



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

2/06 7:00pm James & Ernie Show at the SFC

2/09 Mid-Quarter

6:30pm Education Committee Meeting at the Middle School

7:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting in the Board Room

2/16 NO SCHOOL – President’s Day

7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting in the Board Room

2/18 7:30pm Gallup Community Concert at Gallup HS Auditorium

2/21 MS & HS English Expo at La Cueva HS in ABQ

2/23 – 2/24 NO SCHOOL for ALL students Staff-In-Service

INS AND OUTS

On behalf of the Rehoboth Christian School Board, we hereby announce the appointment of Dr. Sidney DeWaal as the new Executive Director of Rehoboth Christian School. He will begin his service in the summer of 2009.

Dr. DeWaal and his wife Janet currently live in Portland, OR, though they have lived in numerous places around the nation and world in a long and distinguished career in Christian higher education. In brief, Dr. DeWaal has served as President of Kings University College in Edmonton, Alberta, Provost of

Gordon Conwell Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, and mostly recently President of Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem, Israel.

Sid and Janet actually met as young college graduates starting a teaching career at West Cleveland Christian School where they taught most of the grades and still had time to fall in love. They have two grown children, both now living in Portland.

The process of selecting Dr. DeWaal has been exhaustive. A Search Committee appointed for the School Board began its work last spring, identifying key characteristics of a new Executive Director. They began the advertizing process in September and narrowed the field to two candidates in December for interview in January. Dr. DeWaal was actually brought back to campus for a second interview this past Monday night.

The Rehoboth Christian School Board, after hours of hearing survey results of staff and parents, and more hours of interviewing and deliberation made the selection late Monday night. Dr. DeWaal actually verbally accepted their offer on Tuesday.

So a new chapter in Rehoboth Christian School history begins. Colleen and I will spend our remaining months working toward a successful transition. We are yet undecided about our future, though trusting the Lord will open the right door for us.

Most importantly, we solicit your prayers and support for the DeWaaals and for RCS as the leadership reins get transferred. I have previously described the task of administration at Rehoboth as driving an 8-horse hitch of Clydesdales, which means you have eight reins in your hands, all of which have to be properly aligned, with the proper amount of release and tension. It takes certain

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skill to keep the teams pulling together, and a runaway is always possible.

To pass those reins to the hands of the person sitting next to you, and to do so without disruption and distraction is always a challenge. As always at Rehoboth, we will trust the Lord to be in and through it all. And we are reminded of what the Rehoboth choir has sung for years—"our times are in His hands."

Ron Polinder, Executive Director

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Spelling Bee – The third through fifth graders will be participating in a Rehoboth elementary spelling bee on March 5. Lists will be coming home soon. All students will be involved in classroom bees where points are gained for correct spelling but no one is eliminated. Our emphasis will be on participation and effort. Please encourage your child to practice their words and to try their best!!

Reminder – There will be no school for children on Monday, February 16 (Presidents Day) and Monday and Tuesday, February 23 and 24 as the teachers will be at a conference.

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

Mid-Quarter Reports

February 9th is the mid-quarter, so please keep an eye on your mailboxes since the reports will be mailed home next week. Also, check in with your child to make sure that he/she is all caught up on their work. This mid-quarter is a time when we re-evaluate students' academic status, so it is important to make sure that all work and band practice records are turned in.

NAEP Testing for 8th graders

Christian Schools International has asked us to be a part of the National Assessment of Educational Progress test, which will take place on February 11th. This test will take approximately 90 minutes in the

subject areas of math, reading, and science. Our native students will be asked to fill out a brief survey after the test. By this time, all parents of 8th graders should have received a letter about the test and the survey, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Bremer-Bennett.

We Are Proud Of You!

We are pleased to recognize two middle school students who sang in concert with 150 of the best singers in the state this past weekend. David Lee and Johnathan Ang represented Rehoboth at the Youth All State Choir comprised of 7th, 8th, and 9th graders from around the state. They travelled to Las Cruces, NM, where they participated in the three day festival at New Mexico State University. On Saturday, a concert was held for approximately 700 people in the music center at the university. Congratulations to David and Johnathan for this accomplishment and for representing our school so well!

