



Parent News

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School Theme:

Grateful Hearts, Serving Hands

*In all our living may we show that we are thankful to
God for all He has done for us and may He be
praised through us.*

Heidelberg Catechism - Answer 86

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/09 All State Choir

1/12 6:30pm Education Committee Meeting
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting

1/15 Mid School Program

1/19 NO SCHOOL – Staff In-Service/Workday

1/20 6:00pm Senior Parent Meeting for FAFSA in the
HS computer lab.

1/23-1/24 Homecoming Weekend

INS AND OUTS

Happy New Year! That is really quite mouthful! And after the economic adventures of 2008, one can only hope that 2009 will bring its share of joy. Psalm 90 has a curious line in that regard, “Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us...” In other words, we can anticipate that not all our days or years are without trouble.

I have recently read and heard from old-timers, who remember well the days of the Great Depression, back in the 30’s. It took eight years to start coming out of it, and most economists and historians agree that the New Deal was not all that successful—and they don’t know why. It sounds so much like the wringing of hands that we hear on our televisions today—nobody really knows what to do.

But those same old-timers testified to their reliance on God during those times—how their families were drawn to the family altar, how food and shelter were not assumed, how thankful they were for work, how carefully they watched their pennies. It was a time when Christian faith and family and church life flourished! And so we can again know that God is with us, He will see us through, and we will find our rest in Him. Thus, we can say—**Happy New Year!**

We do well to briefly review some school-related matters from these last weeks:

1. The Donkersloots, Nick and Becca, have welcomed into their home 6 year old, Kal. She has started school, in first grade, so we welcome this newest student, all the way from Ethiopia, to our beautifully diverse student body.
2. Our friend, Pastor Bobby Boyd, experienced heart problems, and had stints put in at the Heart Hospital. Bobby is the husband of Kindergarten Aide, Nora, and father of HS custodian, Jay, and 11th grade student, Jarek. Good to see Bobby at the game Saturday night, though I think he is going to leave his referee’s shirt in the closet this season.
3. Speaking of Mrs. Boyd, she is now also teaching our K-5 Navajo Language. That program had been on hold since we lost dear Mrs. Elsie Belone a year ago. We are grateful for her willingness to take it on. And for that matter, to Mr. Irvinson

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Jones, who is doing such nice work for us at the High School level.

4. Have you seen the new Activity Bus—well, not exactly new, but new to us! We are thrilled to have this new/used bus which will carry our teams and kids to lots of places. I'm told the BB girls enjoyed it so much last night riding to Laguna, that several chose to ride home as well, rather than with their parents. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible.
5. Thank you to all who are so diligently working on your tuition payments. Several have made large payments this week. It is so helpful when they come in on a timely fashion!

We believe we had a good year-end in terms of donations. This is the most critical time of the year for us, and we praise the Lord for every tuition payment and gift that comes into the office.

Have a wonderful year—come and see some great Rehoboth basketball!

Ron Polinder, Executive Director

New Activity Bus!!

Double God's Money

As you may have heard we have been blessed with a beautiful new activities bus. But, we still need to raise part of money locally in order to fully pay it off. God has blessed us with a generous donor who has offered to match gifts made by Rehoboth parents, staff and local donors towards our new bus.

It's dollar for dollar match, up to \$2,000! If you give one dollar, Rehoboth gets \$2...give \$50 and it becomes \$100. PTL!

So, please send in your check today (if you wish to give by credit card please call Deanna Benson at 726-9683). Whatever amount you feel led to help us will be a real help. When you do, it will immediately become a *double blessing* for Rehoboth's traveling Athletes, Choir, and Band students for years to come.

On behalf of your kids we say... **"Thank you!"**



An article written by Gallup's very own, Town Talk:

Rehoboth Gets a New Activities Bus!

