



Newsletter - August 24, 2017
Your guide to your student's school activities

40th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, August 27, 11-3

Please join us on Sunday, August 27th as we kick off our 40th school year at Redeemer Christian Academy! This is an amazing opportunity for our church and school families to come together in celebration of God's ongoing faithfulness during our 40 years of Christian education. This celebration replaces our usual Back to School BBQ.

Schedule of Events

11:00 – 12:00	Outdoor church service in the lower lot
12:15	Ribbon cutting
12:00 – 2:00	Lunch, fellowship, activities & school supply drop off in classrooms, stop by the gym to sign up for activities & pay/sign any forms
1:30 – 2:00	Celebration program
2:00 – 3:00	Fellowship, activities, school supply, drop off in classrooms, stop by the gym to sign up for activities & pay/sign any forms

Due to the 40th celebration activities, the lower parking lot at Redeemer will not be accessible for parking on Sunday. If needed, overflow parking will be available at Wayzata Community Church's east and west lots.

All school families are strongly requested to stop in the gym:

- Turn in your race/ethnicity form, medical forms, and other forms
- Turn in your September lunch menu (attached) or pick one up – they're due next Wednesday (8/30)
- Sign up for piano with Dan Oie, violin with Miss Cindy, and instrument/band lessons with Mrs. Hendershot (our new band director)
- Visit Cathy Schrader at the PTL (Parent Teacher League) table to find opportunities for fellowship and serving
- Paula Lindberg will have spirit wear samples and ordering available - we have new athletic shirts, clothing, hat, and bag options
- Addie Isenberg will have ESC information
- Deb Wagner will have information about Wednesday night Faith and Family Nights and WINGS

Mon.-Thu., Aug. 28 – 31: No Hot Lunch Or Bus Available

Please pack a lunch for your child(ren) the first week of school, August 28-31. No hot lunch will be served. Milk will be available. The September lunch menu is attached for you to print. Please follow the directions on the left side to fill it out. Can't print it? Get a copy at the Celebration on Sunday. **Return it to the school lunch table in the gym at the 40th Anniversary Celebration or turn it in to your child's teacher by Wed., August 30 at the very latest.** You will be billed for hot lunch/milk after the end of the month. This is the way it will be handled until we have TADS up and running.

No bus service August 28-31.

Mon., Aug. 28: Grades K-8 Start, Special Opening Chapel for Our 40th Year of School

Monday, August 28 – Parents are invited:

8:30 **First Day of School Coffee and Kleenex (tears of joy? relief?) for parents in the cafeteria** Many parents stay to meet and greet each other after they've gotten their child settled into their classroom. **Service hour opportunity to help serve.** Contact Cathy Schrader at Cathy.Schrader@wolterskluwer.com to help.

9:00 – 9:30 **Praise and Celebration opening chapel for our 40th school year** open to all students and parents.

School Day Protocol

- 7:00 Before school care offered in the ESC room for those who arrange for this service beforehand by contacting Linda Wiebold at lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org. Enter at Door #1 (Church).
- 8:05 Each day a bell will ring to announce that you may enter the school through Door #2 (School). Help your kiddos off to a great start by escorting them to their room. Help take care of school supplies the first day, if not done previously. Those students in before-school care will be escorted to their classes.
- 8:15 Aim to be at school no later than 8:15 each morning to give your child time to settle in.
- 8:25 First bell rings signaling that students are to be in their classroom ready to start the day. Parents are asked to leave the classroom at that time, if not earlier, but encouraged to talk out by Door #2 (School).
- 8:30 Second bell rings and attendance is taken, signaling that the day has officially begun. Each day the school doors will be locked at 8:30. If you come after that time, you'll need to escort your child in through Door #2 (School) and sign your child in before they are allowed to go to the classroom. No exceptions, please. K-8 students will be marked tardy if entering the classroom after 8:30.
- 11:15 PS/PK and K half-day students can be picked up at Door #2 (School).
- 2:45 PS/PK and K full-day students can be picked up at Door #1 (Church) (to avoid the large crowd of K-8 students and families at Door #2). Please park and walk over to the door.
- 2:50 Grades 1-8 dismissed and can be picked up at Door #2 (School). We encourage you to park in the lot and come to the sidewalk to chat with the teacher(s) and other families. Please DO NOT park your car along the curb, as it blocks the traffic flow. Those students enrolled in ESC go directly to the ESC room.
- 2:50 Bus Riders: Each day a teacher monitors those students who catch the bus. Let us know by a phone call to the office if your child will not be taking the bus on certain days.
- 2:50-3:30 Grade 1-8 Study Hall: Tuesdays and Thursdays (with some exceptions as noted on the school calendar). Grade 1-8 students go directly to the gym for supervision in running off some energy for 10 minutes. They will be signaled to go study hall (Grade 1-3 in the library, Grade 4-8 in Mrs. Tutka's room). Please pick-up your student at Door #1 (Church) by 3:30.
- 3:10 Those students not picked up by car will be taken to ESC or Preschool Plus and you will be charged the drop-in rate.