Thanks, Gail DeYoung

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 11 NAEP test – 8th grade

Feb. 16 – No School – Presidents Day

Feb. 21 English Expo

Feb. 23-24 No School – Teacher In-Service

Mid School Basketball

2/10 4:00pm Away at St. Theresa

Carol Bremer-Bennett, MS Principal

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Parents of Seniors This is just to remind you that senior pictures are due into the office by March 30 for publication in this year's annual.

Reminder It is very important that you send a note or call Mrs. Begaye at 726-9631 if your son/daughter has been absent.

James and Ernie are coming to Rehoboth Don't forget to get tickets for the show being presented by the comedy duo at 7:00 PM on Friday, February 6, in the new gym. You'll also not want to miss the evening's opening act, the band Shadow Remain with our own Darius Yazzie and his dad Edmund. Advance tickets are on sale for \$12 in the Administration Office or the High School Office. Tickets at the door will be \$15. All proceeds go to help finance the band's tour to the Midwest in March.

Navajo Taco Dinner As long as you're coming for the James and Ernie show, you might want to arrive between 5:30 and 6:30 to take advantage of the delicious Navajo Taco dinner that will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds from the dinner will also go to support the band tour.

Dates to Remember

February 9: Third Quarter Progress Reports will be sent out

February 16: NO SCHOOL in honor of President's Day

February 23-24: NO SCHOOL—Teachers attending a reading conference in Phoenix.

March 6: End of the Third Quarter Marking Period

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

College Corner

If you are planning to attend New Mexico State University this coming Fall, their Spring visitor's day is scheduled for Monday, February 16. The day includes orientation, campus tours, department tours, residence halls and financial presentations. To register either call 1-800-662-NMSU or visit <http://springvisitors.nmsu.edu>.

Entrada!

If you are a senior and are a minority student planning on attending Calvin College or if you are a junior and a minority student and Calvin is one school on your list and you would like a summer college enrichment program, you definitely should take a look at Entrada. Not only is it a great 5 weeks enrichment program, but you also receive college credit and if you enroll

and attend Calvin College you receive a \$4,000 scholarship each year towards your tuition. Most of the cost of the Entrada program is covered by scholarships and you must be nominated in order to attend this program. Stop by the counseling office for more information.

FAFSA Filing Dates Set at UNM-Gallup

GALLUP--Potential students at UNM-Gallup can get one-on-one help filling out their financial aid forms on the following dates in Gurley Hall Commons:

- Tuesday, February 10, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday, February 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. This session will be UNM-Gallup's effort to participate in "College Goal Sunday," a national initiative to provide on-site assistance with obtaining financial aid for students across the country that might not be able to attend college otherwise. This program in particular targets youths who are homeless or in foster care, or living in at-risk situations caused by natural disaster, mental or physical illness, and severe financial stress without help from family or friends, a violent situation, and other catastrophic events.
- Wednesday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Applicants should bring the following documents to complete their FAFSA (free application for student aid):

- 2008 Federal Income Taxes (student/spouse and parents', if dependent status)
- 2008 W2 forms
- Other documentation regarding income for 2008 (Social Security, unemployment, AFDC/public assistance, etc.)
- Federal PIN numbers (student and parents, if dependent status)

All School Announcements:

Navajo Code Talkers Communication Center Fundraiser

Many of you have visited our Navajo Code Talkers Communication Center and viewed the story of these heroes. Some of you have even gone on a tour with our student guides. Our exhibit attempts to honor these brave men, their stories, and their language; it is an example of letting God use who you are to accomplish great things.

On February 14th, we are going to be kicking off a renewed effort to expand our exhibit. We have great dreams of how to grow and improve this space – with better signage, more portraits of heroes connected to Rehoboth, a TV to view the Code Talkers DVD that we produced, developing interactive lessons, and more! We invite you to be a part of honoring the Navajo Code Talkers by attending the February 14th basketball game vs. Fort Wingate. At that game, we will share more of our dream and have ways that you can donate to the cause.