A delightful story to match the spirit of Christmas involves a Private, Liberal Arts College in Holland MI, Hope College, and Rehoboth Christian School. An Activities Bus at Hope College has been sold to Rehoboth Christian School! In the process, the bus has been repainted maroon and gold, the colors of Rehoboth Christian School, and ironically, Hope's lead rival, Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI.

The story dates back a few months when Dan Aukeman, formerly of Holland, MI, moved to Rehoboth, New Mexico. When Dan learned that Hope College was looking to upgrade to a new bus, he wondered if Rehoboth may be a good home for the old one, given Rehoboth's need for an Activities Bus. Dan and friends were able to put up much of the money to swing the deal.

Before the bus could leave the yard, Hope College insisted that it be re-painted, though likely it was difficult to witness the conversion to maroon and gold. With the paint job now completed, the bus sits at Russ's restaurant in Holland, MI. seeking donations to get the bus to Rehoboth.

The new Activities Bus will be a blessing to the many programs offered at Rehoboth Christian

School, including band, choir, sports, and other clubs.

Executive Director Search

We were delighted to have Dr. Darrell Druvenga visit our campus and school over the last two days. He is the first of two candidates to come and interview for the Executive Director position. If you receive this note in time, and can attend a parent interview session today at 3:00 PM, you can join us at the Board Room in the Administration Building.

Please remember that the second candidate, Dr. Sidney DeWaal will be here on Tuesday, January 13 and Wednesday, January 14. You are again invited to interact and give us your input. There will be a presentation on the importance of Christian education on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Parents are also invited to an interview session at 3:00 PM on that Wednesday in the Board Room.

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Welcome Back – It was great to see all the students back (although a bit delayed because of the weather) on Tuesday!! We hope and pray you had a relaxing and blessed Christmas break. We are looking forward to an eventful and productive second semester!!

Navajo Language Class – This semester we will be offering Navajo Language to all students in grades K – 5. Mrs. Nora Boyd, who taught K, 1, and 2 first semester will add grades 3, 4, and 5 this semester. Each class will have Navajo for ½ hour per week. We are so glad we can resume this important piece of curriculum.

Report Cards – You should have received your child's report card over the Christmas break. If you have not received it, please contact Sharon Jim at the elementary / mid school office (726-9675). Thank you.

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

Middle School Basketball

The game with Zuni has been rescheduled for Friday, January 16th.

Middle School Basketball

Parent help is needed at the home games, in order to raise money for new middle school uniforms. We are in need of help to take money at the gate and would love to have some parents run a concession stand. Please contact Mrs. Bremer-Bennett if you could help.

Middle School Program

We invite you to our middle school choir program on Thursday, January 15th at 7:00 PM in the Rehoboth CRC.

Geography Bee

Next week, the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be holding preliminary rounds of the Geography Bee in the middle school social studies classes and holding the school finals on Thursday.

Mid School Basketball

1/08 4:00pm HOME w/St. Theresa
1/13 4:00pm AWAY w/Gallup Catholic

Carol Bremer-Bennett, MS Principal

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Happy New Year! Semester 1 of the 2008-2009 school year is finished and along with the new year a new semester has begun. This is the semester that always seems to fly by with so many things happening. The seniors are busy on their portfolios and presentations, homecoming is almost here, and basketball playoffs, SAC Week, Spring Break, the H.S. Play, Junior/Senior Banquet, the Senior Trip and Graduation will all be here before we know it. With all that going on we need to make sure academics aren't being moved to the bottom of our priorities list. Please

help your son/daughter stay focused on their school work so that their second semester will be a successful one.

Reminder It is very important that parents/guardians send notes with students when they come back to school after an absence. Without a note, a student absence cannot be excused and unexcused absences require a detention. If you haven't the time to write a note, please call Mrs. Begaye at 726-9632, or send her an email at ebegaye@rcsnm.org, or send a fax to 726-9640. Thank you.

Report Cards If you did not receive a copy of your child's report card, please let Mrs. Begaye know if you need another copy.

