



# 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

**10/23** 7:30pm Gallup Community Concert at the  
Gallup HS Auditorium

**10/27** NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Scholastic Book Fair

**10/28** NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher Conferences  
All-Staff In-Service/Work Day  
Scholastic Book Fair

**11/03** 5:30pm Elem. Family Night

**11/04** 6:30pm Gallup/Rehoboth District Meeting at  
the Fellowship Hall

## INS AND OUTS

For the past three days, we have had the privilege of hosting at Rehoboth the staff of Christian Reformed Home Missions. This involved about 30 people, including their administrative staff and their regional leaders. For many of them, it was a first time visiting New Mexico and/or Rehoboth. It has been a very enjoyable experience, as these good folks marveled at the beauty of our area, the expanse of our campus, and the work of the Lord here for over a century.

Our colleagues across the street, Pastor Stanley Jim and Audrey Carlisle were largely responsible for the arrangements and food. They and local CRC churches from Ft. Wingate, Church Rock, Tohatchi and Window Rock all pitched in to do their share. And our school staff likewise plugged in to make it all work—it was a good example of cooperation. And our guests were wonderfully gracious regarding the hospitality they received.

So, what is the big deal—why is this relevant to you, our parents? Well, here some education and history is important, and will help you understand better the roots of Rehoboth School. Rehoboth has throughout its history had close relationships with the Christian Reformed Church, which is headquartered in Grand Rapids, MI. The CRC purchased the land and started a school in 1903, and the mission boards of the church have been deeply involved with us ever since. They have been a partner in ministry!

In 1973, the local control of the school was turned over to a local school board, which has functioned well now for 35 years. Financially, more of the responsibility was shifted to our parents, according to their ability to pay. What once was

**Jr. Class is hosting a  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Monday Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm – 6:30pm  
At the Fellowship Hall  
\$5.00 a plate**

*Grateful Hearts, Serving Hands*

over a million dollars a year coming to Rehoboth, is now down to \$209,000, or 5% of our budget. But we are enormously grateful for that ongoing support. Without it, we would be challenged even more to make ends meet financially.

Given the challenges in the economy, all non-profits are facing a nervous time, including Home Missions. One of the reasons it was so important for Christian Reformed Home Missions to be here was to see the viability and success of this school. And I think it is fair to say they were very impressed—we received marvelous encouragement and tributes for what they observed. We hope it will result in ongoing prayer and financial support. They have been loyal, faithful partners with us for decades—may God sustain it.

But in the bigger picture, we should not underestimate how many resources have come our way from the Christian Reformed denomination. Multi-millions of dollars have been invested in our students, in our facilities, in churches, and in years past, Rehoboth Hospital. To this day, we receive well over a million dollars annually from Christian Reformed people all over the country. It is an enormous gift to our community and our families. It is well for us to give thanks for Christian Reformed Home Missions and the Christian Reformed Church, and to the Lord of the church that inspires their generosity.

Ron Polinder, Executive Director

## ELEMENTARY EVENTS

**Family Night** – The elementary school is planning on our first family night of the year on Monday, November 3. A light supper will be served starting at 5:30 and we will have family reading activities until 7:15. Please plan to join us for a fun evening together.

**Report cards** – Report cards for elementary students will be sent home with your child on Friday, October 24. Please take time to review the report with your child. You may bring it to conferences on the following Monday or Tuesday.

**Parent / Teacher Conferences** – P/T conferences will be held on October 27 and 28. You should have received a confirmation slip early this week. Please

contact the office or your child's teacher if you are unsure of the time of your conference.

**TEAMS / T shirts** – We are asking each student to bring in **\$3.00** to cover part of the cost of our team t-shirts if possible. The money can be brought to their classroom teacher by **October 24**. Thank you!

**Book Fair** – We will be having our Book Fair during conference times on October 27 and 28. Call Ms. Kim Dykstra (726 – 9694) if you would like to help or have questions.

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

### Parent / Teacher Conferences

Are scheduled for **Monday, October 27** and **Tuesday, October 28** from 5:00 - 8:00 pm on both evenings. School will **not** be in session on either of those days. Teachers will be involved with in-service work during part of this time. Classes will start at the regular time of 8:20 am on Wednesday, October 29.