Valentine's Dinner at Tohlakai CRC

Saturday, Feb. 14 at 6:00pm

Steak and Shrimp Cocktail for \$8.00

Mutton Stew and Frybread for \$6.00



Wingate Game - Concession Stand

We anticipate a large crowd for the Wingate game, so we would appreciate a new supply of items.

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

We are also looking for people to bring dough for the frybread and to also help make frybread.

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

Your Voice Needed in Santa Fe

We need the RCS community to take action on New Mexico House Bill 139 (see web link below). It is a bill to providing funding for the purchase dual credit curriculum. The bill in its current language excludes private schools from participation. This is not okay, considering we will not be allowed to use our existing curriculum funds to purchase dual credit curriculum. We have two house representatives who will introduce an amendment to include private schools they are Rep Espinosa and Rep Hamilton.

This bill will be heard before the education committee Monday, February 9 at 8:00 AM. Please call each member of the committee (this will take about 10 minutes of your time and result in thousands of dollars for your school!) Please say the following:

"Hi my name is _____ with Rehoboth Christian School. I am calling to ask you to support house bill 139 but only with an amendment that will assure the inclusion of private schools."

Here is the link to HB 139: <http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/session.aspx?Chamber=H&LegType=B&LegNo=139&year=09>

Here is the link to the Education Committee Members:

http://legis.state.nm.us/lcs/committees_standing.aspx

Estate Planning

Estate Planning is not only for the wealthy; it is for everyone. It is simply the process of deciding where your assets should be distributed after your death.

Once we realize that everything we own actually belongs to God and we are simply His caretakers or stewards, we realize the importance of making sure that those assets are passed on in a way that honors God and furthers His work. Estate Planning is part of our spiritual responsibility for the assets God has entrusted to us.

Christian Attorney Bob Zeilenga, Senior Estate Planner from the Barnabas Foundation will be at RCS to discuss estate planning and wills, as well as annuities and charitable trust investments with parents and friends of Rehoboth. **This is a FREE service...no obligation.** He will be available for appointments February 12th and 13th. Please book your meeting with Bob, today. Call Sue Eddy for an appointment. 726-9684.

Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 02/09 to 02/13

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
02/09/09 Monday	Assorted Muffin, juice, milk	Make your own Breakfast Burritos, hash browns, sausage, fruit, milk
02/10/09 Tuesday	Cinnamon Rolls, juice, milk	Corn Dogs, tater rounds, fruit, milk
02/11/09 Wednesday	Breakfast Pizza, juice, milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich, lettuce, tomato, fries, milk
02/12/09 Thursday	No Breakfast	Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, stuffing, rolls, jello salad, pumpkin pie, milk
02/13/09 Friday	Breakfast Burritos, juice, milk	Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, fries, fruit, milk

Valentine's Day SPECIAL LUNCH

February 12, 2009

11:30a-12:45p

Rehoboth Fellowship Hall

MENU

Roast Turkey

Mashed Potatoes w/gravy

Turkey Dressing

Strawberry Jello Salad

Vegetable

Dinner roll

Pumpkin Pie w/whipped topping



Come join your children for lunch!
\$5.00/per tray for all guests

Sports Schedule

Sport Date /Time	Home/ Away	Opponent
2/05 4:00pm Girls Basketball (JV,V)	AWAY	Shiprock NW
2/05 7:00pm Boys Basketball (V)	AWAY	Shiprock NW
2/07 3:00pm Boys Basketball (JV,V)	HOME	Newcomb
2/10 5:00pm Girls Basketball (JV,V)	AWAY	Ramah
2/12 4:00pm Boys Basketball (C,JV,V)	AWAY	Ramah

2/13 4:00pm Girls Basketball (JV,V)	HOME	TseYiGai
2/13 7:00pm Boys Basketball (V)	HOME	TseYiGai
2/14 4:00pm Boys Basketball (C,JV,V)	HOME	Wingate



**Come and Enjoy a night of
Laughter!**

When: Feb. 6th

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Rehoboth Sports and Fitness Center

Advance Tickets \$12.00 – you can purchase
your tickets at the Rehoboth Administration
Building

At the door tickets will be \$15.00

Navajo Taco Supper will be at the
Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:00pm

Whole: \$6.00

Half: \$3.00

Proceeds will go towards the Rehoboth
Band Tour