ESC or Preschool Plus Pick-up: **Enter through Door #1 (Church)** and go to the designated pick-up spot. If the group is out on the playground or in the computer lab, you'll find a note to that effect left at the designated pick-up spot. You'll need to sign your child out. You'll need to pick up your child before 5:30, as after that time you'll be charged by the minute for being tardy.

Calendar Items

Sunday	August 27	11:00-3:00: 40 th Anniversary Celebration (replaces the Back to School BBQ this year)
	August 28-31	Pack a cold lunch (no hot lunch, but milk available), no bus (parent drive days).
Monday	August 28	First Day of our 40th School Year for K-8 8:30: First Day of School Coffee and Kleenex for parents in the cafeteria 9:00-9:30: Praise and Celebration opening chapel for our 40 th school year open to all family members
Tuesday	August 29	9-12: Preschool Open House, bring in school supplies
Friday	September 1	No School
Monday	September 4	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday	September 5	PS3 Begins
Wednesday	September 6	PK4 Begins

Thursday	September 7	6:30-7:30p: K-8 Parents in Partnership This event is an opportunity to visit your child's classroom, learn more about their curriculum, and get to know your child's teacher better. You will have a chance to visit several classrooms if you have multiple students at our school. Childcare provided in the gym.
Friday	September 8	Each Friday is Redeemer spirit wear day!
Tuesday	September 12	2:50-3:30: Grade 1-8 study hall begins (offered each Tues. and Thurs. with exceptions). Grade 1-3 meet in the library and Grade 4-8 meet in Mrs. Tutka's room. Please pick up your student at Door #1 (Church). Students not picked up at 3:30 will be taken to ESC and charged at the drop-in rate.
Saturday	September 23	Plymouth on Parade 10:45: Start lining up to march in Plymouth on Parade at the Plymouth City Center on Plymouth Blvd (near Lifetime Fitness). The parade begins at 11:30. Bring a bag of candy to hand out and wear your Redeemer spirit wear. The parade route runs down Plymouth Blvd. from 34 th Avenue to 39 th Avenue. After the parade, stay for an afternoon of activities including face painting, food, free ice skating, and more until 3:00. Service hour opportunity for walking!
Monday	September 25	PS-Grade 8 Picture Day Grade 1-8 Iowa Basic Skills Testing Monday - Friday
Tuesday	September 26	No Study Hall
Thursday	September 28	No Study Hall
Monday	September 29	Midterm (halfway through the quarter)
Wednesday	October 4	Midterm grades for core classes will be sent home .

K-8 Tardy Policy

When a student is absent for any reason, the parent or guardian must notify the office within thirty (30) minutes of the start of the school day to give the reason for the student's absence. The office will phone you using the contact information you have provided if you do not call in.

Students arriving anytime within thirty (30) minutes after the start of the school day are considered tardy. Every 4 tardies will equal ¼ day absent. Tardies are only excused for medical/dental appointments (with a doctor's note) and special education classes. Chronic tardiness may eventually lead to expulsion. Disregard of attendance and tardiness policies can lead to denial of re-enrollment the following year.

Thank you for your support in getting your child to school on time, and through this you'll be teaching them to be responsible.

Illnesses

Please observe the following guidelines for excluding your ill child from school. The intent of exclusion is to promote a healthy environment by preventing exposure and spread of illness or conditions. Here are the most commonly noted illness guidelines. See the Parent Handbooks for further detail.

Fever: The student should not return to school until fever free (without medication) for 24 hours. A fever is considered 100 degrees or higher.

