



Redeemer Parent Council

2018-2019

Welcome Parents!

We can't believe summer is half-way through and school will be here soon. We have prepared some information to help you better understand the Parent Council's role at Redeemer and to outline volunteer opportunities.

Our Parent Council's mission is to support our children's education by bringing faculty and families together through meaningful events and activities. Below is a calendar of our events as well as an overview about what each entails. We have also included a volunteer form to indicate interest in becoming involved with specific events or activities.

We are grateful for any amount of time you are able to volunteer and hope to see you at the first parent council meeting of the year, Thursday, Sept 6th at 9am in Hale Auditorium. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill in the volunteer interest form attached and return via email to Emily Pfeifer or feel free to return to the school office with your other summer forms.

Thank you for your support of our community!

Parent Council Co-chairs:

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Calendar of Parent Council Events

Fall Events

Back to School Family Playdate	August 24 th 4-5:30
Parent Wine & Cheese Social	September 14 th 7-9
Fall Family Festival	October 13 th 10:30-1:00
Holiday Greens	Order forms sent out mid-Oct./Dec. delivery

Winter Events

Boots for Baltimore	Early November
Cookie Baking Project	December 1 st 8:30-10
Girls Night Out Bingo	January 16 th 6:30 - 9:30
Donuts at the Day School	February 1 st 9 - 10

Spring Events

Spring Social & Auction	April 12 th 6:30-10 pm
Pedal for Pediatrics	May 3 rd 9 - 10
Teacher Appreciation Week	Beginning of May
End of Year Family Picnic	May 9 th 5:30-7

Welcome Committee

Love to throw a good party? You will help to plan three social events for families & parents of RPDS.

- **Back to School Family Play Date (August 24th)** An afternoon on the playground of popsicles and lemonade for all PDS families.
- **Parent Wine & Cheese Social (September 14th)** A breezy evening of fun apps & cool beverages enjoyed by the parents and faculty of RPDS. A perfect way to start the year!
- **End of Year Picnic (May 9th)** Organize simple playground party for the RPDS families and teachers!

Community Engagement Committee

- **Boots for Baltimore (early November)** Take the lead on a Church of the Redeemer sponsored charity that provides the gift of sturdy footwear to homeless men and women in our community.
- **Kids ♥ to Give Cooking Baking Project (December 1)** Help organize an event that brings together members of PDS, the Church of the Redeemer and Govans Elementary to bake cookies for Govans Elementary's Winterfest.
- **Pedal for Pediatrics (May 3rd)** trike/scooter event for our children to help raise money and awareness for Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology.

Fall Family Festival (October 13th)

A great event you won't want to miss! This outdoor festival is open to the community with games and activities geared toward children ages 2-7, including food, music and vendors. Event chairs plan activities/games, secure vendors, purchase food and organize volunteer support. This is a super way to meet and work with parents from the entire school.

There are so many ways to help:

- **Parents:** Help organize the event or volunteer for a shift to work an activity/booth
- **Teen volunteers:** We will need teen volunteers (earn 3-4 service hours)

Holiday Greens (Order form mid-October, actual sale/distribution early December)

Fresh holiday greens are sold to spruce up homes for the festive winter season.

- Coordinate pricing and orders with florist at your convenience
- Collect orders from the parents, schedule delivery to RPDS, bundle orders & organize pickup by parents

Girls Night Out Bingo Bonanza (January 16th)

Organize a night of Bingo for the moms and RPDS faculty.

- Send flyer, collect RSVPs & plan/shop for apps/drinks
- Coordinate with class reps on basket prizes

Donuts at the Day School (February 1st)

Welcome all the superheroes, dads, grandpas, and super friends to a morning of fun with their RPDS children.

- Send flyer and organize coffee & donuts.

Spring Adult Social & Auction (April 12th)

Join RPDS parents, teachers and friends for a fun night out as well as an opportunity to raise funds for the school. This is our BIG annual event, and it never disappoints! Great food, drinks, raffles and auction items make this a “must attend” event.

- Event chairs and committee members bring this night to life by organizing the caterer and beverages while working with our local community & family donors for the “must win” prizes.

Teacher Appreciation Week (Beginning of May)

Plan & coordinate this super fun week to thank our amazing teachers!

- Determine theme of the week!
- Decorate the faculty room and teacher doors
- Schedule and organize a special event/treat/parent volunteers for each day

Parents Morning Out (Throughout the year) Parent's Morning Out is a co-op/playgroup for children in Redeemer's 2/2s program, PDS siblings who are at least 18 months old that are not currently enrolled, and Redeemer parishioners. This is a drop-off program to give children a chance to socialize and play with other children in a relaxed and safe atmosphere. Parent's Morning Out is entirely parent-run, which makes it a great place to get to know other Redeemer parents.

- We are looking for 2 parent coordinators to organize volunteer shifts on Friday mornings from 9-11 in the Church nursery.

Scholastics (Throughout the year) We typically order four times throughout the year during the major holiday seasons, as well as the end of the year. Responsibilities include being distributing flyers and submitting online orders.

Library (Throughout the year) Create and send out Sign-up Geniuses for parent volunteer reading opportunities as well as Friday 15 min clean-ups. Responsibilities also include periodically categorizing new library books. This is something that only needs to be done a few times a year.

Box Tops (Throughout the year) Collect and count Box Tops that are collected throughout the year and periodically mail them in to redeem for money that directly supports PDS.

Class Representative (Throughout the year) Represent your class on the Parent Council

- Act as a liaison between Parent Council and class parents through emails (sample emails will be provided) to communicate the events and needs of Parent Council
- Attend monthly meetings, when possible
- Organize holiday and end-of-year teacher gifts
- Organize class basket for Girls Night Out Bingo (instructions provided by Bingo Committee heads)
- Organize one faculty luncheon with help from your class and Parent Council.