



REDEEMER
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
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School Newsletter
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We're off to a rousing start to our 41st year of school at Redeemer! The Back to School BBQ provided a lot of faith-building moments as we worshiped outside on the lawn with wonderful music provided by Music Director Dan Oie and his team, which included special guest singer Tonia Hughes. Pastor's sermon was inspirational. We served 275 Famous Dave's meals, and offered 29 ministry booths to visit in the gym. Relationship building with God and each other was so evident (one of my goals).

We had a warm, humid school week start, but God provided absolutely beautiful weather to finish out our week. Students commented that they were so happy to be back with friends. This week we welcome our preschool and prekindergartners as they begin their school year. It's good to have the students back!

Events coming up:

- Wednesdays After dropping off your children for school, join us for Moms & Muffins each Wednesday in the school lobby for conversation, coffee, and a treat. (Dads have Breakfast Buddies- check the school calendar for dates as you won't want to miss this event.)
- Th, Sept. 6 K-8 Parents in Partnership Night 6:30-7:30P. Come and check out your child's classroom, learn more about class activities, and ask questions. **Childcare provided by contacting school secretary/health para Tammy Melton at 952/473-5356 or signing up on poster on the school lobby Service/Event board . Please, no drop-ins.**
- Sun., Sept. 9 Spirit Wear orders due by September 9. Order and pay online at <http://www.247sportzgear.com/redeemer-christian-academy.html>
- Mon., Sept. 10 Summer Bridge Books due by Monday, September 10. Carmel apple bar celebration Wednesday, September 12. Service hour opportunity.
- Wed., Sept. 12 Summer Bridge Party for those who turned in their books by September 10. Carmel apple bar with toppings and a homework pass good for one free assignment will be offered. See poster in the school lobby on the Service/Event board to sign up to host this event.
- Sat., Sept. 22 10:00A - Plymouth on Parade walk (worth 2 service hours for each parent-yes both of you!) Show your school spirit by walking, pushing a stroller or pulling a wagon with your kiddos, and wearing your Redeemer spirit wear. Bring a bag of candy to share with parade watchers. We'll line up by the Plymouth City Hall. Details coming as to specifics.
- Sun., Sept. 30 5K Run at Redeemer – run it or work it for service hours. Article below.

Calendar

September

05 PK First Day of School

06 PS First Day of School

*06 K-8 Parents in Partnership Night 6:30 – 7:30P

*11 Study Halls Begin: Held Each Tuesday and Thursday (With Some Noted Exceptions)

*12 New Gr. 2-8 Student Bible distribution in chapel 8:45A

*12 Summer Bridge Book Finisher Party (Service Opportunity)

*12 Faith & Family Night at Redeemer Kick-Off (Service Opportunity)

*22 Plymouth on Parade Walk - 10:00A (Service Opportunity)

24-28 Gr. 1-8 Achievement Testing-Make Sure Your Child Is Well-Rested

28 Midterm First Quarter

*30 5K Run at Redeemer

* Detail provided elsewhere in this newsletter.

Got Service?

1. Summer Bridge Party Service Opportunity

Event: K-8 Summer Bridge Party (2 people needed)

Date: Wed., Sept. 12

Task: Host a caramel apple bar for those who finished their Summer Bridge books and turned them in by Sept. 10

- Purchase apples, caramels, and toppings (you can be reimbursed)
- Serve to students during lunchtime in the cafeteria at 11:45 and 12:15, and clean up

Contact: Mrs. Wiebold: lwiebold@redeemerwayzata.org

2. Plymouth on Parade Service Opportunity

Event: Plymouth on Parade

Date: Sat., Sept. 22, 10A

Hours: 2 service hours

Task: 10:00A Meet at designated spot (tbd) near Plymouth City Hall to walk in the parade representing our school. You'll walk about 4 blocks. Strollers and wagons encouraged.