Bob Ippel and Gail De Young will be available only on Monday for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

### Middle School Honors Choir

Bob and Gail will be traveling with some our Mid School students to Farmington on Tuesday to compete with other choirs. Please pray for travel safety and that the students will have a great experience.

Carol Bremer – Bennett, Mid School Principal

## HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

**Congratulations!** Reno Eddy is in first place with 42 points in the NM School Rodeo standings for the Team Roping/Heeler category. Way to go, Reno!

**Debate Update** Students did really well at their debate tournament on Saturday. They are to be congratulated for their hard work. Adonis Dineyazhe got first place in Humorous Interpretation and Brian Alford got first place in Dramatic Interpretation. Debate teams, including Sarah Bostic and Kyle Horace, Sean Newton and Briana Harrison, Esther Bia and Sahara Butler, Luke Morrison and Daniel Jaquez, Brian Alford and Caitlin Harrison, Philip Spitz and Adriana Elkins, and Jenni Situ and Tierra Richards, went up against very experienced debaters from schools across the state, and, overall, they represented themselves and Rehoboth very well. Between the teams, they won five debates! Michael Oliver, Jon Lynch, and Jason Smith also competed in impromptu and did well, coming very close to placing. Students will next compete in Los Alamos on November 7-8.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences** Save October 27 or 28 for our very important Parent/Teacher Conferences which will be held from 5:00-8:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday nights. You will be able to pick up your son or daughter's report card when you come to the conferences which will be held in the Kuipers Gym in the high school building.

**Spaghetti Dinner** As long as you are planning to attend Parent/Teacher Conferences, why not make it a no-cook night and attend the Junior Class sponsored Spaghetti dinner Monday evening in the Fellowship Hall as well.

### Calendar

October 27-28: No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 6: Picture Retakes

November 26-28: No School – Thanksgiving Break

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

## College Corner

Seniors, we have a number of college representatives coming in the near future. Here are the ones we have scheduled so far:

**Oct 24** Friday at noon Dordt College (Sign up in the counseling office)

**Oct 30** Thursday at 1:00 NMSU and ASU during advisory

**Nov. 06** Thursday at 1:00 UNM main campus

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Burger King awards approximately 600 \$1,000 one time scholarships each year to first year college students. If you are interested in applying, go to [www.bk.com/scholars](http://www.bk.com/scholars) to fill out an application and see what the eligibility criteria are. More information is also available in your counseling office.

Don Tamminga, HS Counselor

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## Business Office

We have noticed on our last statement run that payments were not fully applied. We are currently working through each family's account to correct the issue and should have this corrected on your next statement. Thank you for your patience!

If you have not made a payment on your tuition and are more than 30 days past due, your children are at risk and will be suspended until payment or arrangements are made. You have until November 15 to bring your tuition account up-to-date or to make payment arrangements with your tuition advisor.

Please contact your tuition advisor immediately if you are past due!

**Please note:** Checks returned NSF (non-sufficient funds) to Rehoboth Christian School will be charged a \$30 NSF Fee, plus the amount of the check returned. Please have sufficient funds in your account when you write a check for tuition.

# Admissions & Registrar

## District Meetings

**Crownpoint** - Thursday, October 23, 2008

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: Crownpoint Christian Reformed Church

**Gallup/Rehoboth** – Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Rehoboth Fellowship Hall

## NEED A SCHOLARSHIP?

In addition to the Rehoboth scholarships that were provided to many families at the beginning of the year, we have scholarships available to qualifying students.

Applications are available at the Elementary/Middle and High School Offices. Please return completed applications to Lorretta Smith by **Friday, November 7, 2008**.

**Lighthouse Scholarship** - Four scholarships of \$500 each. Students from Christian Reformed Church background, financial need, Christian character, and leadership potential. Preference given to families from outlying areas (students from Window Rock, Zuni, Crownpoint, Tohatchi, Tohlakai, and Newcomb should apply). Written essay and **Pastor's report** are required.

**Visscher Scholarship** – Three scholarships of \$500 each are available for High School students, Native American, financial need, interested in the sciences, and Christian commitment. An essay is required.

**Olson Scholarship** – Three scholarships of \$500 each are available for Elementary and Middle school students. Native American, financial need, and demonstrate appreciation for Christian education. Preference is given to families with more than one child at RCS. Written essay and **Pastor's report** are required.

