



Rehoboth CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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

11/03 5:30pm Elem. Family Night

11/04 6:30pm Gallup/Rehoboth District Meeting –
 has been canceled due to the Presidential Election.

11/06 Re-take of Pictures

7:30pm Gallup Community Concert at the
 Gallup HS Auditorium

District Games

All admission fees are \$5.00

**Passes will not be accepted at
 District Games.**



**Parents check the lost and found pile
 for your lost items. There is a lot of
 clothing. Your child may need jackets
 and sweaters for the upcoming cold
 weather.**

INS AND OUTS

Ramblings From The New Guy

When my wife and I first visited Rehoboth last spring, we were so taken by the marvelous work going on here in the lives of Navajo, Zuni and other children that we chose to “de-retire” and move from the Palm Springs area. As a result, we were privileged to become an active member of this wonderful ministry. Please allow me my appreciation for the role that you play here:

--Whether you are a parent, student, teacher, staff member, donor, and/or a prayer warrior...your involvement in Rehoboth Christian School is having a significant impact.

As the new guy, I can still tell the proverbial forest from the trees. So, may I say that I am thrilled at eternally significant work going on here daily. It seems that 105 years of the blood, sweat and tears of our forbearers are now being combined with your passion, sacrifice and hard work to produce a new and effective ministry in the lives of 445 children. A century in the making, they call this ministry paradigm the “Rehoboth Way.”

Thanks in no small part to you, this unique approach to education, faith and diversity is currently “bearing much fruit” in the form of:

- A RCS’ high school graduation rate of 100%; compared to Native American’s 50%.
- With an average ACT score RCS seniors rank in the 91st percentile against peer schools.

- 95% of RCS graduates attend college; versus 6%.

But it doesn't stop there; Rehoboth alumni are shaping our world by providing Christian influence and leadership on the reservation as well as in our wider community. For instance:

--two of the current candidates for the NM legislature are former RCS students...yet another one is an RCS dad.

--Several of our parents, grand-parents and graduates hold crucial positions of influence and leadership within the leadership of the Navajo Nation.

--Other RCS graduates are leading area artists and award-winning craftsmen.

--Several are local business owners.

There are literally dozens of great stories, and each one demonstrates the impact that educated Christians have by providing salt and light.

So, we can clearly see that the tremendous investments made here are being multiplied into a bountiful harvest in lives! As one who has had senior leadership responsibilities at Guideposts, Campus Crusade, and other organizations, please allow me to also observe that the RCS team provides good and careful financial stewardship of the resources entrusted to its care. This reality is borne out in RCS' good scores from the various financial stewardship rating agencies and is further verified through our annual outside audit.

Even more than this, I stand amazed at all that is being done here while still maintaining a cost per student of \$7,550. This moderate tuition level is being held in spite of RCS providing numerous special offerings, tutoring, an after-school program and other special help ...all of which are expensive.

By way of context, many Christian schools, offer fewer services and yet expend more per child each year. And in addition, substantial additional efforts are required to rise up the substantial donations needed here to cover near 60% in student aid.

Stewardship is also demonstrated by the current development to improve and convert the excess land surrounding RCS into a significant financial asset. When completed, this enormous effort will help

future students and strengthen RCS's financial viability.

Nonetheless, much work yet remains to further our ministry objectives and shape Rehoboth into a ministry worthy of God's vision and calling. That is why I thank God for the privilege of partnering with you as we continue this worthy struggle together.

Let's continue on to fight the good fight, for..."if God be for us, who can be against us?"

David Orris, Director of Advancement

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Family Night – The elementary school is planning on our first family night of the year **next 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 at the elementary school for a fun evening together.

Parent / Teacher Conferences – Thank you for the great turn out earlier this week at our Parent / Teacher Conferences. If you were not able to make the conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time to meet.

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 31**. Thank you!

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

Thank You to all who attended the Parent/Teacher Conferences this past Monday and Tuesday. We appreciate all the positive comments from parents.

If you were unable to attend the Parent/Teacher Conferences, report cards will be sent out through the mail. Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher at anytime.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you A big thank you to all the parents who came to our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday and Tuesday. Research shows that students whose parents take particular interest in their progress in school experience more success in their studies, are more likely to go on to college, and are less likely to drop out of school. So, parents, thanks again for showing you really care by taking the time to consult with your child's teachers.

