

Student Orientation Handbook



LAUNCH

2011



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Name: _____

Dorm #: _____ Phone #: _____
(if applicable)

LAUNCH CREW Leader: _____ Phone #: _____
(for first year students only)



Welcome

Another year at Redeemer University College has begun. We're glad you're becoming a part of this community and hope that your experience here will be positive, enjoyable and fruitful.

For those of you who are coming to Redeemer for the first time, our orientation program will introduce you to our campus and acquaint you with university life. Our goal is to help you experience what university is all about: spiritual growth, personal development, new friendships, and learning that expands your horizons. New students will discover a great deal about life at Redeemer in their first month. LAUNCH Teams (groups of 15-20 new students and two leaders who are specially selected returning students) will meet throughout the first week and a host of activities are planned throughout the month.

Use this booklet as a guide through the excitement and transition that September will bring. There is important information included for all students. We look forward to serving you this year.

On behalf of the Student Life Department,

Micah van Dijk
Activities & Orientation Coordinator



SCHOOL THEME 2011-2012: COME UNTO ME



When you chat with anyone in the hallways at Redeemer during the school year and ask them how they're doing, inevitably the first word that comes out of their mouth is "Busy!" University life is demanding: books to read, papers to write, people to talk with, activities to do. It's usually healthy to be busy, but being too busy easily becomes stressful and even spiritually suffocating.

This year's theme encourages us to find a place of rest within our busy-ness. Listen to Jesus' wonderful invitation: "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt. 11: 28-30). We'll spend the entire year trying to put on that "easy yoke" every day again.

Syd Hielema - Chaplain

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Orientation Schedule 2011

* denotes an activity for first year students only.

Friday, September 2

10:00am – 3:30pm Early Check-in Day. **Please note** that move-in day is Monday, September 6

Saturday, September 3

9:00am - 5pm LAUNCH crew training

Monday, September 6

8:30am - 4:30pm Move into your residences

9:30am - 3:30pm Check-in to University (Gym)

COMMUTER STUDENT Welcome Table (Gym)

Come check out the exciting things we have planned to welcome commuting students to the Redeemer community.

* LAUNCH Head-Quarters (Gym)

Find out more information about Redeemer's orientation program and meet the people who will be running the activities and events. You will find out which Launch Team you are on and where the first meeting will take place.

2:00 pm Circle of Parents (Room 213)

All parents of first year students are invited to attend this meaningful hour with the Dean of Students and members of the Student Life Department. There will be opportunity to ask questions and to share your hopes and dreams with one another. The hour will be concluded with a time of prayer. Refreshments will be served.

4:00 pm Commuting Students Meeting (Room 210)

Join other commuting students in a brief information session and social before the BBQ and walk down to the front quad together.

5:00pm The President's Supper (BBQ in Front Quad) ALL students are encouraged to attend. Come join us for our

first meal together at Redeemer. This event is sponsored by the President's Office.

*6:30p.m LAUNCH Opening Session (Assigned Rooms & Auditorium)

All first year students are asked to gather with their LAUNCH Team in their assigned rooms.

- Team Yellow - Room 225
- Team Red - Room 211
- Team Pink - Room 212 A
- Team Green - Room 212 B
- Team Dark Blue - Room 212 C
- Team Brown - Room 212 D
- *Team Black - Room 215
- Team Grey - Room 214
- Team White - Room 218
- Team Light Blue - Room 220
- Team Orange - Room 224
- *Team Purple - Room 210

* Commuter Teams

*7:00pm Opening Ceremonies! As a LAUNCH Team, you will join other new students in the Auditorium to meet the rest of the Class of 2014. The Cooper Cup (awarded to one team at the end of orientation) will also be on display and you can earn points for your team towards winning it.

9:00pm Porch Hang-out with your LAUNCH Team back at the dorms. Team Black and Purple, you'll be heading over to the Rec Centre for team de-briefs and a hang-out.

*10:00pm First Year Meetings and devotions (in your own residence)
Your first gathering as a dorm! These meetings are mandatory for all first year students living on campus. Dorm meetings for the rest of the first week will be explained to you by your RA.

Tuesday, September 6

9:00a.m All university services and offices will be open for business as usual.

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*9:00a.m Welcome Blessing

All first year students are expected to attend this dynamic, informative session presented by members of our staff/faculty. You'll get an opportunity to learn more about what to expect in the up-coming year. You'll also be able to put a name and a face to some of Redeemer's departments. Then immediately following...

