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School Theme:

“I Belong To Jesus”

“And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.” Romans 1:6 (NIV)

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/12 6pm Finance & Facilities Meeting in the Board Room

6:30pm Education Meeting at the Mid School

10/16 End of the 1st Quarter

10/19 No School – Staff In-Service

10/19 7pm School Board Meeting

10/19 7pm High School Band Concert at Rehoboth Church

Transportation News Alert

To improve communication between our transportation department and parents a new system has been created.

Morning 6:30 am – 8:00 am

You may call the following number 505.726.9635 if you have questions or concerns.

Afternoon Bus Changes – deadline is 2:30 pm

Please call 505.726.9635 if there are any changes in your child’s bus drop off. This should be done before 2:30 pm so that the bus drivers will know about these changes before they leave Rehoboth campus. We regret that we cannot honor requests made after 2:30 pm.

These changes become effective on Monday, October 12.

Ins and Outs

A New Measurement Tool

Rehoboth Christian School is always striving to be excellent in all areas of education. However, excellence can be difficult to define and hard to measure. Rehoboth Christian School understands that education is more than subject areas and bigger than grades on a report card. We seek to develop all aspects of children & teach the Truth most crucial to life. As educators, we constantly examine what and how we teach, and as administrators we evaluate our effort and growth. After a year of consideration & discussion, we are changing to a new test that we believe will assist Rehoboth Christian School in attaining excellence in the classroom.

The test is from the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) which is a not-for-profit organization committed to helping schools throughout the nation improve learning for all students. As a result of NWEA tests, educators can make informed decisions to promote your child’s academic growth. In order for our teachers to be trained to give this test & use its results, we will be holding an all-day in-service on Monday, October 19th. There will be no school this day, Pre-K – 12. For more information on the test, I have included some FAQ’s below, and I also invite you to visit their website at www.nwea.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the MAP test?

NWEA's computerized adaptive tests are called Measure of Academic Progress, or MAP. When taking a MAP test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier.

What subjects does the MAP assess?

MAP and ALT include math, reading, and language assessments.

How long does it take to complete a test?

Although the tests are not timed, it usually takes students about one hour to complete each test.

When will my student be tested and how often?

Districts have the option of testing their students up to four times a year. Rehoboth plans to test grades 3-10 in November and again in the spring.

Do all students in the same grade take the same test?

No. NWEA assessments are designed to target a student's academic performance in math, language usage, and reading. These tests are tailored to an individual's current achievement level. This gives each student a fair opportunity to show what he or she knows and can do.

What are NWEA assessments used for?

NWEA assessments are used to measure your student's progress or growth in school. You may have a chart in your home on which you mark your child's height at certain times, such as on his or her birthday. This is a growth chart. It shows how much he or she has grown from one year to the next. NWEA assessments do the same sort of thing, except they measure your student's growth in reading, language usage, and math skills.

How do teachers use the test scores?

NWEA tests are important to teachers because they keep track of progress and growth in basic skills. They let teachers know where a student's strengths are and if help is needed in any specific areas. Teachers use this information to help them guide

instruction in the classroom.

If you have any questions regarding this new measurement tool, please let me know,

Carol Bremer-Bennett
Assistant Superintendent

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

Box Tops / Labels Collection Week - October 31 is the next due date for handing in labels etc. to help our school earn money for education. Therefore, next week, **October 12 -16**, will be our **"Hand in Your Labels"** week in the elementary school (you actually can bring them in any time). Next week if students bring in a "bag" full of **labels / box tops etc**, they will get a small prize. We would like to get a 'bunch' before the due date of Oct 31 so collect what you can (see labels list attached) and have your child(ren) bring them in sometime next week!! Thank you for your helping us earn money for our school.

OTHER WAYS to earn money for our school is to go to: Thebigclip.com and register and enter daily until Oct 31. Also go to: labelsforeducation.com and go to the busload picture and register and enter daily until Oct 31.

Dorann Louis, coordinator

Parent / Teacher Conferences – Please look for the P/T conference sign up form which will be coming home with your child tomorrow (Friday). Conferences will be held on the evenings of October 26 (Mon) and 27(Tues). These forms are due back next week **Thursday, October 15** so teachers can make conference schedules.

After School Program Changes – One Monday a month the ASP staff meets to do planning. The next Mondays that we will **not** have After School Program will be on **October 26, November 23, 24, and December 14 (these are changes from what was reported last week)**. Please mark your calendars with these new dates. Thank you.

Health forms – Please turn in your students’ health forms if you have not already done so.