Reminder The first quarter is over and if your son/daughter did not do as well as expected, there are still 7 weeks to improve before the all-important semester grades come out. Please continue to encourage them to commit to excellence in their work, to keep up with homework assignments and get them in on time, to seek out help if they have questions, and to get plenty of rest and eat the kinds of foods that help their minds and bodies function well in school.

Coming Events

Fall Play-Offs Schedule:

Soccer

Thursday, October 30:

Girls vs. Hope Christian (Away) 10:30 am

Friday, October 31:

Girls vs. Ruidoso (Away) 10:30 am

Boys vs. Desert Academy (Away) 2:00 pm

Saturday, November 1: Boys vs. Socorro (Away) 2:00 pm

Volleyball

Saturday, November 1: RCS vs ____ (Home) 6:00 pm,
Admission: \$5.00

November 13, 14, and 15: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Presented by the Rehoboth Drama Department under the direction of Mr. Brian Alford

November 24: Progress Reports due

November 26-28: Thanksgiving break—No School

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

College Corner

Seniors, we have a college representative coming

Nov. 06 Thursday at 1:00 UNM main campus
Don Tamminga, HS Counselor

Music Notes

Congrats to 11 High School Choir students who made the All State All Choirs this year.

The following students made the choir: Sara Bostic, Margaret Hibbard, Brian Alford (his 4th year), Jon Lynch, Colby Touchine, Quentin Miller, Daniel Oliver (his third year) , Michael Oliver, Gabe Gonzaga, Tereh Condrey, Nicole De Leeuw.

Business Office

Reminder: You have until November 15 to bring your tuition account to current status or to contact your tuition advisor to set up a workable payment agreement. Please do not jeopardize your child's education because of past due tuition. We are here to work with you if you are having difficulty paying. All you need to do is ask for help!

Remember, all NSF checks written to Rehoboth Christian School will be charged \$30 for Non-sufficient funds fee, so please have sufficient funds in your bank account when writing checks to Rehoboth Christian School.

Thank you,

Admissions & Registrar

District Meetings

Gallup/Rehoboth – Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Canceled due to the Presidential election – Please stay tune for a rescheduled date and time.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DUE!

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

Lorretta Smith, Director of Admissions/Registrar

All School Announcements:

TIME OUT OF SCHOOL POLICY FOR STATE LEVEL SPORTS COMPETITION.

This policy applies only to the following sports: Volleyball, Soccer, and Basketball.

1. If one of the above teams qualifies for the State Quarter Finals competition, High School students will be released if parents send a written note.
2. If they qualify for the State Semi-Finals, school will be cancelled for the High School only for a half-day or full day depending on the scheduled time of the game. In the case of basketball, this rule applies for grades K-12.
3. If they qualify for the State Finals, there will be no school for grades K-12.

Concession Stand

The concession is in great need of donations. The Volleyball District Championship game will be held here at Rehoboth. The stand is in need of

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

You may drop off your donations at the Administration Building.

Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 11/03 to 11/07

| Date | Breakfast | Lunch |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 11/03/08 Monday | Breakfast Pizza, juice, milk | Chicken Nuggets, tossed salad, bread, fruit, milk |
| 11/04/08 Tuesday | Assorted muffins, juice, milk | Sloppy Joes, fries, pickle spears, fruit, milk |
| 11/05/08 Wednesday | Paneggcake, juice, milk | Beef Teriyaki on rice, stir fry veggies, bread, fruit, milk |
| 11/06/08 Thursday | No Breakfast | Make your own burritos, hashbrowns, sausage, fruit, milk |
| 11/07/08 Friday | Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk | Chili Dogs, tater rounds, fruit, milk |

Sports Schedule

| Sport Date /Time | Home/ Away | Opponent |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|
| Soccer Girls Varsity 10/31 10:30am | AWAY | Ruidoso |
| Soccer Boys Varsity 10/31 2:00pm | AWAY | Desert Academy |
| Cross Country 10/31 3:00pm | AWAY | Navajo Pine District Meet |
| Volleyball Girls 11/01 6:00pm | HOME | TBA |