*10:00am - Orientation Workshops (see descriptions below)

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All first year students are strongly encouraged to attend two of the following workshops. Please pick two sessions out of the six to attend. Each session will be presented at 10:00am & 10:45am with the exception of the Money Talk session. Get POINTS for your LAUNCH Team by attending!

1st Year Varsity Athlete Orientation: Room 212B

Presented by the Athletic Department Staff

Interested in playing on a Redeemer Royals Varsity Team? This session is required for all prospective 1st year athletes. Come on out and get all the information you need including tryout dates and times as well as expectations for the varsity season!

The Money Talk Room 211

10:45am session ONLY!

Presented by Jeannette Lodewyks, Director of Financial Aid

Money is part of everyone's life, whether or not we want it to be. How we use it can be a big determinant in what we can do in our lives. If we manage it well, we can have more choices in life, especially while we are having to pay for a university education. This workshop will look at the benefits of budgeting, and the importance of knowing how to do your banking. Questions about OSAP, scholarships, working on campus, and banking can be answered.

The Writing Centre. Room 222

(Presented by Teresa DeVries)

Every Writer Needs a Reader: Even experienced writers can benefit from a second set of eyes going over their work. Whether you're a grammar-phobe or thesis-challenged, the experienced readers at Redeemer's Writing Centre can help you. This workshop will answer the Who, What, Where, and How of the Writing Centre. Questions about essays, writing, thesis preparation, and handouts can be answered.

Spiritually Alive on Campus: Room 210

Presented by Syd Hielema, campus chaplain

God is a big part of your Redeemer experience. We want to broaden,

deepen and strengthen your faith. This session will give you a picture of what you can expect during your time on campus. You will find out how you can grow, where you can serve and how you can connect with the churches in the area. Redeemer has a lot to offer and you have a lot to give.

The Great Transition : Room 220

Presented by John Krueger, Career & Academic Support

Coordinator. When you step into a university classroom, you cross a greater threshold than you realize. It's big. It's bittersweet. It's stressful and exciting. In fact, leaving home for the first time to attend university is a major life transition. This seminar will identify 8 ways to help you adjust to university and succeed in your studies. Please note: Students who are enrolled in ASP 012 (M & M) should choose another session.

Choosing your Major/Minor: Room 212 A

Presented by: Kim Lammers, Academic Advisor

You haven't figured out what you're doing with your life and now someone wants you to choose a major (and a minor?!) Confused? Wondering where to begin? At this session you'll find some help to get you started and maybe make you think a little differently about this big decision.

Introducing...your Student Senate!: Room 213

Presented by the Student Senate

Want to be a part of Redeemer Student Senate? Curious what senate does? Members of the student senate will give you the scoop. You'll find out how to run for a first year senate position, information about elections in September, and all the details about how your senate works for you.

*11:45 am The Dean's Lunch for New Students and Faculty (Cafeteria)
All new students are invited to meet the faculty, including their faculty advisors and enjoy a casual lunch together. Your LAUNCH Access Pass is your meal ticket so make sure you bring it! Redeemer's Learning Communities will also be introduced at this lunch.

*1:30 pm LAUNCH Team meeting
First year students! Relax with your LAUNCH Team and hear a few more important details about Orientation week. Make sure you attend because there might be a way to earn major points for your LAUNCH Team... Your team is meeting in the same place that you met Monday. (See page 5)

*3:30 pm FREE Time

It's been a busy day and a half and we want to encourage you to take this time to relax. You are not asked to be anywhere or do anything. This is your time to do with it what you wish. Tired? Take a nap. Wired? Grab some dorm-mates and head out to the Rec Centre, Athletic Centre, sports fields or your front porch!

3:30pm New Commuter Bus Trip

Commuters are invited to join commuter advisors Krista and Chris on a city bus trip. This is an excellent way to learn how to use the bus system and meet new friends.

*4:45pm "Diggin In" (in your own residence)

All first year students living on campus are required to be in their residences for a special time with their dorm mates. You will cook your first meal together. Dig in!

6:30pm Night Classes Begin!

7:00pm Games Night: (Cafeteria and Executive Dining Room).

Join a Euchre Tournament, or a Settler's Tournament, try a new game you've never played before. Meet some new people and win cool prizes!

10:00pm - First Year Residence meetings and devotions.

