



# 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

**12/12** 80<sup>th</sup> Day

Exam Review

**12/13** 7:30am Pancake Breakfast at the Fellowship Hall

**12/14** 4:00pm Choir Christmas Concert at the Sacred Heart Cathedral

**12/15 -12/18** Exam Week

**12/15** 6:30pm Education Meeting at the Mid School  
7:00pm Personnel Committee in the Board Room

**12/16** 7:00pm Elementary Christmas Program at the Church

**12/18** Last Day of Classes

**12/19** NO SCHOOL – All Staff In-Service/Workday

**12/22 – 01/02** Christmas Break

## INS AND OUTS

### Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart

Last week, HS Principal, Dee Logterman, as is her nature, very politely called our attention to proper behavior for the annual Christmas concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral. I will be bolder, by noting that we were very nearly not allowed to return given the actions displayed last year by those in attendance. The overall decorum was interpreted as disrespectful,

both for the actual facility and the spiritual quality and character of a Cathedral.

In an effort to help our own students understand these issues, Mr. Ippel and Mrs. DeYoung, took our choir students to Sacred Heart and our friend, Father O'Keefe, explained to our students the deep meaning and symbolism represented in the Cathedral. In turn, the students were asked to write a response to what they learned. One student wrote the following:

*Dear Rehoboth Family,*

*After a recent trip to the Sacred Heart Cathedral, we as a choir discovered an often overlooked aspect of the cathedral-the devotion, commitment and faithful service that happens there on a daily basis. As the annual Sacred Heart Cathedral Concert approaches, let us remember to respect and cherish this gift to our community. As we learned, the Catholic faith, including Sacred Heart, holds a history that is full of piety for Christ and his mission. As Christians with many denominations, let us venture into this holiday season with unity in Christ. Come into the sanctuary on Sunday with great reverence and honor and expectation with the body of believers.*

Thus, Ms. Logterman's reminders bear repeating. You will see those significant five points listed again under High School Highlights in this issue of the *Parent News*. Please take the time to read them.

*Grateful Hearts, Serving Hands*

And may I add one—a habit that adds to the lack of respectability is that of **saving seats**, in some cases nearly a whole row. Examine with me what is behind that practice. Really, one is saying, “I can come late and get a good seat because my time and significance is more important than that of my neighbors—they can go sit in the back.” If you want a seat to the front, please get there on time!

### **Ballgame Behavior;**

One of the nagging problems we have had in our new gym is the nonsense that occurs in the lobby and the parking lot. There are simply too many kids hanging out in the lobby and messing up the bathrooms. Also, students are going in and out of the gym, for who knows what reason. Some kids play outside, ruining the landscaping and plant life that has been placed there at no small expense.

To correct this problem, we will begin escorting young children to their parents to watch the ballgame. For students walking in and out of the gym, we are considering charging for reentry, something that Zuni HS does, effectively ending the foolishness that occurs in the parking lot.

I have consistently argued that a ballgame is more than a ballgame—it is a social time when friends and relatives can visit and enjoy each others’ company. Our new gym has contributed so beautifully to that atmosphere. However, we are not a babysitting service, and youngsters should sit with their families, learn to watch a ballgame, and then the staff on duty can enjoy the ballgame too.

### **What Gifts:**

This week we have had two projects progressing on campus. We have wanted to complete the bus turnaround behind the K-8 building, and we have wanted to recreate and upgrade the pond and wetland area west of the new gym. Both of these projects require considerable heavy equipment, and heavy equipment operators and road base/gravel.

Well, again the Lord is gracious by giving us these wonderful neighbors, who are also generous parents. The Hamiltons, Johnny and Deanna, down the road a mile, have provided us with an excavator, a bulldozer, a grader, a packer and a loader—and an operator,

Ronald Yazzie, who has worked there for years. Consider what it would cost to rent and mobilize that equipment? Further, they provided us with material at minimal cost—trucks have been running past my office all day. And this on top of what they have done in past years, when they did the same to build our big parking lot, and also participated with some equipment when we did the site preparation for the new gym.

We should also note that John Fuhs from Sky West supplied a second excavator, with an operator, that has been used the last two days. If and when you see these good folks, will you please thank them?!!

