Merry Christmas!!



Redding Christian School

December 2, 2013

"THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS ARE IN THE AIR... AND IN THE RCS GYM!"

There's nothing that says "Christmas" like beautiful, cheerful carols and delightful holiday classics! On Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM, come to the school gymnasium prepared to experience the joy of the season (and the REASON for the season!) with our annual Band and Choral Christmas Concert!

We will be featuring our boisterous High School Band, our multi-talented Middle School Band, fun Beginning Band, and our exuberant Choral ensemble! The concert is free, but an offering will be taken to help support our music program.

Once again, Mr. Tom Higgins will be taking portraits of students, family or groups of friends before, during intermission and after the concert, for a very reasonable price—and all of the proceeds go to support our fabulous musicians and their music department! So, gather your family and friends and make plans to share an evening with our talented young people!

Our annual Elementary Christmas Chapel for grades Pre-K through 5th grade is Thursday, December 19^{th} at 8:15am in the gymnasium. This is always a very special chapel and we hope all parents will be able to attend.

NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

There will **NOT** be After School Care on **Friday**, **December 20th**. This is a minimum day for ALL students, NOON dismissal.

- √ Preschool will also dismiss at 12:00pm.
- √ All Pre-K will come at 8:00am and dismiss at 11:00am.

RE-REGISTRATION

Looking ahead......Registration for the 2014-2015 school year is right around the corner. Registration begins in February. Be looking for more details to come!

Christmas Vacation Schedule

No School December 21st - January 5th School Resumes Monday, January 6th

Dear Redding Christian School Family:

Merry Christmas! We enjoy the excitement and hope the Christmas season brings. The sound of Christmas carols, the smell of cookies and hot chocolate, the buying of presents...such holiday fun! It can also be easy this time of year, especially for our children, to look inward and focus on the 'presents' we want, instead of the 'Presence' we need. We pray each one of us this season is able to spend more time with God, and less time at the mall, more time giving than receiving, more time serving others, than waiting to be served, and more time thanking God for the gift of His Son, and for the hope, peace, joy, and Salvation that His gift truly gave us!

May "the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace" (Rom. 15:13) this holiday season. Thank you for raising a generation of students who love and fear the Lord, who serve our families, community, and eventually the world!

God Bless you, Merry Christmas. RCS Administration

BOX TOP CONTEST UPDATE!!!!

Box Tops Contest ending soon!! Get your box tops from the holidays turned in to win. Here is where we stand after the holiday break...Elementary -1^{st} – Clare, 2^{nd} –Higgins, 3^{rd} – Coughran. Middle School -1^{st} – 6^{th} grade. High School -1^{st} – 9^{th} grade.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

The December Student Council activity is "Reverse Power Puff". Our HS boys will be playing Volleyball against one another. This event will be this Thursday, December 5th from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the gym. This is a fun hang out time for fellowship and fun and much more.

SHOEBOX SUCCESS

Operation Christmas Child was a great success. Due to the generosity of our R.C.S. families, over **65** children will be blessed this Christmas with shoeboxes filled to the brim with lots of surprises! May God bless all of you who participated.

END OF YEAR GIVING

The year is coming to a close and with it the last opportunity for giving to reduce your tax burden. If you haven't given to the Annual Fund yet, why not help support Redding Christian School instead of Uncle Sam? Your donations are tax deductible and a wonderful opportunity to partner with the Lord in the work He is doing at RCS. All donations received in December will bless an RCS family by funding scholarships (unless otherwise indicated).

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

Friday, December 6th 9:00 A.M.

Barnes & Noble 1260 Churn Creek Road Redding, CA

Make sure you reserve Friday, December 6th for our annual book fair at Barnes & Noble. This is a wonderful time to start on your Christmas shopping list while helping to support RCS at the same time. Our theme this year is "I'll Be Home for Christmas". We will take our elementary students on a field trip to visit the book store. We will have special drawings for prizes in the evening. The students will present the receipt to Mrs. Hamilton and will receive a ticket for every \$5.00 spent at the book store. Students do not need to be present to win.

PURCHASE SCRIP IN ADVANCE SO THAT YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT RCS EVEN MORE! REMEMBER, YOU CAN USE BARNES AND NOBLE SCRIP TO PURCHASE ITEMS FROM THE CAFÉ ALSO.

- Pre-order whole cheesecakes (info. coming soon)
 - Great opportunity for Christmas shopping
- A percentage of all purchases will be donated to our school
- Using Scrip gives an additional 9% back to our school (cards may be purchased in the school office)
 - Call Mrs. Hamilton @ 547-5600 ext. 125 for more information!

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TUITION REMINDER

Can you believe we are at the end of 2013? With only 15 days of school in December, the year and this month will quickly come to an end. Because of this, we are requesting that all tuition and fees are paid in full by the 20th before we leave for Christmas Vacation. This is very important since January tuition will be due when we return. Please contact Mrs. Darrah (547–5600 ext. 204) if you have any questions. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Congratulations Section Champions!
What a fantastic year our football team had this year.
The Lions finished with a phenomenal record of 12-1!

One God, One Team, One Goal!!

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

If you are trying to think of a special way to bless your child's teacher(s), the *Teacher's Fund* is a great way to show you care. Certificates are available in the office to present to your teacher letting them know a contribution was made to this fund on their behalf. All you have to do is give a check to the office for the amount you wish to give, sign the certificate, place it in the envelope provided and give it to the designated teacher.

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace good will toward men!" Luke 2:11 & 14

ATHLETIC WRAP



GO LIONS!!

Congratulations to Belle Moran and Joey Belknap who represented RCS at the **Northern Section** Cross Country Finals and The California State Cross Country Meet. Belle placed 1st among all Northern Section D-V girls and 28th out of 184 in the California State Meet last weekend. Joey Belknap placed 6th in D-V. Fantastic job runners! We are so proud of you!!

The Varsity Volleyball team had a wonderful season. They made it to the Section Finals and lost in a close match. Congratulations on a fantastic year!

Basketball season is currently underway and we are looking forward to a great year. Both Varsity Boys and Girls play this weekend in the Annual RCS Tournament. We hope you are able to join us.

Please be checking *highschoolsports.net* for the most up-to-date information regarding games and practices. We look forward to seeing all the fans at the games.