

Loving Families

When the religious leaders asked Jesus what was the greatest commandment he answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...and love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-38). Christians agree wholeheartedly with Jesus' instructions but living it out is an entirely different matter. While love is the greatest of all Christian virtues (1 Cor. 13:13), Christians must remember that the Bible's teaching on love differs greatly from the world's perspective. Scripture teaches us that love is an *action*. It is something we are commanded to do. It is not just an abstract emotion but something we give to others through the honor, respect, and service we grant. This is opposed to the world's philosophy that love is something you get. Second,

love is a *choice*. The world teaches things like "you can't help who you fall in love with" and other nonsense as if we are victims controlled by desires such as physical attraction. God has given us the free will to accept or reject him and to accept or reject each other. One path leads to happiness and the other to misery.

In his book, *Five Signs of a Loving Family*, Gary Chapman highlights what characteristics depict love in the context of the family. Each of these reflects the fact that love is an action and a choice:

- An attitude of service
- Intimacy between husband and wife
- Parents who teach and train
- Children who obey and honor parents

- Husbands who are loving leaders

Parents and children have a part to play in the maintenance of a loving environment in the home. A lot can be said regarding each of these categories which space won't allow. Instead, as we get close to the start of school, I challenge each of us to pick one category on which to work in our family. Why do I have the feeling each parent will select #4?

I look forward to another exciting year of growth and development for Renton Christian. But most of all let's each commit to becoming better lovers of our spouses, our children, our friends, and especially of God. That is the type of school community of which I want to be a part. See you soon!

~ Dr. Erik Konsmo



FACTS Payment Plan

All families must be signed up for the FACTS payment plan for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have not done so, please go to the school website, www.rentonchristian.org, click on the FACTS logo, then click "get started" underneath NEW USER. All families will be in the NEW USER category this school year.

August & September • Calendar Events

8/24.....K Prep/K Bar-Be-Cue,
..... 5:30 p.m. MPR
8/25..... Last Day of Summer Camp
8/26-31..... BASC Closed
8/31..... Meet Your Teacher Day,
..... 12:00—2:00 p.m.
9/1School Begins
9/3..... PTF Coffee & Donuts "Welcome"

9/6..... No School—Labor Day, BASC Open
..... SLC Closed
9/13-17..... Spiritual Emphasis Week
9/16..... JH Orientation, 7 pm
9/17.. 11:30 a.m. Dismissal, Family Fair Day
9/24..... Jog-A-Thon Assembly, 2:00 p.m.
9/28-29..... Student Pictures
9/29-10/1..... JH Retreat

From the "Sports Desk"

Girl's Volleyball September Practice Dates

3:30—5:30 p.m.—MPR

9/2, 9/3, 9/7, 9/8, 9/9, 9/10, 9/13, 9/16, 9/20, 9/21, 9/22, 9/23, 9/24, 9/27, 9/28, 9/29



9/14 Girl's Volleyball Game, *HCC 4 pm

9/16 Boy's Soccer Game, Away 4 pm

9/20 Girl's Volleyball Game, *HCC 4 pm

9/21 Boy's Soccer Game, Away 4 pm

* Highlands Community Church Gym



9/23 Girl's Volleyball Game, *HCC 4 pm

9/27 Boy's Soccer Game, Away 4 pm

9/29 Girl's Volleyball Game, *HCC 4 pm

9/30 Girl's Volleyball Game, *HCC 4 pm

Notes from the Principal

- Home baked cookies will not be an option any longer for SOS hours or as rewards in our "cookie pass: recognition system. **Only** store purchased cookies will be accepted. They must be delivered to the school office in the original, un-opened store packaging so that ingredients can be noted by us. 4 dozen cookies = 1 SOS hour. Due to allergies, peanut butter cookies and cookies with nuts will not be accepted for any of our school functions.
- Immunization dates must be **current and on file** in the school office in order for your child to attend class beginning the first day of school.
- Elementary Back to School Night is **Tuesday, September 14th**. It begins at 7:00 PM and ends at 8:30 PM. Please watch your child's teacher newsletter for any additional details for this event. The general schedule for that night is listed below. No Child Care is available that evening. This is primarily an information night for parents, whose children are in grades K-prep through 6th grade. You will hear about classroom procedures and classroom happenings for the year and to ensure that communication is occurring between home and school.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: 2010

7:00-7:20 PM General Meeting

7:25-7:55 PM Session I

8:00-8:30 PM Session II



Uniform Sweatshirt Orders

You can order a uniform sweatshirt, jacket and/or vest through the school office. An order form has been included in your summer mailer or you can pick one up at the school office. All orders must be turned in by September 30th.

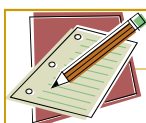
Job Opportunity



Puget Sound Publishing Co. is looking for someone to gather the information for our calendars, as well as other bits (photo, logo, etc.) that we need for Renton Magazine and Kent Magazine. The person should have good computer skills and outstanding attention to detail. Unflappable parents of young children are especially encouraged to apply.

The person will work at our office, located in the Evergreen Building in Renton. Hours are two perhaps three, mornings or afternoons per week. Likely 8 hours a week to start, pay is \$12 per hour. If you are interested, please email Diana Kramer at www.pugetsoundpublishing.com

Before & After School Care



BASC Parents: School will be dismissing at noon on Friday, September 17th. If you are in need of child care on this day or any non-school or early release day, please be sure to complete the 2010/2011 **Non-School Day/Half Day Registration Form**. Return this form to the school office as soon as possible.

Your registration form should be arriving in the mail in the next week or so. If you haven't received your registration form by September 7th, please contact Mr. Mike @ Michael.dearborn@rentonchristian.org or call 425.226.0820 x425.

Junior High Events

- **August 31—Meet Your Teacher Day.** JH students and families meet in room 222 at 12:00 p.m. *sharp!*
- **Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m.—JH Orientation.** Parents, this is your opportunity to walk through classes and meet with teachers.
- **Sept. 29– Oct. 1—JH Retreat.** Students will be going to Lake Retreat again this year. They will strengthen relationships with each other and with God through chapel worship, games and teaching. Chaperones are needed. This is an "SOS" opportunity. Contact Julie Schmitke at www.julie.schmitke@rentonchristian.org or 425.226.0820 x 480.



Medications



- If your child will need to take/use medications (EpiPens, inhalers, pain relievers, etc.) this school year, please be sure to fill out the **Authorization for Medication** form that has been included in the "Back to School" mailer. Return the form and medication(s) to the school office as soon as possible.
- Please be sure to pick up any medications from last year that have expired.