Bring: Bag of candy to hand out

Wear: Redeemer spirit wear or all-white shirt

Contact: Mrs. Esterberg mesterberg@redeemerwayzata.org

3. Redeemer 5K Service Opportunities

Event: Redeemer 5K

Date: Sun., Sept. 30, before the run takes place 3-5P

Hours: Determined by your involvement

Contact: Annette Vetse (youth@redeemerwayzata.org) or Erin Kelly (matt_erin_kelly@hotmail.com).

4. Faith & Family Night Service Opportunities

Event: Faith & Family Night

Dates: Each Wednesday of the school year with some exceptions
Hours: 2 service hours
Contact: Amy Crum amyBcrum@gmail.com

School Day Protocol

- 7:00 Before school care offered for K-8 students in the ESC room for those who arrange for this service beforehand by contacting Addie Isenberg, Director, at aisenberg@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. Help your kiddos off to a great start by escorting them to their room. Help take care of school supply needs, 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. For those of you with children that like to talk or are anxious about school, it is very important that they have this dedicated time each day to take care of their needs.
- 8:25 First bell rings signaling that students are to be in their classroom getting ready to start the day. Parents are asked to leave the classroom at that time, but encouraged to chat by Door #2.
- 8:30 Each day the school doors will be locked at 8:30. Second bell rings and attendance is taken, signaling that the day has officially begun. **K-8 students will be marked tardy if entering the classroom after 8:30. Parents will need to escort their child in Door #1 and sign them in with the school secretary after 8:30.**
- 11:15 PS/PK half-day students are picked up at Door #1. Kindergarten half-day students are picked up at Door #2.
- 2:45 PS/PK and K full-day students are picked up at Door #1 (to avoid the large crowd of K-8 students and families at Door #2). Please park and walk over to the door or form a car line near Door #1.
- 2:50 Grades 1-8 students are dismissed and can be picked up at Door #2. We encourage you to park in the lot and come to the sidewalk to chat with the teacher(s) and other families. If you do not want to leave your car, form a car line along the sidewalk starting near Door #2. **Please DO NOT get out and leave your car parked at the curb, as it blocks the traffic flow.** Those students enrolled in ESC go directly to the gym to meet the ESC supervisor.
- 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 (or an at least a day in advance by email) if your child will not be taking the bus on certain days. Bus service is offered to those students who live in the Wayzata School District, therefore, the days Wayzata does not offer school, there will be no bus offered. These dates are noted on our school calendar.
- 2:50-3:30 Grade 1-8 **study hall starts Sept. 11** and is offered by classroom teachers Tuesdays and Thursdays (with some exceptions as noted on the school calendar). Grade 1-8 students go directly to the gym at dismissal 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 promptly at 3:30.** Those students not picked up will be taken to ESC and you will be charged the drop-in rate.

ESC or Preschool Plus Pick-up: **Enter through Door #1.** 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 or the front door. You'll need to sign your child out of care. 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.

Illness Protocol

The following recommendations as stated by the Minnesota Department of Health are suggested to guide decision-making regarding exclusion of ill children. The intent of exclusion is to promote a healthy school environment by preventing exposure and spread of illness. When parents are called about a child who has become ill during the school day, it is the expectation that the child will be picked up within one hour. Parent cooperation is appreciated.

Please report all illnesses or health conditions to the school nurse at 952/473-5356 on the absent hotline.

Fever

Oral temperature of 101° F or higher. Exclude children with any axillary temperature of 100° F or higher. The student should not return to school until fever free (without medication) for 24 hours.

Vomiting

Two or more episodes in the previous 24 hours. The student should not return to school until vomiting or urge to vomit stops or until a medical exam indicates this is not due to a communicable disease.

Diarrhea

Increased number of stools compared with a person's normal pattern, along with watery stools and/or decreased stool form. The student should not return to school until the diarrhea stops or until a medical exam indicates this is not due to a communicable disease.

