

# Redeemer Lutheran School

South Gate, CA

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Issue 2

Principal: Mr. Gagan Vice Principal: Ms. Payan

***"WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT." -Ephesians 5:8***



## Upcoming Events

### Volleyball Schedule

**Practices** 9/4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 (3:15-4:30 PM)

**Game** @ Bethany 9/13

### Sunday 9/9/18

"Blessing of the Backpacks" with installation of faculty and staff at 9 AM in the church

### Monday, 9/10/18

September tuition due

### Monday 9/24/18

CPTL Meeting @6:30PM

### Friday, 9/28/18

Free Dress Day and early dismissal (1:00PM)

### Spirit & Pride

Once again this school year, we are offering Spirit & Pride t-shirts and sweatshirts for sale. These shirts and sweatshirts may be worn on "Falcon Pride" days (the first Monday of each month starting with October 1). A packet with more information and ordering instructions is being sent home this week; extra packets are available in the school office.

### Tardiness

Students who arrive late with no excuse cause disruptive and often unnecessary interruptions for teachers and their students. Redeemer students are required to be in the gym and ready for school no later than 8:30 AM each school day. Students who are tardy on a habitual basis may be subject to referral to the Board of Christian Education.

### Payment Policy

If you are on a monthly tuition plan, **tuition for the month of September is due now and payable by next Monday, September 10.** A \$25.00 late fee will be charged if payment has not been received by September 10. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

### White Zone

For courtesy and safety reasons please make sure you follow the "White Zone" guidelines posted on Seville Ave. In addition, when you drop off/pick up your child(ren), please do not park in the "white zone area". Parking is available across the street from the school in our gated parking lot.

### Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us here at Redeemer for a special worship service this coming **Sunday, September 9, at 9:00 AM.** Our faculty and staff members will be installed, and a special "Blessing of the Backpacks" will be performed by Pastor Sean Pica. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks for the blessing. Join us also for coffee, donuts, and fellowship after the service.

### Fall Sports: Volleyball/Football

Registration is now open to all 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students for our girls' JV volleyball, and for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade boys AND girls for our varsity flag football team. Participating in a sports team is a great way for your child to learn the value of teamwork, maintaining school pride, and gaining important life-long social skills. If your child would like to join one of our fall sports teams, please see Ms. Payan as soon as possible. Practices have already begun for volleyball; football will start this week.

### Scholastic News

Each student will receive a monthly Scholastic News Magazine for the 2018-2019 school year. Scholastic News is a component of your child's curriculum and is mandatory. A letter with more information will be sent home by your child's teacher in the next few days. The cost of the subscription is \$6.00 per student (all grades). Please turn in the money to your child's teacher if you have not already done so. Thank you.



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### From the Principal

It is a privilege and a blessing to be “back” at Redeemer after a 21-year absence. I served as the principal of Redeemer Lutheran School from 1992-1997 and retired from education in 2015. When asked if I would consider returning to Redeemer as a part-time principal, it was easy to say, “Yes!” because I love this school.

Our school theme this year is based on Ephesians 5:8-9; I’ve shortened it to *Walk as children of light*. The word *light* can mean a lot of things in different contexts, but here it means LOVE. As I’ve been reminding students, the love in which God calls us to walk is not “huggy-kissy-squishy” love, but rather, a God-inspired love that says to our neighbors, “I want what’s best for you – therefore I will do my best to say and do things that help you, not hurt you.” This is a tall order for children – and for adults too – because we are all sinners and fall short of God’s glory. But when we fail, we know that we can confess our sins to God, repent of them, and receive His forgiveness – the forgiveness won for us by His Son, Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

When we love God and obey Him, we will love others. And when we love others, we are demonstrating our love for God.

We live at a time when it seems that love for God and love for others is in shorter and shorter supply. The old song, “What the World Needs Now Is Love Sweet Love” was never more timely than it is today. It is my prayer that each of us will endeavor to make Redeemer, “our little corner of the world,” a place where God’s love is taught, experienced, and shared on a daily basis.

God’s blessings to you and your family!

Mr. Pat Gagan Principal

### Box Tops For Education

Once again we are excited to participate in Box Tops for Education which is a national program helping schools earn money. Our school goal this year is \$400. Help us reach this goal by finding the Box Tops logo on participating products and sending them to your child’s teacher. Every box top clip is worth 10 cents and every box top collected counts!

### Service Opportunities

Redeemer Lutheran School families are required to complete a minimum of either 15 service hours (one child) or 20 service hours (2 or more children). Hours must be completed by May 15, 2019. Talk to Miss JoAnn for ideas for picking up service hours. One way of getting credit for service hours is by providing additional items needed by the school throughout the year.

At this time we are in need of Snack Shop items. Please refer to the list below:

#### **Water:**

2 cases = 1 hour

3 cases = 2 hours

4 cases = 3 hours

#### **Capri-suns:**

2 packs = ½ hour

4 packs = 1 hour,

6 packs = 1 ½ hours

#### **Cup of Noodles:**

One case = 1 hour

Two cases = 2 hours