



Back to School!

REDEEMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
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NEWSLETTER

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."  
Proverbs 22:6

Director's Note

We welcome our new families and welcome back our former RCS families as we begin our 23rd year! It's hard to believe that we started RCS that many years ago! We hope you had a wonderful summer! We hope you enjoyed your summer! We are excited for a new school year and we pray that God once again watches over our school and helps us enjoy another great year ahead. Our staff is ready to start up again and we are fortunate to have such wonderful children here! This year we have three new staff members to add to our family. Cindy Stevens is our director, Tammy Snoko is our administrative assistant, and the remainder of our staff includes: Michelle Amaducci, Wendy Bilbao, Kristen Cascio, Jackie Dellavalle, Charleen Gurnari, Terry Markovic, Monica Poissant, Alison Remick, Tanya Shoudy, Megan Stiles, Kim Taylor, Heather Von Wyck, Lori Walter and Stephanie Yin. We are thrilled that Megan, Kristen, Monica, and Kim are joining our staff!

Please visit the RCS website at redeemerchristianschool.com to find our newsletter each month, our monthly calendar, school information, important forms, and recent photos of our children on our Facebook page that we post from time to time which can be reached from our website.

Once again, we will have "Open Classrooms" if anyone wishes to come on Tuesday, September 5th from 1 – 2pm. (This is optional and a time when our children can come in with their parents to see their classrooms to get better acquainted with his or her surroundings for the year) . Teachers and teacher assistants may or may not be present at that time. "Back to School Night" is on the evening of September 6th at 6pm for parents or guardians of our children. We plan to have samples of our RCS Spirit wear this night. Our January 2 ½ year parents are welcome to come this night, as well. We will provide information (especially to first time RCS parents) about our classes and we ask our parents to check out their child's classroom as well as meet the staff. This is an adult-only evening.

Our RCS Room Parent Coordinators will be hosting a "meet and greet" on Tuesday, October 3rd and Wednesday, October 4th. This is a nice opportunity for our RCS families to meet each other in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Families that are looking for a home church are always welcome to attend Redeemer Lutheran Church. Our Rally Day will be Sunday, September 10th for the start of our Sunday School program. All are welcome! We will be meeting after the 10:30 am service on the front lawn for a picnic.

We truly are blessed to be able to share in the young lives of so many children as our RCS children learn about so much in their world and about God's love for them. We love to see them "Growing in God's Love" our school motto.

God Bless you all and we thank our families for sharing their children with us!  
Cindy Stevens & the RCS Staff



September At A Glance

Letters of the Month - "L" and "F"

**September 6th**

- First day of school
- WF 2 1/2 year old's 1st day - 9:30 to 10:30 am orientation
- "Back to School Night" 6:00 p.m.

**September 7th**

- T/TH 2 1/2 year old's 1st day - 9:30 to 10:30 am orientation

**September 8th**

- WF 2 1/2 year olds's 2nd day - 9:30am to 10:30 am

**September 10th**

- Redeemer Lutheran Church Rally Day 11:30 am - 2pm

**September 12th**

- T/TH 2 1/2 year old's 2nd day - 9:30 am - 10:30 am

**September 21st & 22nd**

- School Spirit Days - please wear your RCS Spiritwear or blue and yellow to support our school!

**September 27th**

- Room Parent Meeting - 9:15 am

One Call Now Alert System!

RCS uses One Call Now Alert System for school notifications in place of the phone chain. With this system we will be able to contact your family with important school information, school closings and delays as well as individual class information.



# RCS Program Information

## Our Drop - OFF and Dismissal Procedure

Please take notice of our procedure for our dismissal which we sent to your homes. In order to be in compliance with the State of New Jersey and for the safety of our children the Beginning Bears, 2 1/2's, 3's and "Stars" will be admitted and dismissed from the main RCS entrance and the 4's will be admitted and dismissed from the rear of the building by the backyard. If you have more than one child at RCS and one of your children is in a four year old class your children will be dismissed from the front of the building with the younger ones or "STARS" (unless you ask that your siblings be dismissed with the older ones in the back with the fours).

## Lunch Bunch/Brunch Programs

We are excited to bring back our Lunch Bunch /Brunch Programs again! Brunch will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Lunch Bunch will be held on Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. Our facilitators will be Kristen Cascio and Monica Poissant. Details will be sent home shortly.

## Field Trips

We are happy to let you know that we are planning on once again having field trips. Our first trip will be for all children (2 1/2's to "STARS") to Ort Farms on October 19th and 20th. More details to follow.

## Reminders to Parents

- \* Please refer to the letter recently sent home for a list of requested school supplies and snacks for the 2023 -2024 school year.
- \* Please review the school drop off and pick up procedures that accompanied the summer letter. **\* For your children's safety, please do not allow your child to lean out of the windows or sunroof while waiting in the car line.**
- \* Remember to display your car sign as explained in the new pick up procedures.

# RCS "Little Free Library"

You are welcome to come into our front door with your child and visit our "RCS Little Free Library". This was started nine years ago by RCS graduate Nolan Montalbano. Your child is allowed to take a book at any time. If you wish to donate any used children's books we welcome this and thank you in advance.

## Fundraising Update

There are many wonderful and exciting fundraising ideas being offered this year. Kim Taylor is our wonderful chairperson who will coordinate these fundraisers with the help of her committee. We will begin the year with our Spirit wear sale. In the Fall we will also be doing our popular Fall Mum sale which supplies us with beautiful flowers. Thank you, parents for all of the support that we receive from these fundraisers! Due to support through our fundraisers, we purchase many school supplies, gift cards for Thanksgiving time for Roxbury Food Pantry, STEM equipment, and playground mulch. In the past we purchased the Buddy Bench, our security cameras, our Hatch Interactive Unit, steel cabinets, and various supplies. This year we intend to use fundraising money for more supplies and ideas.

Various fundraisers will follow throughout the year. We cannot truly express our gratitude to our parents and friends for the help to make these fundraisers an important part in improving our school each year.

Kim can use more parents in addition to those who have already offered assistance to help with fundraisers. Please email us if you like to help with this important part of our school.

