




Jan. 4, 2018 School Newsletter items

YOU'RE STILL OUR BEST SALESPEOPLE! OPEN HOUSES 4:30 – 6P JANUARY 16 AND FEBRUARY 22

The most common way people tell me they've found out about RCA is through you – our happy parents! Want to make a difference in a neighbor child's life? In a niece or nephew's life? Have them check out Redeemer Christian Academy. Direct them to either of our **open houses on Tuesday, January 16 or Thursday, February 22, 4:30-6p**, or invite them to come in anytime! Have them check out our school website at www.school.redeemerwayzata.org for more detail. They can sign up for a tour on our website, or contact the office at 952/473-5356. We offer teachings for a LIFETIME: Learning, Integrity, Faith, and Excellence.

Please note that an **Open House Flyer is attached** so you can electronically invite people in your circle of influence to tour our wonderful school.

How do Redeemer students fare when they graduate?

-  Several high school admissions counselors have shared that they can pick out a Redeemer graduate from others by their demonstration of Christian integrity in dealing with others, and how they show responsibility, intelligence and diligence in their attitude toward their work, friends, and activities.
-  Quite often parents share what a difference Redeemer had made in their child's life as far as being able to make better choices – Godly choices, and also apply themselves to their work.
-  A Wayzata high school basketball coach regularly refers parents to Redeemer although he has never had a child attend our school. He tells parents he sees traits in Redeemer graduates that you want your child to have: integrity, discipline, and the ability to take responsibility.

National Lutheran Schools Week January 22-26

Yea, rah, rah!!! Over 2500 Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Lutheran schools (like us) nationwide will celebrate their common ministry to over 270,000 students and their families. In our Minnesota South District alone, we have 52 free-standing early childhood centers, 43 elementary schools, and 4 high schools. We have more than 6300 students and 400 teachers. That's just in the southern part of Minnesota! We're proud to celebrate our heritage with our sister schools nationwide.

It's tradition that the 8th graders decide on fun dress options and activities for each day of National Lutheran Schools Week. They also lead a medallion hunt, making up clues they share with the other grades each morning. This special week ends with the FunFest Carnival.

Here's the fun we have in store for you and your child:

- **8:45 – M, T, Th, F - Morning chapel in the gym for all-please join us!**
- **Monday – Cartoon Dress Up Day** – dress as your favorite cartoon character; **medallion hunt** begins!
- **Tuesday – \$1 Hat Day** – Bring \$1 so you can wear your favorite hat. Pay in the school lobby. Proceeds go to Canines for Warriors. **Minute to Win It Games featuring gr. 8 vs. the teachers/staff at 2:00** – always a fun time for you to come and watch!
- **Wednesday –Dress Up Day** – Dress in your best!
- **Thursday – Crazy Dress Up Day** – Wear mismatched clothes, wear your clothes backwards, etc. Make sure you can go outside for recess and participate in gym class with your outfit! Gr. 5-8 will travel to Mayer Lutheran High School to join other area Lutheran schools in viewing a presentation by
- **Friday – Pajama Day** – Dress in jammies & slippers that are school appropriate and make sure you have footwear and appropriate clothes to go outside for recess and gym. **Funfest Carnival 5:30 – 8:00p.**

Funfest Carnival: Friday, January 26, 5:30-8pm

We'll be hosting our annual Funfest Carnival on Friday, January 26 from 5:30-8 p.m. If you have never experienced the Redeemer Funfest Carnival, this event **cannot** be missed! This is a great evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising for our school. The evening will include games (cake walk, crazy hair, teacher's pet, treasure chest, pop

bottle ring toss and many more), inflatables, prizes and food. We'll have pizza and hotdog meal deals, so plan to come for dinner!

Funfest Help Needed - We're looking for help from parents to make this event an even bigger success. Please take a look at the list of opportunities below and see where you can help. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or Kim Kallerup (Kimberly.kallerup@bestbuy.com).

- **Spread the Word** - Send the attached flyer with friends, family, neighborhood associations, etc. to invite them to our event! Print out copies and hang them at your church, local library, coffee shop and grocery stores. Email Mrs. Wiebold in the office (lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org) or Paula Burkle (jpburkle77@gmail.com) for information on the event that you can email to your church office for inclusion in newsletters and church bulletins.
- **Work at the Event** – **Looking for service hours?** We need 75 volunteers to make this event happen! You can sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C44A4AE2FA2FE3-funfest2. If you have questions, please contact Eric Jensen (eric.mj@comcast.net).
- **Donate Supplies** – We'll need cakes, pop and prizes for the event. We'd like all donations brought to the stage of the school auditorium by Friday morning, January 26.
 - **K-5th Grade Student Families** - Please bring **1 or 2 cakes or a dozen cupcakes (store bought)** for the cake walk.
 - **6th - 8th Grade Student Families** - Please bring **two 2-liter bottles** per student for the pop bottle ring toss.
 - **Prize Donations** - If you have any prize donations to submit, we are happy to use them for several games. This could include party favors, bags of candy or other smaller items suitable for carnival prizes. Please drop off with Stacy in the office. Thank you!