Add to this the wonderful work of four of our friends from Lynden, Washington, who operated the rest of the equipment. Three of these, Ron Wiersma, John Van Boven, and Wes Weg, have all participated on the projects mentioned above—the parking lot and the site preparation for the new gym and stadium. Additionally, Harlan Kredit, a teacher from Lynden Christian High School has been here for three days helping us design what now are two ponds and teaching us how to use it more effectively for outdoor science teaching.

In this gift-giving season, we praise God for the gifts that flow from these generous hearts and for the gift of skill and judgment and creativity as these men worked to make Rehoboth Christian School an even better and more effective school.

Ron Polinder, Executive Director

## **ELEMENTARY EVENTS**

**Christmas Program** – On Tuesday, December 16, the elementary school students will be presenting “The Gift Goes On” to celebrate the coming of our Savior. We invite you to come and worship with us this most remarkable event. The program will start at 7:00 PM in the Rehoboth Church. Students should be to their classrooms by 6:40.

**Cold Weather** – Please make sure your children are dressed warmly each day as the days are

getting colder. Students will be out for recesses unless the temperature or wind-chill is below 15 degrees. Also please make sure to put students' names on tags of coats and other clothing. We get quite a pile of lost items which do not get claimed. We would like to get items back to their rightful owner.

**Report cards** – The end of the second quarter is on December 18. Report cards will be sent out by mail over the Christmas break. Please use these to reflect with your child on the good progress they are making and ways they can improve.

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

End of the Semester – Finishing Up

The end of the semester is next week. This means that projects, portfolios, and assignments all need to get turned in. Please, help your child keep a simple and structured schedule (with plenty of sleep) during this busy time.

Also, remember that we do enforce a strict policy of paying off all fines, overdue fees, and lunch hall charges, etc. before your child can take exams. Students who do not take exams at the regular time may have to come in on the teacher work day, Friday, December 19 to finish up assignments.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders take exams during the last week of the semester. This is the schedule:

**Monday** – Bible part 1 and Communications

**Tuesday** – Math part 1 and Science part 1

**Wednesday** – Science part 2 and Social Studies part one

**Thursday** – Bible part 2, Math part 2 and Social Studies part two

**Friday** – no regular school – time for make-up exams and grading

Additional Information:

- Exams will NOT be given earlier to accommodate a vacation schedule. In order to protect the validity of the exams, it is very unlikely that special arrangements for taking exams will be made.

- **SNOW DELAY:** If school is delayed, plan to take the scheduled exams beginning at 10:15 AM that day. If school is canceled, we will compact the exams together, so that we can still finish by Thursday. For example, if school is cancelled due to snow on Wednesday, we will hold the Wednesday and Thursday exams on Thursday in order to end on time.

## Mid School Basketball

12/11 4:00pm HOME w/Ft. Wingate

Carol Bremer-Bennett, MS Principal

## HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

**Sacred Heart Cathedral Concert** Be sure to set aside time to attend the ever popular Choir Christmas Concert this Sunday at 4:00pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Just another little reminder: the Cathedral is a place of worship and we hope our concert attendees will respect it as such.

Please remember:

1. Do not bring any food or drink into the sanctuary.
2. Gentlemen, do not wear hats or caps into the sanctuary.
3. Do not tamper with any of the Christmas decorations you will find adorning the sanctuary.
4. If you have young children that might disturb the concert experience of those seated near you, please drop them off prior to your arrival at the free childcare provided at **Bethany Christian Reformed Church** (1110 South Strong. Gallup).
5. If you notice someone doing any of the above, please inform them gently of the requirements of those attending this event.

**Exams, exams, exams** The fall semester is nearly over so that means semester exams. These exams count 15% of a student's grade in a class so they do make a difference. Please encourage

your son/daughter to take them seriously and to prepare well for them. Make sure they get a good night's sleep and that they eat a good breakfast on exam days (light on sugary foods).

Note: The high school exam schedule will be sent home with high school students and attached to their copy of the *Parent News*.

**Monies owed due tomorrow, December 12** Next week, students will not be able to take their exams during assigned exam periods and will have to make them up on Thursday morning if they have not met all financial obligations. Check to see if they owe any money for lunches or fines. Also, make sure athletic team uniforms have been turned in for soccer, cross country, and volleyball.

**Second Semester** The new semester begins on January 5. Your son/daughter's spring class schedule has been given to them. Please go over it with them and make sure it is correct. If changes need to be made, please contact Mr. Tamminga.

