



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

4/16 6:00pm Finance & Facilities Committee
Meeting in the Board Room

7:00pm HS Drama Production at the Kuipers Gym

4/17 7:00pm HS Drama Production at the Kuipers
Gym

4/18 7:00pm HS Drama Production at the Kuipers
Gym

4/20 Mid Quarter

7:00pm HS Band Concert at Rehoboth Church

4/21 6:30pm Crownpoint District Meeting

4/22 Large Group HS/8th Grade Band Festival

4/24 Jr./Sr. Banquet

Re-enrollment Forms

Forms were sent out through the mail.
Please review and return them to Lorretta
Smith (Admissions Office) - with your \$50.00
re-enrollment fee per child as soon as
possible.

Deadline for re-enrollment is April 24th.

Ins and Outs

Where Does the Money Come From?

All Rehoboth families are blessed by the loving gifts and prayers of thousands of Christians across the country. Our Advancement Team has the privilege and responsibility of finding, and keeping donors informed and challenged. Although most of what they do is behind the scenes the fruit of their labor affects each person reading this on a daily basis. The funds they raise lowers tuition payments substantially, pays staff, builds classrooms, keeps the lights lit, etc.

So, I wanted to give you an update on what these good folks are up to these days, on your behalf, so that you can support their important efforts with your prayers, encouragement and help.

--Right now...

- As we have hoped and prayed, our incoming mail is heavy just now during this important giving season: Donations have increased recently in response to the Easter mailing and Spring Newsletter.
- A Midwest Fortune 500 company sent in a substantial gift for tuition support for Native American students this week...also, the Dr Scholl's Foundation has accepted and acknowledged our recent proposal. But it will be a while before their funding decision is finalized. We are awaiting Toyota's response to our pond project grant request. Multimillion dollar grant requests are being submitted for infrastructure replacement and other projects.

- We're almost there! A mailing mentioning the new Donor Wall recently went out to local donors to raise pledges and gifts to raise the final \$275,000 needed to payoff the gym. Responses have not started yet... but it's early days: Pray that we'll go over the top on our Capital Campaign II goal of \$11 million. Any funds received over that goal will be used to apply a new rubber surface to the track.
- Several new Sponsors have signed up this month in response to a recent follow-up letter to the 600 people who wrote a note to one of our students over the Christmas holidays. Our faithful Advancement Team and volunteers have worked especially hard on this challenging new effort. More work is yet to be done on this important project headed-up by Rachael Kass.

-Coming soon...

- Gary Nederveld and Mel Musket are conspiring together on a multifaceted mailing to churches.
- A personal letter to 75 special friends will go out over bestselling author Jim Schaap's signature soon on an upcoming new book we are working on.
- Our students will be calling 600 selected donors over the next week or two...Phonathon part two.

-This week...

- Ron Polinder and Dr. DeWaal are calling on major donors in IL and MI.
- We are putting the finishing touches on a detailed year end strategy to contact the rest of our major donors by June 30th.
- The long awaited and much discussed re-organization of our fundraising team is beginning to be executed this week to prepare us for a broadened, yet more focused development effort beginning next school year...and prepare us for the forthcoming campaign to build a new high school—after the current economic meltdown congeals.

So, if you see a lot of moving about and big messes in the Admin Building, and if you

notice some dust in the air upstairs...that's why.

As you can see, *our mighty, little RCS Advancement Team* continues to work well together in pursuit of the \$400,000 needed to meet our fiscal year end goals and to prepare us for the future. (That's "mighty little" AND "'little, but mighty' ...in God's strength").

PTL! We're being blessed daily by our Lord through the generosity of His people, even during this time of great economic duress.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and continued prayers for our Advancement Team.

David Orris, Director of Advancement

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Star Party – On Monday, April 20, from 8:30 – 10:00 PM you are invited to the Rehoboth dome to explore the night skies with Mr. De Young. This event is a joint adventure with Indian Hills Elementary School and we welcome them on campus to use this wonderful resource. All elementary students and their parents are welcome to come and go throughout the evening. Bring binoculars or your own telescope if you like and enjoy this evening of stars!!

Kindergarten / Pre-K Open House - We are planning a special Kindergarten / Pre-K (a new program Rehoboth is starting in August) Open House on **Saturday, April 18** from **10:00 – 11:30**. Our Pre-K will be for children who are 4 years old by September 1 and whose parents would like them to be in a great environment especially designed for this age. If you are interested or know of others who might be, please come and learn more about these important programs at Rehoboth!!

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

Middle School Matters

State Geography Bee

Congratulations to Paul Ratmeyer who represented us at the State Geography Bee in ABQ on April 3rd. Paul has gone to the state tournament three times and this year was his best performance ever -- he made it into the final 10 contestants from the 92 participants who began the contest. Great job, Paul!

Denver Christian School

We welcome the 8th grade class from Denver Christian as special guests to our community and school. They are on their class trip and using their time to do service projects on-campus and off-campus. They also have a couple of times when they are getting to know our 8th grade class - yesterday we played a game called "bunko" and today we are going bowling together.