Illness – Thank you for keeping your child home if they have been ill during this aggressive flu season. While we do not want children in school while they are sick, we do want them here every other day. If your child has been hit hard by sickness this school year, please work hard to not take them out for other reasons which could be avoided. Our elementary attendance policy states a child should not be absent more than 20 days in the school year. We realize at times there are extenuating circumstances and we hope to be flexible if illness is a major part of the 20. Again we love to have our children at school and that is when they learn the most!! Thank you for your help!!

Jim Holwerda, Elementary Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

Zuni Fun Run

Zuni Mission School invited Rehoboth Christian Middle School to participate in a Fun Run today. We have about 10 students going to Zuni for this event today.

Ropes Course Permission Form

Every year, we take our middle school students out to our Ropes Course. The challenges that the groups and individuals go through are ways for us to build up our community and to process lessons in our academic, social, and spiritual lives. In order for your child to be allowed on the Ropes Course, he/she must have your permission. Please sign the form & return to Mrs. Jim at the middle school office.

End of the Quarter is October 16

Your child should be asking his/her teachers if he/she has any missing assignments. Please feel free to contact teachers on your own. By October 16th, students also should have all their reading logs turned in and their band practice records. Don’t let your child overlook these important details.

New Set of Exploratories:

Our second set of exploratories include options such as: crochet, outdoor games, typing, myth-busting, piano lab, and honor band. This set of exploratories will last for the month of October.

At the beginning of November, we will begin the third session of classes, which will include basketball. We are looking for more help with our teams – if you are able to be at practices from 2:30pm – 4:00pm and be at the games, please let Mrs. Bremer-Bennett know.

Mid School Sports:

10/8 4:00pm Volleyball HOME w/Ramah

10/20 4:00pm Volleyball AWAY at Ramah

10/22 – 10/23 TBA Volleyball Tournament in Crownpoint

Carol Bremer-Bennett
Mid-School Principal

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you A great big thank you to everyone involved in making this year’s Fall Carnival a success. An event like that could never happen without all the volunteers who brought food and other donated items, those who helped with setting up the event and taking everything down again, those who spent hours helping out in the booths and making everything go smoothly, and for those who prepared the Navajo burgers for everyone that came to dine in the Fellowship Hall. You are all such a huge blessing to our extended Rehoboth family. Thank you again.

Scholarships Applications for the Lighthouse, Mina Polinder, Olson, and Lauber Scholarships are now available in the High School office. These scholarships award money to qualified students to be used towards Rehoboth tuition expenses. Please encourage your son/daughter to apply. The application deadline is November 13 but students should apply now if possible so there is time for teachers to help them with their

application essays. Please be sure to assist your son/daughter as they work on their applications to make sure they are answering all questions accurately.

Reminder Please continue to encourage your son/daughter to make use of the locks they've been given for their lockers. Thank you.

Important Announcement for Parents of Seniors:

We will be holding an important meeting during Parent-Teachers Conferences that you won't want to miss. It will be held in the Band Room of the SFC from 6:00-7:00 on October 26 and will be repeated on October 27 at the same time for those who can't attend on the 26th. The agenda to be covered is as follows:

1. What are we doing to assist your child's college/career plans
2. College application process and time lines
3. ACT and/or SAT
4. Financial Aid
 - Merit Based on ACT scores
 - FAFSA
 - Colleges themselves
 - Lottery within state
 - Tribe, Gates, HIS
 - Private
5. College Fairs
6. College Reps
7. College visits
8. Senior Portfolios:
 1. Timelines
 2. Contents
 3. Reasons for doing them
 4. How parents can help
9. Senior Trip
 1. What do parents want to commit to?
 2. Implications for the senior trip

Coming Events (Check the sports schedules in this issue of the Parent News or www.rcsnm.org for game information.)

- October 16: End of the First Quarter; report cards sent home this week.
- October 19: NWEA testing training for teachers, NO SCHOOL
- October 19: High School Band Concert

- October 26-27: Parent-Teacher Conferences and Senior Parent Meeting
NO SCHOOL
- October 27-31: Volleyball Playoffs
- October 30: [X-Country \(Girls & Boys\) District 3AA](#)
- October 30-31: Boys and Girls Soccer First Round of State

Dee Logterman
High School Principal

Admissions & Registrar

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 13, 2009**.

Lighthouse Scholarship - Four scholarships of \$500 each. Students who are from a Christian Reformed Church background, show financial need, demonstrate Christian character, and show leadership potential should apply. 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 who are Native American, show financial need, are interested in the sciences, and demonstrate Christian commitment. An essay is required.