Wednesday, September 7

Regular Class Schedule Commences

10:40am New students are dismissed from class to gather on the in the Front Quad for a Photo. After the photo the Class of 2015 will march into the Auditorium together for opening commencement. NOTE: For those students who don't have class, please meet us in the quad (where the opening BBQ occurred)

11:00am. - 12:00pm. Opening Convocation, (Auditorium)
The entire Redeemer University College community will join in celebration and worship to begin our new academic year. President Krygsman will lead the worship and the faculty will enter dressed

in their academic regalia. Feel free to invite family and friends.

4:45pm - 6:00pm Communal Meal (Cafeteria)

All students on the food plan (those who live in residence) are eligible for communal meal. Off campus students are also welcome. Communal tickets are sold at the meal or see Campus Services. Communal meals will be held every Wednesday during the academic year. Communal meal time is meant to be staggered throughout this supper hour. Please bring your student card with your meal-plan sticker.

6:30pm Regular Wednesday evening classes meet.

6:30pm Mystery Campus Recreation Event

7:30pm Folk Concert in Whaley's Teaching Garden
Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music of Nashville Tennessee's "Handsome and Gretyl" as well as Calgary Alberta's "Lauren Mann" This is a pay what you can event with all proceeds going to the artists. The rain location is the Black Box Studio Theatre across from the Gym. Check out www.handsomeandgretyl.com and www.laurenmannmusic.com

*10:00pm First year residence meeting and devotions.

Thursday, September 8

8:00am Regular Class Schedule commences.

12:00pm - 4:00pm Drop off books for the Used Book Sale (Executive Dining Room)

Students who wish to sell their books, must pick up and complete the "Used Book Sellers Package" available at Check-in day or in the Student Life Department. **ONLY CURRENT EDITIONS** will be accepted in the MAIN sale.

7:00pm Bus Trip to Talize
LAUNCH 2011 is organizing a trip to the Talize thrift shop for you to pick your costume for Saturday's Decade Dance. Sign up in Student Life. Limited spots.

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If the bus is full, all are still invited to come to Talize on Thursday for special deals for all Redeemer students. You'll just have to arrange your own transportation. Talize is located at 1400 Upper James St. Hamilton.

9:30pm "Hot Spot" (Rec Centre)...
Bring your voices for a time of worship and fellowship in the Rec Centre. Student Senate Spiritual and Service Committee (SASC) presents the first monthly "Hot Spot" time of worship.

11:00pm - First year residence meeting and devotions.

Friday, September 9

7:00am - 1:00pm Used Book Sale (Executive Dining Room)
Come out to the Used Book Sale and buy text books at rock bottom prices. Bring lots of cash and the list of books that you need. Remember CASH ONLY! Only current editions of texts are being sold in the MAIN Sale. All sales are final!

2:00pm - 4:00pm Book Return (Executive Dining Room)

8:00am Regular Friday classes.

11:00am Church Showcase (The Commons)
Several local churches have displays set up in the commons so that you can find a church to attend on Sunday. Talk to the pastors, get directions, and arrange rides if needed.

5:00pm New Commuter Social
New commuters are invited to relax with their classmates after the first week of school and enjoy pizza and pop. This will also give the Commuter LAUNCH team the energy to participate in the food drive occurring immediately afterwards.

5:30pm Redeemer Food Drive for Neighbour to Neighbour (gather in the QUAD)
LAUNCH Teams will collect food along a designated route in the Meadowlands community. Residents have been notified that you are coming. This is a great opportunity for new students to introduce themselves to the Meadowlands community. NOTE: Please wear your black Redeemer t-shirt for

this event. We ask that LAUNCH teams do not wear their team colours off-campus. Coloured bandanas can be confusing for the community and may have connections to groups that we are not associated with. NOTE: if it is inclement weather, the collection will be moved to Saturday, Sept. 11 at 5:30pm.

9:00 pm The Junction (Rec Centre)
Featuring live music from Garner. There will also be beach volleyball, pool, ping-pong, capture-the-flag, great food, new friends. Come for some Treats, Beats and Peeps.

Saturday, September 11

12:00pm LAUNCH CREW (leaders) Meeting at
(Outdoor Volleyball Court)
We will be meeting for a few minutes to go over the plans of the afternoon. We want to get your back to your LAUNCH teams as quickly as possible so that you can make your final colourful preparations

1:20pm ALL LAUNCH TEAMS should meet in Calvin
Court so that they can be organized to march into the Opening Ceremonies of the LAUNCH Olympics as a team.