Mid-Quarter Reports

The middle school teachers will turn in grades on Monday and we should be able to mail out the progress reports by Tuesday. Please remind your child to turn in his RAD long or her band practice record. These grades will affect academic standings and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Band Festival

The 8th grade band will be participating in a large group festival in Bloomfield, NM on Wednesday, April 22nd. Mr. Zwiers is sending out more information - please contact him if you have any questions.

Congrats!

On April 1, approximately 50 mid-school students participated in the vocal solo and ensemble event held at the mid-school. It was an afternoon filled with beautiful music and excellent vocal performances. Thank-you parents and friends who attended and supported us through the event. Special thanks to Mrs. Kempkes for her accompaniment work with our students. We congratulate the following mid-school students for their superior and excellent ratings for the event:

Students receiving a medal for a superior (1) rating:

Solo: Patience Anderson, Liberty Kinsel, Austin Sanchez, Rachel Tang, Matthias Milford, Astrid Gonzaga, Laura Bremer-Bennett

Ensemble: Adrian Duran, Donovan Chase, Patience Anderson, Katrene Burke, Ashley Terry, Taylor Begay, Michelle Mackel, Rebecca Bongers, Jennifer Lewis, Kelsi Lindsey, Caleb Bia, Paul Ratmeyer, Miguel Maldonado, Brennan Harrison, David Lee

Students receiving a ribbon for an excellent (2) rating:

Solo: Rebecca Bongers, Valeen Largo, Patrick Merrill, Matthew Yasayte,

Ensemble: Anna Cherney, Amber Kruis, Celine Bia, Tanya Watchman, McKenzie Dunson, Shelby Peterson, Taylor Begay, Rebecca Bongers, Rachel Dellar, Jessie Kempkes, Shannon Begay, MJ Chavez, Bethany Cody, Cheyenne Milford, Matthew Yasayte, Kyon Tom, Simoriah Griego, Ryann Hoffman

MS Track Meets

April 17 – Zuni

April 23 – Ramah

Carol Bremer-Bennett, Mid School Principal

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

High School Highlights

Graduation Information. Graduation will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 23 in the Rehoboth Sports and Fitness Center. The Class of 2009 has chosen the following themes for their ceremony:

Class Verse: Isaiah 40:10. "So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Class Colors: Maroon and White

Class Flower: Lily

Junior-Senior Banquet Information.

Date and Times: The JSB will be held on the evening of Friday, April 24. Students should arrive around 6:15 – 6:30 and dinner will be served between 6:45 and 7:00. Students who arrive more than 30 minutes late may not be allowed to enter. Following the dinner there will be a dance which will go until 1:00 am.

Attendance: All juniors and seniors are invited to attend. If they choose to invite an underclassman as a date they may do so. Juniors or Seniors from other schools can be invited as a date but must be approved in advance. Forms for that purpose are available in the High School office. The maximum number attendees allowed is 110 so arrangements must be made and tickets purchased as soon as possible to guarantee seats for dates who are not members of the current RCS junior and senior classes.

Leaving the Banquet: Students who come may not leave and return. Students must stay at the dance until 1:00 am unless they are picked up earlier by their parents or if they have a parental permission slip signed in advance that they are allowed to leave early. Parent Permission slips may be picked up in the High School office and either (preferably) returned to Mr. Evans before the 24th or presented to the designated chaperones upon arrival at the banquet.

Important Reminder for Parents and Students:

Please consider the following Rehoboth policy if attending any possible events that might be held off campus after the JSB: “Students, while not under the direct jurisdiction of the school in the evenings, on weekends, or summers, but whose behavior seriously violates the standards and reputation of the school, shall likewise be subject to school discipline.” Drug use and under-age drinking are serious violations of RCS codes of conduct. Not only do we expect that there will be no drug or alcohol use but students are reminded that they are also expected to leave the premises immediately of any location where drugs and alcohol are present. Parents, if you know that your son or daughter will be attending any post-JSB events, you would be wise to communicate with the

host(s) of that event regarding supervision and to verify that your standards for your child will be met if they attend.

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports. You should be receiving the very important 4th quarter progress reports next week. With Semester Exams held during the week of May 18 there isn’t much time to get missing work in and to bring grades up so please make sure you monitor your son or daughter’s progress during these last few weeks. Eligibility for Fall athletics is determined by the 4th Quarter or 2nd Semester grades.

Fees, Fines and Uniforms. No student will be allowed to take any semester exam if all fees and fines are not paid, and/or athletic uniforms are not turned in before May 15. Any exams missed will have to be made up on the Thursday or Friday of exam week or by special arrangement with the teacher.

High School Drama Production. You’ll not want to miss this years fine production of Fools by Neil Simon to be presented this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the new Kuipers Gym Theater at 7:00 PM.

Coming Events.

April 16-18: HS Drama Department presents Fools by Neil Simon, the inaugural production in our new Kuipers Gym Theater.

