

Redeemer Lutheran School Messenger

July 8, 2024



School Theme

John 1: 16
"Grace upon Grace."

Mission Statement: Redeemer Lutheran School Partners with parents in providing a Christ-centered education that prepares students for this life and eternity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aug. 1 Preschool Summer Playdate, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Aug 5-9 Home Visits
Aug 15 Preschool Open House, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Aug 18 Parent Orientation
Aug 20 First day of School K-8
Aug 22/23 First days of Preschool
Aug 30 No School
Sept 2 No School-Labor Day
Sept 10 School Pictures

B. **Included with this Messenger:** Classroom Supply Lists for 2024-2025 and School Calendar for 2024-25.

C. **Home Visits:** We are thankful to partner with you in your child's education. In order to connect with each of our families, the faculty at Redeemer will be making home visits. Expect to be contacted before August 5 from one of your child's teacher(s) to coordinate a visit before school begins. These visits are a very productive beginning to the school year for both families and teachers to deliver important information, face to face, about the upcoming school year. If a home visit isn't possible, please make alternate arrangements with your child's teacher(s) to meet somewhere else.

GREETINGS TO ALL THE FAMILIES OF REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL!

A. It is hard to believe but the start of the 2024-25 school year is just around the corner. The Lord has blessed our congregation with the opportunity to operate a Christian elementary school. The faculty, staff, and Board of Youth Education thank you for the opportunity to serve you and our Lord in this way. It is indeed a high honor to be able to assist you with the Christian education of your children. The 2024-25 Scriptural theme we will use at Redeemer Lutheran School is the same as adopted by our high school, Winnebago Lutheran Academy: **John 1:16** Grace upon Grace".



D. **TADS: TADS tuition payments system.** Everyone should have received an email from TADS, in May about your Tuition Agreement. Please sign them as soon as possible. The tuition agreements are **due July 15, 2024**. The first payment will be due in **August**. You may have noticed a slight increase in the cost of our tuition. The increase for this year is 20%. You will see a 20% increase the next two years as well. The maintenance fee that you had to pay in the past for TADS will be picked up by the school.

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- E. **8th Grade Google Accounts:** Any 8th grade accounts from last year will be shut down at the end of July. Make sure if you have any documents or emails you would like to keep, you save them in a different account. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Beth Rathje: brathje@redeemerfdl.org
- F. **Social Media:** If you are new to our school family, check out our Redeemer Facebook page and Instagram account. We encourage you to “like/follow” these sites, as special happenings are regularly posted. (Just FYI: rely on your weekly MESSENGER for important dates and information; in addition, direct messages on these accounts have a 24-hour response time. Best to call the school office for urgent requests).
- G. **Back to School:** We know summer is all we want to think about right now! But please add this important date to your calendar, and plan to attend: **Sunday, August 18th 11:00 am “Back to School” Presentation in the Redeemer cafeteria.** This short presentation is for **ALL** of our school families, whether it’s your first year, or your ninth. Similar to a “School Orientation”, anticipate hearing information that will help your school year be the best it can be, and to get any last-minute question answered. **100% participation by families is expected,** and we can’t wait to greet you back to school! Free-up your first day of school for hugs and photos! **Drop-off school supplies between 10:30-11:00 am that morning before the presentation on August 18.**

CLASSROOM NEWS

Preschool: Hello to our new and returning preschool families! We have 6 veteran four year olds returning this year and 15 new three year olds. I’m looking forward to getting to know all of them and creating a wonderful preschool family. While there is plenty of summer left to enjoy, read on for some opportunities and suggestions to help your child start preschool confidently!

First up is our preschool playdate on **Thursday, August 1 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** It’s a great opportunity to see old friends, meet new

ones and for parents to get acquainted. We’ll play on Redeemer’s playground.

Home visits will take place the week of August 5-9. I plan to visit all new preschoolers to share information about the upcoming school year and answer any questions you have. Returning families can request a visit if they’d like one. I will get in touch with you to schedule these visits.

Also, please mark Thursday, August 15 on your calendar and plan to attend the Preschool Open House Orientation from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This event is intended especially for new preschoolers, but returning 4 year olds are certainly welcome to attend. Drop by anytime that evening to visit the classroom, complete a scavenger hunt and get acquainted!

Finally, be sure to take note of the school orientation taking place on Sunday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m. At least one parent is required to attend that orientation meeting.

While we still have several weeks of summer to enjoy, you can help set your child up for success as they start school by making sure they are confident and independent in several areas. Practice using the bathroom independently, especially in public bathrooms where there are stall doors to close. Remember that this is a required skill to be enrolled in preschool. Also work towards independence in dressing and putting on shoes and coats. I don’t expect tying and zipping skills yet, but the more independence we can encourage, the better! Finally, read, read, read to your child! There’s no better way to set your child up for success than to snuggle up and read a good book! I truly believe it’s one of the best things you can do for your preschooler to ensure future success!

Enjoy your summer and feel free to contact me (920-970-3950 or sehlke@redeemerfdl.org) with any questions you might have. I’m looking forward to an awesome year of preschool!

Kindergarten: I hope everyone is enjoying the long summer days! As of today, we have twelve incoming Kindergarten students for the 2024-25 school year. Expect to be contacted soon to set up a date from August 5-9 when I can swing by for a quick home or driveway visit to go over supply lists, paperwork, and any questions you have about Kindergarten.

Health forms, dental forms, and immunization records should be turned in as soon they are completed, but **MUST** be on file by September 30. Birth certificates for students new to Redeemer must be recorded in the office before August 20. Please let me know if you have any questions about these necessary items. My number is (920)238-1441.