#### Dates to remember

December 19: No School, Teacher Workday  
December 22-January 2: Christmas Break  
January 5: School resumes, Second Semester begins.

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

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## Music Notes



The Rehoboth High School Choir invites you to "The Dream Isaiah Saw", the annual Christmas concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 14. **Doors will**

**open at 3:15.** There will be a reception following this time of worship in the Family Center adjacent to the cathedral. The reception is coordinated by the Alumni Office. High School Choir students are asked to bring one dozen cookies or bars for this event.



## College Corner

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications for the 12th Annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative which will be held in Washington D.C., June 20 - 28, 2009. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, ages 16- 18, who have an interest in the health careers and/or biomedical research are encouraged to apply. The NNAYI scholarship pays for travel, lodging, and most meals during the program. NNAYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research.

Deadline for student application is April 17, 2009 and for counselor application is March 6, 2009. For more information and to access the on-line application, visit the NNAYI website: [www.aaip.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm](http://www.aaip.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm)

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## All School Announcements:



### 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 Jeff Banaszak at 726-9704 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.

## After School Program News

There will be no after school program the week of December 15. The after school program will resume in 2009 on Monday, January 5.

## After School Fitness Center Option

Parents, did you know that you can use the fitness center during the after school program from 4:15 until 6:00pm. The after school staff is there to help you sign in and get you going. Take advantage of this opportunity!

## HELP WANTED

With basketball season starting, we need your help. The following are areas where we need volunteers:

- Concession Stand Workers
- Door Monitors
- Lobby Monitors
- Gym Monitors

If you are willing to help out in any of these areas, please call Nicole at 726-9607. Thank you in advance for your willingness to 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 12/15 to 12/19

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
12/15/08 Monday	Breakfast Pizza, milk, juice	Burritos, salad, rice, fruit, milk
12/16/08 Tuesday	Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk	Sloppy Joes, pickle spears, tater rounds, fruit, milk
12/17/08 Wednesday	Honey Bun, juice, milk	Frito Pie, veggies w/dip, corn bread, fruit, milk
12/18/08 Thursday	No Breakfast	Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, cheese, fries, fruit, milk
12/19/08 Friday	CHRISTMAS BREAK	CHRISTMAS BREAK

**Basketball Season Passes are available for purchase for \$55.00 per person. Contact Lorretta Smith at 726-9692 or [lsmith@rcsnm.org](mailto:lsmith@rcsnm.org) for more information.**

## Sports Schedule

Sport Date /Time	Home/ Away	Opponent
Boys Basketball 12/11 5:00PM JV & V	AWAY	Miyamura
Girls Basketball 12/12 5:00pm JV & V	HOME	Newcomb

<b>Boys Basketball</b> 12/12 5:00pm JV & V	AWAY	Gallup Catholic
<b>Boys Basketball</b> 12/18 – 12/20 TBA JV, V	AWAY	Wingate Tournament
<b>Girls Basketball</b> 12/18 5:00pm JV & V	HOME	Gallup Catholic

If you do not know whether or not you have turned in your letters or paperwork **or** if you have questions or concerns, I would love to hear from you, please call me at 726-9684 or email me at [seddy@rcsnm.org](mailto:seddy@rcsnm.org).

### **Reminder to parents with students in the Rehoboth Student Sponsorship program.**

I have had a very disappointing response from RCS sponsored children this semester. After many attempts to get basic information and one letter written to sponsors, I still lack many of your children's *required* correspondences.

- \* If, as of December 18<sup>th</sup>, you have not turned in your **initial consent form and profile sheets** for Sponsorship 2008-2009 your children's participation will be **discontinued** effective Jan 1, 2009. Their sponsors will be reassigned to children who are prepared and waiting for a sponsor.
- If your child has not written a letter to his sponsor yet this semester, it needs to be turned in **before Christmas break** or you will risk losing your sponsorship eligibility for next year.

If the Student Sponsorship program is going to succeed and thus cover costs of our children's education at Rehoboth, it must have students writing the sponsors. We have already lost many sponsors due to the economy, and have heard concerns from sponsors about not receiving letters, notes and cards from the students. Please join with me and help us to preserve those remaining loyal, faithful friends who are your children's sponsors.

# Pancake Breakfast!

SPONSORED BY THE REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**December 13, 2008**

**7:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

**at the RCS Fellowship Hall**



**\$5** INCLUDES: PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,  
COFFEE, AND JUICE