Funfest Early Ticket Sales - We will be pre-selling Funfest Carnival tickets on **Friday, January 26, from 8 - 8:30 a.m.** We are asking Redeemer families to consider purchasing their tickets early to limit ticket lines on the night of the actual Funfest. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased in increments of 25 tickets, and checks can be written out to Redeemer. For every set of 25 pre-sale tickets purchased, you'll be entered into a drawing for 10 free tickets. Mrs. Wiebold will draw 3 winners on Friday morning, so buy your tickets early! New this year, we will be offering a wrist band ticket option which will allow your child to unlimited access to experience the inflatable activities (please note other carnival stations will still require tickets). More details will be coming out on this new option. If you questions about tickets, please contact Cathy Schrader (Cathy.Schrader@wolterskluwer.com).

- 25 tickets = \$15
- 50 tickets = \$30
- 75 tickets = \$45
- 100 tickets = \$60

Bring a Friend - For every non-Redeemer student (grades preschool through seventh grade) you bring to the Funfest, you and your friend will each receive 5 free tickets that evening! This is a great opportunity to bring others into our school!

Thank You for Your Generosity in Giving To RCA

Wow! We are continually awed by your wonderful generosity in giving to our school. Thank you to all of you, and your friends and relatives, who give so that we can continue to share Teachings for a LIFEtime to our community!

You gave RCA \$1,500 during the GiveMN campaign, and you were even more generous with your year-end giving:

- \$23,950 for updating our facility
- \$21,750 for the School Board to use as they see fit
- \$3,000 for our STEM program
- \$50 for our Scholarship Fund

A grand total of \$50,300 was received. We are overwhelmed, and praise God for your most wonderful support of Redeemer Christian Academy!

No School Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr., Day

Our church and school office are closed, too.

Moms and Muffins Wednesday, January 17-Special Emphasis for Pre-Kindergarten Moms

Join other moms for Moms and Muffins Wednesday, January 17, 8:05-9:15. This time Moms and Muffins will include food, fellowship and a faith moment with Amanda Dehmer, our kindergarten teacher. It's a special time to get to know her better...especially for those considering sending your child to our kindergarten class next year. Remember, all moms are always invited!

8:05 a.m. - after you drop off your older children for school, meet us in the cafeteria. Children not in school are welcome to come with you.

8:35 a.m. - Mrs. Dehmer's faith moment for all, followed by PK moms going with Mrs. Dehmer to the kindergarten room for Q & A time regarding what Redeemer Christian Academy offers kindergarten students

8:45 – 9:15 – Join us for chapel at 8:45, continue chatting, or you may supervise your little one in the gym for some healthy exercise to get the wiggles out.

9:15 - the school children will need the gym for P.E.

Breakfast Buddies Fridays, January 19

Mark your calendars and join the 50+ kids and their dads (or other significant male) for breakfast, an activity and a short devotion on Friday, January 19, 7:30a. We meet on the **third Friday of each month 7:30am – 8:15am**. Come join us for breakfast, devotion, and activity time!

End of Quarter January 26, Report Cards Sent Home Wednesday, January 31

Health Screening for K-8 Students Tuesday, Jan. 30

During the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 30, the state-mandated annual health screening of K-8 students will take place. Make up/retesting day is scheduled for Thursday, February 15. **Volunteers needed to help from 8:15 – 11:15, it's worth service hours.** Contact Mrs. Melton, school health para at health@redeemerwayzata.org for detail and to volunteer.

Parent/Teacher Conferences –1:00 Early Dismissal Thursday, Feb. 1 and No School Friday, Feb. 2

Look for a sign-up sheet for parent/teacher conferences coming soon in your child's backpack.

THANK YOU!

Compassion Circle would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed so generously by baking extra Christmas cookies to share several ice cream pails full, and 140 clam-shell boxes of cookies with IOCP and Vicksburg Commons families, Meals on Wheels, Home Free, a local shelter for battered women and children, Redeemer's Shut-ins and others. Your generous support of this outreach project was very much appreciated. Thank you also to the students of Redeemer Christian Academy for the beautiful Christmas cards that were included with the cookies.