1:30pm LAUNCH Olympics (Meet at the Rec Centre)
Join your LAUNCH Team for the annual, unforgettable LAUNCH Olympics! Wear old clothes and old shoes (shoes must be either sneakers or sandals that fasten and do not slip off.) You just might get a little dirty! Many points are awarded at this event for team spirit so it's important that you attend.

8:00 pm Decade Dance (Cafeteria)
Dress up, go retro and boogie the night away with old and new friends. There will be prizes for the best costume and decade dance impersonation.

Monday, September 12

11:00am Mature Student Lunch Whaley Teaching
Garden. Rain Location: Executive Dining Room.

Tuesday, September 13

Mystery Dorm Dinner

Ask your RA/HA to sign up in Student Life and you will be assigned a “mystery” dorm to host for dinner or to be a guest for dinner.

Wednesday, September 14

11:00am Chapel - auditorium

4:45pm Communal meal (Cafeteria)

Thursday, September 15

7:00pm The City Harmonic Concert
Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door for returning students and friends from the community. All NEW students get exclusive access to the balcony for this event free of charge. All you need to do is present your LAUNCH Access Pass to the ushers for your free entry!

Friday, September 16

11:00am Club Showcase (Commons)
Redeemer University College has a number of clubs that students may join. This will be a perfect time to see what opportunities there are for you at Redeemer and ask questions on how to become involved. Sign up and participate. Questions? Contact Student Senate at x4269. You can also check out their web page at www.redeemer.ca/senate

7:30 pm Hamilton Tiger-Cats vs Edmonton Eskimos Game
Join the Ti-Cat faithful as this storied football team takes on another one of the legendary teams in Canadian football. The Eskimos have 13 Grey Cups while Hamilton has 15 championships under their belt. Students, faculty, and staff are invited. Ticket and transportation information is available in Student Life.

Saturday, September 17

2:00pm & Women's Soccer Home-Opener
4:00pm Dress up in red and white and come learn how to

be a loyal Royal supporter. You'll be learning the songs and chants which are passed on from generation to generation of students.

Thursday, September 22

10:00pm Coffee House (The Commons)
Sign-up in student senate to perform at the first coffeehouse. The winning LAUNCH Team will be announced and the Cooper Cup will be presented. You don't want to miss this.

Friday, September 23

12:00pm English Learning Community Trip to a performance of Twelfth Night at Stratford (Meet at Athletic Entrance)
Join the English LC in attending Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at Stratford. Tickets are available through the English Department or in Student Life. Space is limited, so purchase your tickets quickly.

5:00pm Bus trip to Niagara Falls (Meet at Athletic Entrance)
Ever seen this spectacular "wonder of the world"? Want to spend some time with old and new friends? The bus ride is only \$2, but bring some cash for your own food/recreation. Grab some dinner and check out this town for a few hours! We will return to campus by 11:00p.m. Space is limited, so sign up quickly for the ride in Student Life.

7:30pm David Braid Piano Concert (Auditorium)
Visit the Box Office for tickets. \$20 admission, \$17 for students

Saturday, September 24

8:15pm Canada's Wonderland Trip (Meet at Athletic Entrance)
Bus leaves at 8:15 am. Tickets are available in Student Life. The cost is \$30 for ticket and transportation. Amazing deal!

9:00 am Worship Conference.
Register for Redeemer's annual Worship conference.

Join worship leaders from campus and the surrounding community for a day of exploring key questions about worship. For more information and to register, visit www.redeemer.ca/worship

Sunday, September 25

7:00p.m. Church in the Box (Auditorium)

Wednesday, September 28 – Wednesday, October 5

Twenty-Four/Seven Prayer Week.

Sign up individually or as a dorm for a one hour time slot to pray for our community, our country and our world.

Wednesday, September 28

9:30pm Meet the Chaplains Dessert Social for new Students Cafeteria).

Friday, September 30

7:30 pm Faculty Artist Concert (Auditorium)
The award-winning music faculty at Redeemer will present an eclectic program of classical, jazz, instrumental, and vocal music. Free admission.

Saturday, October 1

9:00-5:00 pm Cross Culture
CrossCulture is a service-learning oppourtunity in downtown Hamilton where people from a variety of churches worship through service. See Student Life for more details.

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SIBLING WEEKEND AT REDEEMER

OCTOBER 14-16



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BROTHER OR
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COME LIVE
ON CAMPUS
FOR A
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LOTS OF
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CONTACT STUDENT LIFE FOR MORE DETAILS



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AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.