



# REDEEMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Jesus said, " Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



## Director's Note

Welcome to our new RCS families and welcome back to our former RCS families as we begin our 24th year! It seems just like yesterday that a few of us were on staff to start our school. This is the first year that we will actually have a child starting whose mom was one of our first RCS graduates!

We hope you had a wonderful summer! We are excited for a new school year with much love here and we pray that God once again navigates us to enjoy another great year ahead. Our staff is ready to start up again and we are fortunate to have such wonderful families at RCS! This year we have one new staff member to add to our RCS family. Cindy Stevens is our Director, Tammy Snoke is our awesome administrative assistant, and the remainder of our staff includes Tracie Abate, Wendy Bilbao, Kristen Cascio, Jaclyn Dellavalle, Charleen Gurnari, Terry Markovic, Megan Stiles, Kimberly Taylor, Heather Von Wyck, Lori Walter and Stephanie Yin. We are sad that Alison Remick will no longer be with us, but we wish her all the best and continued success. We are happy that Tracie Abate is joining our staff. Tracie has been one of our Lunch Bunch coordinators and now is an assistant for our Fours.

Please visit the RCS website at [redeemerchristianschool.com](http://redeemerchristianschool.com) to find our monthly newsletter, our monthly calendar, school information, important forms and recent photos of our children on our Facebook page that we often post which can be reached from our website.

At RCS we try to keep our parents informed of their child's day at school in our daily or weekly activity sheet given out by our teachers. We will once again have "Open Classrooms" for those who want to visit their child's room with their child on Tuesday, September 3rd from 1pm - 2pm. (This is optional and a time when the children can come in and see his or her classroom to get better acquainted with his or her surroundings for the year). The child's teacher and teacher assistant may or may not be present at that time. "Back to School Night" is optional for our parents or guardians on the evening of Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 pm. We plan to have samples of our Spirit Wear with our RCS logo there this night. Our January 2 1/2 year parents are welcome to come this night as well. We will give information (especially to first time RCS parents) about our classes and we ask that you take some time to check out your child's classroom as well as to meet the staff. This is an adult only evening.

Our RCS Room Parent Coordinators will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" on Tuesday, October 8th and Wednesday, October 9th. This is an optional opportunity for our RCS parents to meet each other in the Fellowship Hall of the church for refreshments.

Families that are looking for a great home church are always welcome to attend Redeemer Lutheran Church. Our Rally Day will be Sunday, September 8th starting at 10:30 am followed by a picnic from 12pm - 2pm. All are welcome!

We are truly blessed to be a part of our RCS children's early years as our children learn so much about their world and 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 and the RCS Staff

## September At A Glance

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

#### September 4th

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

#### September 5th

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

#### September 6th

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

#### September 8th

- Redeemer Lutheran Church Rally Day 12pm - 2pm

#### September 10th

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

#### September 19st & 20th

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

#### September 25th

- 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 Tracie Abate and Lisa Policastri. 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 17th and 18th. 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 2024 -2025 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 ten 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. Chrissy Aquino is our wonderful new 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.

Chrissy can use more parents to help with the fundraisers. Please email us if you would like to help with this important part of our school.

