



Redeemer Parent Council

2019-2020

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 will be emailing a link to our PDS online volunteer form. Please let us know what you are interested in volunteering for by signing up online!

We are grateful for any amount of time you are able to volunteer. We thank all of you in advance for your continued dedication and time volunteered to RPDS. We hope to see you at the first parent council meeting of the year, Thursday, Sept 5th at 9am in the Nursery. Children are always welcome!

Thank you for your support of our community!

Happy Summer,

Parent Council Co-chairs: Mandy Saleh and Chrissy Levering
Please email us with any questions @ pdsparentcouncil@gmail.com

Calendar of Parent Council Events

Fall Events

Back to School Family Playdate	August 23 rd 4-5:30
Parent Wine & Cheese Social	September 13 th 7-9
Fall Family Festival	October 5 th 10:30-1:00

Winter Events

Boots for Baltimore	Early November
Kid's ♥ to Give Cookie Baking Project	December 7 th 8:30-10
Donuts at the Day School	January 31 st 8:45 - 9:45
Girls Night Out Bingo	February 6 th 6:30 - 9:30

Spring Events

Spring Auction & Social	April 3 rd 6:30-10
Pedal for Pediatrics	May 1 st 9 - 10
Teacher Appreciation Week	Beginning of May
End of Year Family Picnic	May 7 th 5:30-7

Welcome Committee

Love to throw a good party? You will help to plan three social events.

- **Back to School Family Play Date (August 23rd)** An afternoon on the playground of popsicles and lemonade for Redeemer families and siblings.
- **Parent Wine & Cheese Social (September 13th)** A breezy evening of fun apps & cool beverages enjoyed by the parents and faculty of Redeemer. A perfect way to start the year!
- **End of Year Picnic (May 7th)** Organize simple playground pizza party for the Redeemer 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 7th)** 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 1st)** Trike/scooter event for our children to help raise money and awareness for Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology. *** 2s classes do not participate in this event.**

Fall Family Festival (October 5th)

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 a fun filled day for your children. Event chairs plan activities/games, purchase food and organize volunteer support. This is a great 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)

Donuts at the Day School (January 31st)

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

- Send flyer and organize coffee & donuts.

Girls Night Out Bingo Bonanza (February 6th)

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 bingo basket prizes
- Assemble bingo baskets

Spring Auction & Social (April 3rd)

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 that meets on Friday mornings 9-11am. The program is geared for children in Redeemer's 2D2s 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 your child the opportunity to socialize and play with other children in a relaxed and safe atmosphere run by parents! Parent's Morning Out is entirely parent-run, which makes it a great place to get to know other Redeemer parents.

- Parent coordinators (2) connect interested parents and set up PMO schedule.
- Organize volunteer shifts via online sign up

Scholastic Books (Throughout the year) We order Scholastic Books on average four times throughout the year during the major holiday seasons, as well as the end of the year. Responsibilities include distributing flyers, submitting online orders and distributing books to the families.

Library (Throughout the year) Create and send out Sign-up Geniuses for parent volunteer reading opportunities. 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.

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

- Act as a liaison between the 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.

Parent Council Contact Information

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We would LOVE to hear from you!

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