Rash

Rashes may be caused by many different conditions including illness, allergies or specific skin conditions. The student should not return to school until a medical evaluation indicates the symptoms are not communicable.

Eye Drainage

Thick mucus or purulent discharge that causes matting of the eyelids: pain or redness of eyelids. Student may return after medical evaluations indicate the symptoms are not communicable or 24 hours after treatment has started if diagnosed with bacterial conjunctivitis.

Signs/Symptoms of Possible Severe Illness

Uncontrolled coughing, difficulty breathing, wheezing, unusually tired, persisted crying, unusual color (e.g. jaundice). The student may return after symptoms dissipate and/or medical evaluation determines the student is healthy and/or not communicable.

Study Hall Protocol Gr. 1-8

In our on-going quest to be a school of excellence, the school staff offers a **study hall for students in gr. 1-8 from school dismissal time to 3:30 every Tuesday and Thursday with some exceptions as noted on the school calendar**. There is **no need to sign up**, and the staff is offering this opportunity at **no charge**. Please make sure your student knows in advance when they will be staying after school for this opportunity and that it is for studying, only. All ESC students go to study hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Benefits:

1. Gr. 1-8 children are able to receive additional help from teachers on lessons.
2. Study skills can be taught and reinforced.
3. Teachers could recommend that parents have their student stay for study hall for specific purposes. Prior communication would take place between teacher and parent.
4. Parents could earn service hours by providing help.

Here is what it looks like:

- 2:50 - 3:00 - Upon dismissal, study hall and ESC students meet in the gym for 10 minutes of open gym time to get the wiggles out. Coats and backpacks will be stored along the wall. ESC staff will meet and greet the ESC children as usual, along with any study hall students while the teachers handle bus and car duties. Only a choice of balls from the ball bin will be made available, expediting the choice of an activity and time to put items away. Older to younger student skill coaching will be encouraged.
- 3:00-3:30 –Gr. 1-4 students go to the library upstairs. Gr. 5-8 students go to Mrs. Tutka's classroom upstairs. Kdgn. ESC students go to the ESC room with the ESC staff. Students are expected to quietly work and then read/test on their Accelerated Reader books. Since this is a study hall, **only studying will be allowed**. Teachers would be available to answer any questions students may have. Students will be expected to have all materials with them, making trips to their classroom unnecessary.
- 3:30 – Upon dismissal from study hall, ESC children go to the snack table in the cafeteria, other students will be escorted to **door #1 for parents to pick them up**.
- 3:35 - Any study hall students not picked up by parents are placed in ESC at the drop-in rate. Please note that the ESC drop-in rate is more costly than the regular rate. We need to be highly respectful of teachers' time to correct papers and get their classrooms ready for the next day, so we ask that you be timely.

Staffing Changes

Kindergarten Aide and ESC Aide – We welcome Mrs. Jamie Johnson who comes to our staff by way of her daughter, Piper, who attended RCA the past two years. Mrs. Johnson has a background in youth ministry, plays the guitar, and has a true heart for God.

3rd Annual Run with Heart 10k/5K Run/Walk Sunday, September 30, 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, September 30, 3-5pm 3rd Annual *Run with Heart 5k/10k Run/Walk*. Funds will go to support our scholarship fund and the youth group's summer service project, ASP. 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 10k, 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 changed since last year to allow for the 10k option.** There will be a water station at the 2.5K turnaround point, which 10k and 5K participants will pass twice.

Would you like to help at the event and earn school service hours? Please contact Annette Vetse (youth@redeemerwayzata.org) 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 or at Active.com. Register by September 14th for early bird pricing and to get a race shirt!

Connection Opportunities at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Faith and Family Night: On September 12, Redeemer kicks off its Wednesday evening family ministry with dinner and fun! Eat at 5:30 p.m., children's program, Bible study for all ages afterward. Nursery provided.

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 in the newsletters. 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 by the school secretary. 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.