Before school begins, it is important for your child to master the following independent skills: writing his/her own name, zipping, gluing, cutting, and using a public restroom properly and efficiently. Tying shoes should also be on the home-learning “to-do” list. *As you have conversations at home, please have your child practice when to speak and when to listen, and how to avoid interrupting others.* Keep reading aloud to your child every single day – it is the single most important factor in setting your child up to be a successful reader! In early August, start rolling summer bedtimes back a little at a time, and then start working on morning routines as the weeks get closer to school. I am looking forward to your child’s arrival in Kindergarten!

August 18 – ALL-School Orientation (11am; drop off school supplies 10:30-11:00am); at least one parent is required to attend

August 20 – First Day of Kindergarten!

September 29 – Redeemer Fall Festival Outdoor Worship (we sing!)

Grades 1-2: It is hard to believe that school is around the corner! I am looking forward to getting to talk to all our first grade families and re-connecting with the “veteran” second grade families! Be sure to take a look at your home calendar and see what possible days could work for an at home (or at school) visit in early August. I will contact you with a text and/or phone call to get a meeting coordinated!

Please be sure to attend our “Back to School” orientation on **Sunday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m.**

This short presentation is expected for **ALL** of our school families. It is also the day when all school supplies can be brought to our classroom to put on the desks, and get a peek at our room a bit before our first day of school on Tuesday, August 20.

In our last weeks of summer, have your child practice opening lunch containers and food wrappings as well as being able to complete lunch-eating in a reasonable amount of time. Review putting on shoes and shoe-tying so shoes can be changed quickly, handwriting skills, and keep reading to your child, encouraging independent reading everyday! See you soon!

Grades 3-4: I hope you are having an amazing summer! Soak in the rest of the beautiful summer weather, relax, enjoy family time, and read!

Be sure to take a look at your home calendar and see what possible days could work for an at home (or at school) visit in early August. I will contact you to get a meeting coordinated! We’ll go over expectations and questions.

Please be sure to attend our “Back to School” orientation on **Sunday, August 18th 11:00am** This short presentation is expected for **ALL** of our school families. That morning school supplies can be brought to our classroom to put in the desks, and get a peek of the room a bit before our first day of school the following Tuesday, Aug. 20.

To help get ready for the school year I have just a couple of requests. 3rd and 4th graders should spend a bit of time everyday on Math facts. 3rd grade addition and subtraction, 4th grade multiplication. Also the 3rd graders need to learn how to vacuum!

Grades 5-6: I pray you all have had a wonderful and relaxing summer! I am looking forward to having your child in my classroom and sharing in the grace we have from God.

For the 5th graders and those new to our school, students in 5th-8th grades have departmentalized instruction, this means students will have multiple teachers each day. Mr. Lecker– Math; Mrs. Borgwardt–Music, Art, and ELA (English Language Arts); and myself (Mrs. Rathje)–Science, Social Studies, and Physical Education. As the

5th-6th homeroom teacher I also will be teaching Christ Light/Catechism, Spelling, Handwriting and Computer Skills.

The last week of July and into the first week of August, I will reach out to you regarding setting up home visits. These visits are important to share with you what the expectations are and what our days are like in 5th-6th grade. I will answer any questions you may have and look forward to partnering with you in your child's learning needs academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. Please take a look at the classroom supply list attached, as it is different from last year's.

Note the following important dates and schedule them on your family calendar:

Sunday, August 18, 11am, All-school parent orientation meeting.

Tuesday, August 20, First day of school.

Sunday, September 29, Fall Festival Worship. (The whole student body sings.)

Feel free to contact me with any questions at 352-445-8367 (text or call is preferred) or brathje@redeemerfdl.org and I hope to see you at church and around town!

Grades 7-8: Hello to our 13 returning students, and welcome to 11 new faces to the classroom! Mr. Lecker and Mrs. Borgwardt share the 7th-8th grade homeroom, and are excited for this next year in the upper grades! Looking forward to getting to know you and your families in the months to come. While there still is summer sun to enjoy, please take note of these important dates to prepare for the school year:

Home visits will take place the week of August 5-9. All new students/families in the classroom should plan to have a visit with Mr. Lecker or Mrs. Borgwardt, to share information about the upcoming school year and answer any questions you have. Returning families can request a visit if they'd like one. We will get in touch with you in the upcoming weeks to schedule these visits.

August 18 – ALL-School Orientation at 11am (drop off school supplies 10:30-11:00 am); at least one parent is required to attend

Tuesday, August 20, First day of school!

Sunday, September 29, Fall Festival Worship. (The whole student body sings.)

Have a wonderful rest of the summer! We hope to see you in church, so feel free to ask questions then or contact us at dlecker@redeemerfdl.org or hborgwardt@redeemerfdl.org

ATHLETICS

Schedules are still being completed for this fall. It looks like soccer practice will start the first week of school. Volleyball will probably start the last week of September.

Aug. 21	Practice: 3:30-5:00
Aug. 22	Practice: 3:30-5:00
Aug. 25	Practice: 3:30-5:00
Aug. 28	<u>@ Faith 4:00</u>
Aug. 29	Practice: 3:30-5:00
Sept. 3	Practice: 3:30-5:00
Sept. 4	<u>vs. St. Peter, FDL @ field #?</u>
Sept. 9	<u>vs ?</u>
Sept. 11	<u>vs. St. Paul, Mt. Calvary. @ field #?</u> <u>4:00</u>
Sept. 16	<u>@ St. John, Mayville</u> <u>@ Ribbens Field, Mayville 4:30</u>
Sept. 28	<u>WALL Tournament @ St. Lukes'</u> <u>Oakfield</u>