Coming Events

In-Service..... January 19—NO SCHOOL
Homecoming..... January 23-24
Progress Reports... February 9
Presidents Day..... February 16—NO SCHOOL

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

College Corner

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS!!!!

Parents of seniors, a workshop for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be held Tuesday evening, January 20, at 6:00 pm in the high school computer lab in order to assist you in filling out the FAFSA. Before that meeting, it would be helpful if you applied for a PIN number in order to have an account with FAFSA so we can get right to the application process. Go to www.pin.ed.gov to apply. The FAFSA web site is www.fafsa.ed.gov if you would like to begin your FAFSA application. Every student attending college needs to fill out the FAFSA application. Each college bases its financial aid on the information from the FAFSA. The FAFSA includes your income and tax information from your 1040 for 2008. However, for now you may estimate you income and update it later with the accurate numbers. The meeting Tuesday night will be in the computer lab but you should have you senior student with you in order to access their account and begin the application process.

All School Announcements:

After School News

The After School Program announces some changes in hours. The After School Program staff asks that your child be picked up from the gym by 5:30 pm. Parents are still welcome to use the fitness center during the after school program. If you have questions, feel free to contact Mr. Ippel at 863-4412 ext 123



Crossing Guard Wanted!

We are looking for a volunteer to monitor the morning traffic and after school traffic. This monitor will be posted at the intersection near the High School and the road that leads up the SFC building. Please call Abbie or Deanna at 863-4412 for more information or to sign up for the job.

Volunteers Wanted!

Looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas

- Lunch Duty at the Fellowship Hall
- Administrative Office Building

Please call Abbie or Deanna at 863-4412 for more information or to sign up and help.

Concession Stand

The concession is in great need of donations. This is the busiest time for the concession stand. The athletic program would like to encourage you to keep donating to the concession stand during the basketball season.

- BarS brand Hot Dogs
- Hot Dog buns
- Cases of water – Aquafina
- Cases of Gatorade

You may drop off your donations at the Administration Building. Call Nicole at 726-9607 if you have any questions.

Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 01/12 to 01/16

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
01/12/09 Monday	Breakfast Pizza, juice, milk	Popcorn Chicken, rice w/sauces, tossed salad, bread, fruit, milk
01/13/09 Tuesday	Assorted Muffin, juice, milk	Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, cheese, fries, fruit, milk
01/14/09 Wednesday	Honey Bun, juice, milk	Chicken Noodle Soup, tossed salad, bread, fruit, milk
01/15/09 Thursday	No Breakfast	Pizza, tossed salad, fruit, milk
01/16/09 Friday	Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk	Tacos, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, Spanish Rice, fruit, milk

Show your *love* for
the Phonathon
Program...



... by providing after-school
snacks and beverages for our faithful
workers!

Phonathon Students and Parents have requested
snacks and beverages, such as:
Chips, Candy, Fruit, Fruit Snacks, Cookies,
Granola Bars, Bottled Water, Gatorade.
Please, help me feed our hungry workers! ☺
Snacks and Beverages can be dropped off ASAP
to Rachael Kass in the Admin Building

Sports Schedule

Sport Date /Time	Home/ Away	Opponent
1/08 Boys Basketball (C,JV,V)	HOME	Zuni
1/08-1/10 Girls Basketball Varsity	AWAY	Sandia Prep Tournament
1/10 Boys Basketball (JV,V)	HOME	Newcomb
1/13 Girls Basketball (C,JV,V)	HOME	Zuni
1/15-1/17 Boys Basketball Varsity	AWAY	Hope Tournament
1/16 Girls Basketball (C,JV,V)	AWAY	Navajo Prep.

HOME COMING 2009

JAN. 23-24



**Friday Night -
Lynx vs. Ramah**

Pancake Breakfast



**Saturday Afternoon -
Lady Lynx vs. Ramah**



3 shot contest - winner gets \$100.00