Olson Scholarship - Three scholarships of \$500 each are available for Elementary and Middle school students who are Native American, show 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

Music Notes

High School Band Concert on October 19. This is for high school band only. We will start at 7pm in the Rehoboth Church and play for about 30 minutes. Following the concert we will have a brief band parent meeting to talk about the year.

Thanks,
Mr. Zwiers, Band Director



The High School Music Program thanks everyone for their help in making the Fall Carnival a success. Thanks to the music department parents and students who gave of their time, baked goods, monetary gifts, and grab bag donations; and, thanks to those of you who came to the event. The carnival raised about \$6,000 for the band and choir.

Bob Ippel, Gail DeYoung and Kevin Zwiers,
Choir and Band Directors

All School Announcements

No School Oct. 19th

Due to a mandatory training for the teachers, Rehoboth will not have PreK-12 classes on Monday, October 19th. Rehoboth is in the process of changing

our standardized testing and will be implementing the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) for testing in the elementary, middle, and high school. Please note this change of the school calendar and recognize that this means we will not be adding a day off during the second semester.

Hamburger Patties for Sale!

The HS Choir has only 7 cases of those juicy burgers left! If you would like a case of 45 5.3 oz burgers for \$38.00, contact Bob Ippel ext 123 or Gail De Young ext 193. They are delicious.

Sports Physicals

Students wanting to play basketball must have their physicals into the high school office before practice starts on Nov. 2.

ACT PRACTICE SESSIONS

Two more Left!

During the After School Program in the High School Room 18 at 3:30pm

MATH: Tuesday October 13 and Thursday October 15

READING: Tuesday October 20 and Thursday October 22

The following is a list of what the concession stand is in need of:

1. Bar S Jumbo Hot Dogs with Buns
2. Pickles
3. Variety of Small Bags of Chips
4. Assorted Candy (no gum)
5. Gatorade
6. Cases of Water (Aquafina)
7. Condiments for Hot Dogs

Please drop off all donations at the Sports and Fitness Center with your name, so we may credit you for the donation.

Community Announcements

Rehoboth Church Family Night on Wednesday, October 13. will host a guest speaker Mark

Charles, Rehoboth Alumni. He will speak on the idea of a "Virtual Native American State". Mark has been interviewed nationally regarding this topic and we are thrilled to have Mark share his ideas with this community. His presentation will be from 6:30-7:30 at the Rehoboth Middle School. For more information, call the Rehoboth Church office at 726-9710.

Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 10/12 to 10/16

Date	Breakfast	Lunch
10/12/09 Monday	Bagels w/PB&J or Cream Cheese, juice, milk	Beef-a-Roni, tossed salad, bread, fruit, milk
10/13/09 Tuesday	Assorted Muffins, milk, juice	Grilled Chicken Sandwich, lettuce, tomato, tater rounds, fruit, milk
10/14/09 Wednesday	Pizza Pocket , juice, milk	Corn Dogs, oven fries, fruit, milk
10/15/09 Thursday	No Breakfast	Turkey Pot Pie, tossed salad, bread, fruit, milk
10/16/09 Friday	Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk	Variety of Soups, tossed salad, dinner roll, fruit, milk

Sports Schedule

SOCCER 10/8 3pm HOME	Boys JV, V w/Farmington
VOLLEYBALL 10/9 4pm AWAY	C, JV, V at Ramah
CROSS COUNTRY 10/10 9am AWAY	Boys & Girls at Zuni
SOCCER	Boys V & Girls V

10/10 11am HOME	w/Miyamura
SOCCER 10/12 3pm HOME	Boys JV & V w/Hope
SOCCER 10/15 3pm AWAY	Girls Varsity at Hope
VOLLEYBALL 10/16 5pm HOME	Varsity w/Shiprock
CROSS COUNTRY 10/17 12pm AWAY	Girls & Boys at Rio Rancho
SOCCER 10/17 11am HOME	Boys Varsity w/Gallup Catholic

Show your *love* for the Phonathon Program...



... by providing after-school snacks and beverages for our faithful workers!

Starting September 21, our Phonathon workers will be calling thousands of RCS supporters nationwide and asking for financial support for the school. This is hard work! Please show your appreciation to these workers by providing after school snacks. Snacks and Beverages can be dropped off to Rachael Kass in the Admin Building.

Possible Snack and Beverage Ideas:
Chips, Candy, Fruit, Fruit Snacks, Cookies, Granola Bars, Bottled Water, Gatorade, Energy Drinks, Pizza, and any baked goods.

Help me feed our hungry workers

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