

**Redeemer Christian School**

**December 2019 / January 2020**

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**RCS Reaches Out!**

**Thank you so much for contributing food for the Roxbury Food Pantry during November. It’s wonderful to teach the children that it is so important to reach out and help others who are in need. It makes us smile to bring those donations down to Roxbury Social Services every year.**

**We appreciate your thoughtfulness!**

**Some of our older RCS classes will be picking stars from the Redeemer Lutheran Church Wish Tree and together will shop online to help fulfill some of those wishes on the stars for needy families in Morris County area.**

**December & January At A Glance**

**December 2nd – December 6th**

* Pre-Registration for current RCS families

**December 9th – 13th**

* Pre-Registration for RLC members & Alumni

**December 5th & 6th**

* Jesus’ Birthday Parties

**December 13th**

* Christmas Pageants

**December 16th – January 1st**

* School closed for Christmas break

**January 2nd**

* Classes resume

**January 2nd**

* Open House & Public Registration

**January 3rd**

* First Day of January Friday 2 ½ classes & W/F 2 ½ classes

**January 20th**

* Martin Luther King Day – **no school**

**January 23rd & 24th**

* Spirit Days

# Director’s Note

Christmastime is a very special time here at RCS as we celebrate the birth of baby Jesus and prepare for our Christmas pageants on Friday, December 13th. We tell the children that although Santa is “Jesus’ friend” Christmas is the celebration of Jesus’ birthday. It is a time of receiving the gift of Jesus and His love to all as well as a time to give to others. Donation to the Roxbury Food Pantry last month by our families showed the children that it is important to give to others and to help out when needed. In the Christmas season we rejoice with each other in school and with our families in song. We try our best to present our Christmas pageants and we enjoy each other’s company with our Christmas traditions at school and at home.

We look forward to all that 2020 brings to us at RCS and we wish each of you a blessed holiday season with an exciting New Year!

Have a wonderful Christmas!

God bless you all,

Cindy Stevens & the RCS Staff

**Our December & January activities are:**

**Letters of the Month - December: “J”**

**Letters of the Month - January: “O” “Q”, “G” & “S”**

**Registration for 2020-2021**

**Pre-registration for current RCS students**: Monday, December 2nd through Friday, December 6th.  Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on December 2nd in person as the registration forms are able to be downloaded that very day. This is in order to make it fair for all interested parents who wanted to try to secure a spot for their child for next year. We will have classes based on enrollment interest and cannot guarantee that all will be able to place their child in their first choice of class. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

After December 6th, if you have not registered your child yet for next year but wish to do so please send in your registration form along with your deposit to secure your child’s placement.

**Pre-registration for RCS alumni and RLC**: Monday, December 6th through Friday, December 10th. Registration forms can be placed in our RCS mailbox by the church office (or outside in the silver mailbox). **We will make every effort to secure a place for your child at RCS.**

**Open House and Public Registration:**

**Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 9:45a.m.**

We would appreciate it if you could share this date with any family or friends seeking a Christian-based preschool where children can grow spiritually, academically, and socially in a loving environment to help prepare them for future years ahead.

***\*It is strongly advised that you send in your registration form with your deposit as soon as possible. On January 2, 2020 registration is open to the public. If you have not signed up prior to this date there is no guarantee that your child will be able to be placed in a class as each class has a maximum amount of children allowed according to the age level and room size.***

**Jesus’ Birthday Party:** This will be celebrated in each individual classroom for students with the staff. Our party days are Thursday, December 5th and Friday, December 6th. We celebrate that Jesus has a birthday too! Room parents will notify parents of donations needed for this event. Thank you in advance if you were asked to donate treats or paper goods.

**\*\* Please note this is a student only event.**

**Christmas Pageant:**This is for all students on Friday, December 13th at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30p.m.

***\*Children should arrive at 9:15 a.m. and 12:15p.m. (doors will be unlocked at 9:15 a.m. & 12:15p.m.). Please note that there are no classes that day. Full Day Fours come at 12:15p.m. for the afternoon pageant.***

**Spiritwear Days: December 5th & 6th / January 23rd & 24th.**Show your school spirit by wearing RCS apparel or blue and yellow.

**First Day of School for January 2 ½ year old classes:**

Welcome to our January 2 1/2‘s. We’re excited for them to start in their classes with Miss Kristen and Miss Michelle (Friday class) and Miss Kathleen and Miss Heather (Wednesday/Friday class). On Friday, January 3rd will be our ease-in session with one parent or guardian from 9:30a.m. to 10:30a.m. The next class, Friday, January 10th will be a regular normal time of 9:00-11:30a.m. for each child without his or her parent or guardian.

**Special Night with Dad – January 30th 6:00-7:00p.m.**

This is a special night set aside for the children and their dad or someone else that is special to play together, make a craft, have a snack and make a wonderful memory!

**Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulders, and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

Thank you to all who purchased Yankee Candles and Ashley Farms pies for our fundraising. The deadline for the $5.00 donations towards Christmas Trees for military families through the Christmas Spirit Foundation is December 2nd. Our fundraisers for Script gift cards can be found on ShopWithScrip.com. This is a great way to shop for family and friends.

**Looking Ahead:**

We will again be selling Gertrude Hawk for the Spring as well as Spirit Wear and our

Mother’s Day plant sale

**HELP WANTED:**

If anyone is interested in being on our fundraising committee please contact us! We need your help for next year.



**Land of Make Believe:** Please note that our annual Land of Make Believe Family Day is scheduled for Friday, May 15th. The raindate is Friday May 22nd .The price will be $13.00 for each child and $5.00 for each adult.

**Graduation:** We will have **two** graduation ceremonies for all our RCS Fours and STARS students. This will be on Friday, June 5th at 9:30a.m. and 12:30p.m.

**\*Snow/Inclement Weather Policy\***

***Please be aware of our school inclement weather policy and that RCS will follow the Roxbury School system. As per our inclement weather policy, the number of times a class meets per week minus one is the allotted number of inclement weather days per class. If the class exceeds that amount we will schedule make-up days. In the event of a delayed opening, we will open at 10 a.m. Our One Call Now phone system will inform you of any closings/delays we have.***

**RCS Website**

**www.redeemerchristianschool.com**

**Please check our website to view our calendar and current school news. Registration and other important school forms are also available on the site. See our photo gallery for some photos of recent school events as well.**

**RCS Fundraising Update**