners
Erasers
Glue Sticks / Glue bottles
Kid scissors
Pocket Folders
Children's dictionaries
Scholastic children's books
Rulers / Geometry tools
Scotch Tape
1/2" - 1" 3 ring binders
Loose leaf paper
Spiral Paper Notebooks 8 1/2 x 11 size
Index cards
Art Paper Notebooks
Colored Construction Paper
Water color paints
Brushes
Pencil case or zippered bag
Combination Locks

If you would like to donate to this project, please place your contribution in the collection boxes in the Fellowship Hall between April 26th-May 10th. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie McCollum at stephanoli@yahoo.com or 364-1319.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE...

May 9 - Track Meet, Newark High School Fremont
May 15 - 7th/8th grade Musical 7PM
May 19 - 12:30 Dismissal, Faculty Meeting
May 25 - No School, Memorial Day
May 28 - Academic Awards 7PM
May 29 - Kindergarten Graduation 9AM
May 30 - Family Fun Day @ Huddart Park

June 2 - 8th grade Banquet
June 3 - Field Trip Day
June 5 - Last Day of School, 11AM dismissal
June 5 - 8th grade Graduation 7:30PM

August 24 - First Day of School 2009-2010

Join College for Kids - a summer academic enrichment program for kids in 4th through 8th grades

Enjoy the fun of summer camp with the educational benefits of a college setting. Participate in on-campus classes on computers, art, math, science, language arts multimedia and physical education. Check out our schedule of classes on our website at www.smccd.edu/collegeforkids and get ready for an awesome summer of fun learning!

- June 15 - July 2, 2009, Mon-Thurs 1:30 - 4:50 pm, Skyline College, San Bruno
- June 22 - July 9, 2009, Mon-Thurs 1:30 - 4:50 pm, Cañada College, Redwood City
- July 6 - 23, 2009, Mon-Thurs 1:30 - 4:50 pm, College of San Mateo, San Mateo

For more information, please call (650) 574-6149.

THEATRE NIGHT May 16, 2009 8:00 PM

You're invited to Theatre Night for a performance of "How to Succeed in Business" at the Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E. Hillsdale Blvd in Foster City.

Ticket prices:
Adults \$30, Teenagers \$25 (15-18), \$10 Youngsters (14 and under)

Order tickets by April 26 on Sundays between services or phone Barry Dixon (349-0255) or e-mail b.dixon@comcast.net.

All proceeds support Redeemer's scholarship fund.

MUSICALS DVDS

My apologies for the delay in completing the DVDs for the classroom musicals. The DVD for "Miracle at Midnight" is finished. I just need to print and burn copies. The DVD for "The Magic In Me" is in quality control (I need to finish watching the master DVD to make sure there are no glitches!). Both will be available shortly.

If you paid in advance, your copy will be sent home with your child. If you ordered a copy, but have not paid, your copy will not be burned until you pay. Please send \$10 cash or check payable to RLS. All proceeds benefit the RLS musicals fund.

DVDs of the 2009 Cheerleading Competition will also be completed soon! Copies are \$15/each and proceeds help out the cheerleaders with expenses.