



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

- 12/18 Last Day of Classes
- 12/19 NO SCHOOL – All Staff In-Service/Workday
- 12/22 – 01/02 Christmas Break
- 1/05 Second Semester Begins
- 1/09 All State Choir
- 1/12 6:30pm Education Committee Meeting
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 1/15 Mid School Program



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From the Rehoboth Staff

INS AND OUTS

Search for the Next Executive Director

I am pleased to report to the Rehoboth Christian School community is in the final stage of selecting its next Executive Director. At the December 1st school board meeting, the search committee presented the names of two candidates and the board accepted them to be the two finalists. They came from a pool of over 55 potential applicants and recruits and out of eleven actual applicants.

These two gentlemen both come from higher education backgrounds and multi-cultural and international experience. Dr. Darrell Druvenga and Dr. Sidney DeWaal will now move into the last stage of the selection process.

Dr. Druvenga is currently a professor in Ifrane, Morocco and was formally a professor in the Education Department at Central College in Pella, Iowa. He is a member of Pella II Christian Reformed Church.

Dr. DeWaal retired a year ago from a career that included being president of The King's University College, vice-president at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, and president of Jerusalem University College in Israel. He is a member of Oak Hills Christian Reformed Church in Oregon.

We greatly desire for the entire Rehoboth Christian School community to be a part of this decision. Both candidates have visits to Rehoboth scheduled. Dr. Druvenga will be on campus on January 7 & 8 and Dr. DeWaal will follow the next week, on January 13 & 14. We are planning

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to have them make a presentation to parents on the Wednesday evenings of their visits. I know that we do not normally schedule events on Wednesday evenings, due to church activities, but due to the tight timeframe and so many other events already on the calendar, we have decided to hold parent nights on these two Wednesdays.

Please plan to attend both sessions, so that we can get feedback based on your interaction with both candidates.

Finally, be in prayer for the school and particularly the school board as they make the final decisions. This school belongs to God; we are simply tools that He uses to accomplish His will. May He bless our efforts and make it clear who is being called to be our next Executive Director.

Parent Nights with the Executive Director Candidates – January 7 and January 14 at 7:00 PM. (Place to be determined)

Carol Bremer Bennett, Assistant Superintendent

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Christmas Greetings – Thank you for coming to our Christmas program on Wednesday. We pray that each child and family will see Jesus as the savior of the world and will pass the gift of hope on to each other and all we come into contact with. Blessings and peace from the staff.

Report cards – The end of the second quarter is today, December 18. Report cards will be sent out by mail over the Christmas break. If you have not received yours by January 5, please call the school office so we can make sure you get one.

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

Merry Christmas

As we come upon this special time of year I ask the Father in his great glory to give you the power to be strong in love through his spirit.

As the day draws near it becomes so easy to be caught up in the excitement of shopping, and in parties...But let's not forget the true meaning of Christmas, a time to remember the birth for a young child over 2000 years ago in a manger far away. That child has become the basis of our faith, the hope of our salvation, and the redeemer of our sins. So take the time during this season to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and ask Him to continue to give you His blessing for the holiday.

Mid School Basketball

1/06 4:30pm HOME w/Zuni

1/08 4:00pm HOME w/St. Theresa

1/13 4:00pm AWAY w/Gallup Catholic

Carol Bremer-Bennett, MS Principal

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Thank You Thanks for your patience regarding all the schedule changes this exam week due to weather conditions. Please remember to always call 505-726-9642 for the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding cancellations, delayed starts, and other pertinent information. Thanks.

Reminder December 15 marks the end of our first semester. The Spring semester begins on January 5. Your son/daughter may have a new class schedule so please make sure you acquaint yourself with any changes. If you have any questions regarding their schedule, please contact Mr. Tamminga, our counselor.

Congratulations and Thank You Congratulations to Mr. Ippel, Mrs. DeYoung and all the student choir members on a fine performance at Sunday's Christmas Concert. Thank you also to all our attendees and the respect you demonstrated for the Sacred Heart facility. We really appreciate your help in keeping that venue available to us for future concerts.

Events Calendar

January 5: Second Semester begins

January 19: In-Service/Workday—No School

January 23-24: Homecoming Weekend

Dee Logterman, High School Principal

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

SUMMER PROGRAMS

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUMMER CAMP sponsored by NMSU, participants will learn skills and develop talents in economic growth, individual success and business. The camp cost \$750 but each student pays only \$75 which includes 20 hours of classroom instruction and 25 hours of field-based practicum in business. You must apply to NMSU and this camp is offered during their summer session.