April 20: HS Band Tour Concert at Rehoboth Church

April 20: Mid-Quarter Progress Reports come out

April 24: Junior-Senior Banquet in the SFC

April 29-30: Senior Presentations

May 3: Cantabile Concert

May 4: High School Awards Night

May 9-12: Senior Trip to Lake Powell

Dee Logterman, High School Principal



Business Office News:

Remember, if you are past due on your tuition and have a graduating senior, you must have your entire balance paid in full prior to graduation day regardless if you have more than one child on the account. If a balance remains, your senior will not receive his/her diploma and transcripts until your balance is paid in full.

Also, anyone with a balance remaining after the last day of school will be taken off the class rosters and put on a waiting list. You risk the chance of losing your spot if balances are not paid.

For all parents who pay tuition electronically, please remember you need to fill out a new EFT form every year. For those who would like to set up electronic tuition payments for next year from your checking account, please fill out an EFT form or call us for more information on how you can pay electronically. Remember, payments are taken out on the 15th or 30th of each month ONLY.

Music Notes

The Rehoboth High School Choir

Invites you to an hour of Praise to the Risen Christ on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00pm at the Rehoboth Church. From Advent to Pentecost, the story of Christ is celebrated through a variety of choral genres- from classical to gospel. Bring a friend. Leave this time together asking, "How can I keep from singing?" Celebrate His gift to all of us!

Mark your calendar

The Rehoboth High School Choir a musical event on Wednesday, May 13, Malt Shoppe 7:00 pm at the Rehoboth Church

All School Announcements:

JOSH LANDAVAZO SCHOLARSHIPS

Mid School and High School Students: if you are interested in applying for either of these scholarships, the appropriate application forms are at the

administration office, high school office or mid school office. **The application deadline is Friday, April 19.** For more information, please talk to your school counselor. The Mid School Scholarship is for any middle school student attending Camp Dunamis this coming summer and the High School Scholarship is tuition for a returning student who is entering his/her junior year and has participated in choir and/or soccer/track this past school year.

Summer Programs

The Tse Yaaniichii Club will be hosting summer activities for grades K-High School from June 1- July 4.

There will be some summer school academic classes offered for middle school and high school students.

There will be day camp experiences for elementary and middle school students as well as some adventure camps which would involve backpacking, biking, camping...

All K-5 programs will include both academic and enrichment components.

Look for more details in the weeks to come. Questions, contact Mr. Ippel at bippel@rcsnm.org or 863-4412 ext 123.

SPONSORSHIP CARD:

Reminder:

If you're in the sponsorship program, **your Spring Cards are due by Friday, April 17th.** Please returned them to your child's teacher/school secretary OR to the Administration Building (attention: Rachael Kass)

Congratulations

To Gabe Gonzaga who was accepted into this summer's Entrada program at Calvin College. This pre-college program is a much sought after experience which allows high school students a head start with their college courses. Many people compete for a position in this program. Congratulations to Gabe!

District Meeting

Where: Crownpoint CRC

When: April 21st

Time: 6:30pm

Call Lorretta Smith for more information at 505-726-9692.

Ethiopian Dinner

Reserve Saturday, May 16 from 5:00-8:00 pm for an Ethiopian Dinner at the Rehoboth School Fellowship Hall. This event is a fundraising dinner for Rehoboth Church English Literacy team working in Ethiopia this summer. A minimum donation of \$10.00 per person is suggested. First come, first serve. You will not want to miss it!

Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 04/20 to 04/24

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
04/20/09 Monday	Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk	Spaghetti, veggies w/dip, French bread, fruit, milk
04/21/09 Tuesday	Breakfast Pizza, juice, milk	Sloppy Joes, pickle spears, fries, fruit, milk
04/22/09 Wednesday	Bagels, cream cheese, PB& Jelly, juice, milk	BBQ Chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, bread, veggies, fruit, milk
04/23/09 Thursday	No Breakfast	Hot Dogs, carrots, strawberries, brownies, milk
04/24/09 Friday	Assorted Muffins, juice, milk	Chili Fries w/cheese sauce, tossed salad, corn bread, fruit, milk

Sports Schedule

Sport Date /Time	Home/ Away	Opponent
4/16 3:00pm Softball	HOME	Shiprock NW
4/17 3:00pm MS Track	AWAY	Zuni MS
4/18 Track	AWAY	Wingate Inv.
4/18 11:00am Softball	HOME	Navajo Prep
4/18 4:00pm Tennis	Away	Santa Fe
4/21 2:30pm Tennis	AWAY	Miyamura
4/21 4:00pm Softball	AWAY	Gallup Catholic
4/23 3:00pm Softball	HOME	Wingate



FOOLS

A COMIC FABLE by Neil Simon

@ The Old Rehoboth Gym
April 16, 17, 18
7:00pm (\$5.00 tickets at the door)

**Rehoboth Early Childhood Center
Open House**

**What: Pre K and Kindergarten
visitation**

**When: Saturday, April 18
10:00 – 11:30 AM**

**Where: The Kindergarten
classroom and new Pre K classroom
(a work in progress) – Please park by the Mid school
basketball courts**

**Why: To learn about and see the
exciting Early Childhood programs
we are planning for next year!**

Hope to see you there!!