**Polinder Scholarship** – Two scholarships of \$250 are available for Elementary, Middle and High school students who demonstrate outstanding scholastic work and have an appreciation for Christian education. An essay is required.

**Lauber Scholarship** - Three scholarships of \$500.00 each are available for Elementary, Middle and High school students. This scholarship is given by Chee's Indian Store. Preference is given to families from the I-40 West District and students from outlying areas. Written essay and **Pastor's report** are required.

Lorretta Smith, Director of Admissions/Registrar

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## All School

### Announcements:

#### Book Fair!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Rehoboth and will be open in the Elementary Big Room during conferences on October 27 and 28. Book fair profits enable us to obtain numerous books for classrooms and our library. I am still looking for volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair. Here are some areas in which I still desperately need help:

1. Volunteer to take a slot during parent/teacher conferences on October 27 and 28. You could work for an hour or longer.
2. Help take down the fair at 8:00 pm on October 28.

If you can help for any amount of time, please call me at 505-726-9694 during the day, 616-780-0571 evenings, or email [kdykstra@rcsnm.org](mailto:kdykstra@rcsnm.org).

Thanks

Kim Dykstra, Librarian

## Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 10/27 to 10/31

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
10/27/08 Monday	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
10/28/08 Tuesday	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
10/29/08 Wednesday	Breakfast Pizza, juice, milk	Cheese Enchilada, tossed salad, Spanish rice, fruit, milk
10/30/08 Thursday	No Breakfast	Breaded Chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, bread, fruit milk
10/31/08 Friday	Bagel w/cream cheese, PB & Jelly, juice, milk	Grilled Cheese, tomato soup, veggies w/dip, fruit, milk

## Sports Schedule

Sport Date /Time	Home/ Away	Opponent
<b>Volleyball</b> Girls C,JV,V 10/24 4:00pm	HOME	Navajo Pine
<b>Soccer</b> Boys JV,V 10/25 11:00am	HOME	Piedra Vista
<b>Volleyball</b> Girls 10/28-10/31	TBA	District Playoffs
<b>Soccer</b> Boys & Girls 10/31	TBA	First Round of State
<b>Cross Country</b> Boys & Girls 10/31	TBA	District Meet

# Zuni Christian Mission School: 100th Birthday

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Zuni Christian Mission School. In 1897, the Christian Reformed Church opened a mission to the Zuni people. Eleven years later, in the fall of 1908, the school began. In November, we will hold a celebration to mark this event and to give thanks to God. We invite alumni, former staff and friends of Zuni to join us for a weekend of special activities:

**Friday, November 7:** 9:00am-1:00PM Alumni Day

**Saturday, November 8:** 2:00pm Official Ceremony

3:30-6:00 Open House: Music and Memories

6:00-7:00 Supper

**Sunday, November 9:** 10:30 pm Worship Service

1:00 PM Potluck Dinner

For further information or recommendations for accommodations, contact Kent Bosma, Administrative Officer at: [kbosma@mac.com](mailto:kbosma@mac.com) or 505-782-5650/ 505-782-4546.

Please visit [www.zunichristianmission.org](http://www.zunichristianmission.org) and read: "100 Years of God's Faithfulness", an article written by ZCMS principal, Kathleen Bosscher, and published in the Fall 2008 issue of Christian Home & School Magazine, a publication of Christian Schools International. (Posted with permission.)

## Fitness Center Open to the Public!

The Rehoboth Sport and Fitness Center is now open. We are open for people to workout at a low cost and with limited hours. We may consider opening for additional hours if we have enough of a demand. The schedule will be as follows:

Monday	6:00a-8:00a	7:00p-9:00p
Wednesday	6:00a-8:00a	7:00p-9:00p
Friday	6:00a-8:00a	-----

The cost will be as follows:

- free for students, Rehoboth Staff, and Rehoboth Staff Immediate Family,
- \$1/visit for parents of Rehoboth Students (14 visits for \$10),
- \$3/visit for all others (14 visits for \$30)

We encourage the parents to use the fitness center during these hours, although we will still have people in there during the week if need be. If you would like to use the fitness center at another time that it is open and you are a parent, please call/email Jeff Engbers at 726-9629 / [jengbers@rcsnm.org](mailto:jengbers@rcsnm.org) .