Vomiting: In the case of recurring vomiting (two or more episodes), 24 hours should pass before you return your child to school.

Service Hour Opportunities

Parents of Redeemer students are encouraged to give service hours to Redeemer Christian Academy during the school year, or pay a fee. The school, church, and the families are blessed by these service hours. You'll note service hour opportunities on the school calendar and highlighted in yellow in my newsletters (see above). The classroom teachers may also have opportunities to serve.

Please record your hours served on the form online and email them in right away to the office. These hours are logged throughout the year, and a running total is kept at the Welcome Center in the school lobby. The form to record hours can be accessed at: school.redeemerwayzata.org – Parents/Students – Service Volunteering – Submit Service Hours.

The service hours and the per family service fee are based on the oldest child enrolled and are as follows:

K-8 full day – 25 service hours or \$250

K-half day – 12 service hours or \$120

Pre-K – 7 service hours or \$70

PS3 – 5 service hours or \$50

Each family that completes their service hours is then eligible to have their service fee for the school year waived. If a family does not complete their service hours by June 15, the service fee will be billed to the family at a rate of \$10/hour not served.

Staffing Changes

Kindergarten – Mrs. Amanda Dehmer shifted from Grade 2 to Kindergarten this year. She has also been our Preschool Director before she had her two boys. Miles and Moses will be returning to school at Redeemer this year in grades 4 and 2 respectively. We welcome them back!

Grade 2 – We welcome Mrs. Charlotte Penn. She is a child of the congregation and graduated from Redeemer Lutheran School. Charlotte was our former ESC Director, preschool aide, and kindergarten aide. This helped her to discover her love of teaching, and she graduated from Concordia University in St. Paul with a teaching degree. She has 10 years of teaching experience, and is thrilled to be back where it all started.

Band Director – Mrs. Shelley Hendershot teaches instrumental and band lessons two days apiece at two different Wisconsin Synod Lutheran schools in the area, and was looking to add one more day of teaching. We are thrilled she's onboard with us. She has written school musicals, and truly gets what teaching in a Lutheran school is all about.

Interim Extended School Care Director – Addie Isenberg is also a child of the congregation, and graduated from Redeemer. She is getting her teaching degree online, and helped us out last year by being our ESC assistant, demonstrating a great work ethic and a real grasp of child discipline and encouragement. She's moving up to Interim Director this year.

Interim Extended School Care Assistant – Tammy Melton has graciously accepted this responsibility until "God leads someone to this position or shows me that He wants me here long-term". Join me in thanking her for her servant heartedness. If you're interested in this 2:30 – 5:30 M-F position, please let Linda Wiebold know at lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org.

School Secretary – Laura Brinkman joins Tammy Melton in filling this new position. Her daughter Rebekah is a student here at Redeemer (grade 6). Laura also works for Three Rivers Park District.

2nd Annual Run with Heart 5K Run/Walk Sunday, October 1, 3:00-5:00pm

What could be better on a fall afternoon than a good time on the Luce Line trail, followed by food, music and fellowship? Join us and bring your friends to the Sunday, October 1, 3-5pm 2nd Annual *Run with Heart 5k run/walk*. Funds will be used for current and future student scholarship needs. This year's theme is 'fill your heart with music.' Live music - weather permitting - will be incorporated throughout the event. We will also have a taco food truck onsite for snack and dinner purchases. Childcare will be offered while adults and older siblings participate in the race.

The 5k and 2.5K will start on Redeemer grounds and head to the Luce Line Trail, and complete back on Redeemer grounds. The kid's fun-run will be held by the ball field. **This course has been simplified since last year.** There will be a water station at the 2.5K turnaround point, which 5K participants will pass twice. **Rates have also been adjusted**, and there is now a family price cap.

Would you like to help at the event? Please contact Annette Vetse (theveteses@yahoo.com) or Erin Kelly (matt_erin_kelly@hotmail.com).

Please pick up a registration form in the church lobby, or find the link to register online at www.redeemerwayzata.org. Register by September 14th for early bird pricing!

Connection Opportunities at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Faith and Family Night: On September 13th, Redeemer kicks off its Wednesday evening family ministry season with dinner and fun! Eat at 5:30 p.m.; stay for games in the gym. Children, youth, and adult classes officially begin on Wednesday, September 20th.