If you are interested in a six week distance learning summer experience culminating with a week residency in Washington DC focusing on The Bill of Rights, visit www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Academy. This is an academically rigorous program in which you will earn three college credits upon completion.

Cornell University sponsors a summer college for high school students as a college enrichment program.

This summer program is an award winning program described as “An unforgettable, life-changing” experience. For more information visit www.summercollege.cornell.edu.

Golden Apple 2009 Summer Institute is a six week residency program for college students seeking to be teachers. The program includes a \$2500 stipend and you participate in the Institute each summer while you are in college. Its focus is to help you be the best possible teacher you can be by learning from the best teachers available and by direct experience. Applications are due by January 30 and selections are made by March 24. More information is available in your counseling office.

FINANCIAL AID

Albuquerque Community Foundation has 12 scholarship and financial aid programs to help New Mexico students continue their college educations. All applications information including eligibility and deadlines for each student aid program in on the Foundations website as www.albuquerquefoundation.org.

The KFC Scholarship program gives up to \$20,000 over four years to selected students. You must be graduating in 2009, have a minimum gpa of 2.75, enroll in a public state college or university pursuing a bachelors degree. If interested in applying, visit www.kfcscholars.org.

Catching the Dream Scholarships are available for Native American students and range from \$500 to \$5,000. This scholarship program also assists students in easy writing for college and application processes. If you are interested in more information, e-mail Dean Chavers at CTDDeanChavers@aol.com.

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 Abbie or Deanna at 863-4412 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

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 01/05 to 01/09

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
01/05/09 Monday	Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk	Popcorn Chicken, tossed salad, rice, fruit, milk, break
01/06/09 Tuesday	Breakfast Pizza, juice, milk	Chili dogs, fries, fruit, milk
01/07/09 Wednesday	Bagels w/cream cheese, PB & Jelly, juice, milk	Spaghetti, French bread, veggies w/dip, fruit, milk
01/08/09 Thursday	No Breakfast	Beef Teriyaki on rice, stir fry veggies, fruit, milk, bread
01/09/09 Friday	Honey Bun, juice, milk	Frito Pie, tossed salad, cornbread, fruit, milk

Basketball Season Passes are available for purchase for \$55.00 per person. Contact Lorretta Smith at 726-9692 or lsmith@rcsnm.org for more information.

Sports Schedule

Sport Date /Time	Home/ Away	Opponent
Boys Basketball 12/18 – 12/20 TBA	AWAY JV,V	Wingate Tournament
Girls Basketball 12/18 5:00pm	HOME JV,V	Gallup Catholic

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 18th, 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.

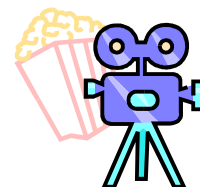
- If your child has not written a letter to his sponsor yet this semester, it needs to be turned in **before Christmas break** or you will risk losing your sponsorship eligibility for next year.

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.

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.

Some of you may be interested in this showing coming up in January at Rehoboth Church.



**See "Fireproof"
the surprise box office hit
and #1 inspirational movie of 2008**

Friday January 7, 2009 in the Rehoboth Church sanctuary.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Movie begins at 7 p.m. sharp!

There is no cost to attend

Light refreshments will be served

**This movie event is designed for adult couples -
Childcare will be provided**

**Please share this message/invitation and invite
friends and other couples to join you.**

No R.S.V.P. is needed

FIREPROOF has touched the hearts and impacted the marriages of millions of moviegoers.

Churches across the country purchased entire show times to help strengthen marriages in their congregations and to reach out to their communities. And now we are bringing

FIREPROOF to our Rehoboth Church sanctuary Friday January 7, 2009.

Featured on Focus on the Family, Dr. Phil, the Today Show, FamilyLifeToday, Fox News, and scores of other leading media outlets,

FIREPROOF, starring Kirk Cameron, is no

ordinary movie... it is a natural ministry tool to inspire and challenge people. This action-packed love story has had audiences laughing, crying, and on the edges of their seats as they are drawn into the world of a firefighter, his wife ... and a marriage worth rescuing.

"Amazing! Action-packed, heartwarming, and a great resource to help strengthen and affirm marriages!"

Dr. Gary Smalley, author of *Change Your Heart, Change Your Life*

www.fireproofthemovie.com

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BUILDING – CHRISTMAS VACATION OFFICE HOURS:

The Administration Office will be closed from Dec. 24 – Jan. 5th. If you have an urgent need during the week of Dec. 29 call Jeff Banaszak's office number (505) 726-9704 and leave a message.