IMANI, a gospel group from Grand Rapids, Michigan will join the Rehoboth High School Choir in presenting a Christmas Candlelight Dinner at Rehoboth Church on Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$60.00 and may be purchased at Rehoboth School 863-4412 ext 0.

IMANI will do a concert on its own at Rehoboth Church on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 pm "An Evening with IMANI: A Unique Worship Experience of Gospel Jazz Music " A free will offering will be taken at this concert.

IMANI will assist in leading "Pathways to Possibilities: Realizing Your Dreams", a day designed for middle schoolers and high schoolers to help them think about the role of college in pursuing their dreams. This event will happen at Rehoboth School. For more information contact Bob Ippel at [bippel@rcsnm.org](mailto:bippel@rcsnm.org) or call 863-4412 ext 123. The event will begin at 8:30 and end at 2:00. Applications are available at Rehoboth School front desk

## IMANI



Formed in 1999, IMANI is a female gospel ensemble comprised of five women committed to ministry through music. The music that they perform together reflects their values and commitment to Christ. The word IMANI, faith in Swahili, embodies the essence of the group's identity as women of African descent and as women of faith.

Never compromising the biblically based lyrical content, IMANI blends traditional and contemporary gospel music with jazz overtones to create a unique worship experience. Their style of music is very versatile and appealing to all ages and backgrounds allowing them to reach a broad audience with the good news of Jesus Christ.

IMANI members come from diverse denominational and musical backgrounds that provide a potpourri of Baptist, Church of God in Christ, Non-denominational, African Methodist Episcopal, classical, jazz, and gospel traditions. The ensemble feels its ministry is enriched through the unique gifts and contributions of each member.

IMANI has shared its ministry at schools, colleges, churches, television broadcasts, conferences and festivals. With their talent, IMANI has a solid future in Christian music. There is no substitute for their authentic gospel harmonies, which sing of the glory of God.

IMANI Questions and Booking  
(616) 340-6527 or [agirls2005@yahoo.com](mailto:agirls2005@yahoo.com).

# Pathway to Possibilities: Realizing Your Dreams

8:30 Registration at the new Rehoboth Church

9:00 Opening Session with IMANI: “I Have a Dream” (Rehoboth Church)

9:30 High School Session I /Middle School Session I

10:15 High School Session II/Middle School Session II

11:00 High School Session III/Middle School Session III

11:45 High School Session IV/Middle School Session IV

12:30 Lunch (Provided and Launch and Round Robin (Possible balloon rides on a tethered balloons and more games than you could imagine could fit in one hour! Yes, there are prizes!)

2:00 Farewell!

High School Sessions: (Please note that parents are invited to any sessions-but particularly sessions I and II will be useful for pre college planning)

I. College Application Process

II. Campus Visits: Why They are Important

III. Vocational Options: Hair and Big Machines

IVa. Girls and Their Future

IVb. Boys and Their Future

Middle School Sessions: (Please note that parents are invited to any sessions-but particularly sessions I and II will be useful for pre college planning)

I. Why Middle School and High School Matter

II. College Application Process

IIIa. Girls and Their Future

IIIb. Boys and Their Future

IV. Vocational Options: Hair and Big Machines

The sectionals are designed to get middle school and high school students thinking about the role of college in their dreams. Liberal arts and vocational tracks will be explored. In addition, the particular challenges of becoming a healthy male or female in today’s society will be explored.

## Pathway to Possibilities: Realizing Your Dreams

This free event is sponsored by Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

What dreams do you have and how does college fit into those dreams?

Enjoy a day with other middle school and high school students

Come to learn and have a great time!

Come ready to play and learn and to win prizes!

A balloon ride? Shirts? Food?

Enjoy the staff from IMANI

See attached schedule. Must Pre-Register

Please turn in application to Rehoboth School by  
Monday, December 1. Space is limited. Questions?  
Call Bob Ippel at 863-4412 ext 123

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Church (If you have one \_\_\_\_\_)

I am coming: (circle one)

Alone, with parents, with my youth group, with friends

Did you go to STEP WEST last year (a simulated college weekend on Rehoboth's campus?) YES NO

Contact Information

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

