




Parent News



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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

- 10/16** End of the 1st Quarter
- 10/19** No School – Staff In-Service
- 10/19** 7pm School Board Meeting
- 10/23** Rehoboth Elementary Star Party
- 10/26-27** No School – Parent Teacher Conference

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 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 became effective this past Monday, October 12.

Ins and Outs

Since the summer I have heard several parents and students say how much they love Rehoboth Christian School and their desire to be part of the school and its community. It warms my heart to hear all these positive comments about our teachers, staff and the school. I hear stories about the long bus rides and getting up early to meet the bus, yet this does not hinder the child’s excitement about coming to school. Parents are happy with the school’s environment and quality Christian education. New parents are amazed at the amount of homework and seeing small changes in their child’s attitude toward homework and school. I also hear stories of how our community is like a big family; we all look after each other’s children. Seeing parent from all different walks of life coming together for Christian education is so exciting. I tell ya, these stories are so awesome! These stories are also about fellowships, friendships, and trust. Part of the enjoyment of these stories is for us to utilize the fellowship and friendship to give glory to God.

There are also sad stories here at Rehoboth. It is sad to hear parents talk about their finances and the cost of tuition. Parents are sacrificing a lot of time and money to send their child to Rehoboth Christian School. We try to help all the families with tuition assistance. This year the giving has been down slightly for tuition assistance, but we still have many donors that faithfully give to our Rehoboth Scholarship. The Rehoboth Scholarship will continue to give out scholarships to those who apply and qualify. Rehoboth scholarships that are available are *Olson, Lighthouse, Visscher,*

Polinder and Lauber. Applications for these scholarships are available now at the school offices. Your child may take advantage of these scholarships by answering questions and returning the application with an essay to the Admissions Office by **Friday, November 13, 2009.** These scholarships also help our students learn to write with depth and create critical thinking. And, just as importantly, they teach our students to be appreciative and understand the concept of giving.

As part of our Rehoboth family, please continue to pray for all of our students, staff, faculty, campus and especially for our donors who continue to give faithfully to Rehoboth. If you have questions about scholarships and tuition please don't hesitate to stop by my office.

Lorretta Smith
Director Of Admissions

ELEMENTARY EVENTS

“Hand Off Policy” – For your child's safety, please be aware of our policy that all children in grades Pre K – 3rd grade require an adult to adult “hand off” when a child is excused from school or the After School Program (ASP). We do not allow a young child to walk to another location on campus to meet up with a care giver unless permission is given by the principal or director of the ASP. Young children must be under direct supervision while on campus at all times.

Star Party – Your family is invited to a Star Party along with families from Indian Hills Elementary School on Friday, **Oct 23 from 7:30 – 9:00 PM.** The party will be held at the dome on Rehoboth's campus behind the ropes course. Bring your binoculars or smaller telescope to view the wonders of the stars and planets. Chances to view the celestial bodies from the telescope in the dome is a great opportunity. Come and enjoy.

Box Tops / Labels Collection Week – Your child still has a chance to bring in box tops / labels tomorrow. Help us raise money for our school!!

Parent / Teacher Conferences – Please return the Parent / Teacher sign up form tomorrow if you have not done so already. Teachers will be making schedules on Friday and returning slips to parents next week to confirm conference times. Report cards for students in grades 1 -5 will be sent home on Friday, Oct. 23 with your child. We look forward to meeting with you on Oct. 26 or 27!

Jim Holwerda
Elementary Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATTERS

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will be having Conferences on October 26 & 27 from 5:00-8:00 PM in the Middle School. On those days, there will be no school. At the middle school, we have families sign up for one-hour time slots. During this hour, we will schedule about 10-12 families to rotate between the teachers. In the next few days, you will receive a sign-up slip – please turn that in as soon as possible, so that we can begin to assign time slots. Those turned in on time will be assigned times first.

Greetings from RCMS!

We are now getting to the end of our first quarter of school. This week, it is very important for students to hand in missing assignments, talk to teachers about their work in class and finish any incomplete projects before the last day of the quarter which is Friday. Thanks for helping us in supporting your child's academic work.

Throughout the first quarter, I have tried to have a small snack each day at break for any student who is hungry, and believe me, we have many hungry students. Today we had apple slices dipped in caramel. We've had grapes and carrots as well. We usually have pretzels and a handful of skittles or M&M's from the candy machine in my office to give out as well. It isn't always much but it sure seems to help our students with a bit of extra brain food half-way through the morning. They

are always (for the most part) so polite and thankful for their healthy break snack. If you would be willing to donate such a snack, your wonderful kids and I will be most grateful!

Thanks for all your support,
Gail De Young
Middle School Counselor

Mid School Sports:

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

End of Quarter 1 This Friday, October 16, is the end of the first quarter of this school year. Report cards will be mailed later next week so be watching for them in the mail. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 on October 26 and 27 to discuss your son or daughter's work during this quarter with their teachers.

Parents of Seniors A senior's school year is full of stressful activities like applying for college and scholarships and preparing their senior portfolio and presentation. To find out what you need to know about all those activities and how you can help your son or daughter, please attend one of the meetings offered from 6:00-7:00 pm during the parent-teacher conference evenings. See you there!

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. If your son or daughter has not brought home an application, please encourage them to do so or you are welcome to stop by the high school office to pick them up.

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: Evening High School Band Concert CANCELLED
- 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
- November 5: Picture Retakes Day

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 is cancelled.

Thanks,
Mr. Zwiers, Band Director

College Corner

The Christian College Fair will be held at Hope Christian School on Louisiana Blvd. in Albuquerque this coming Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Representatives from Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, IL; Dordt College in Sioux Center, IA; and Southwestern College in AZ will be here next week Wednesday and Thursday to meet with interested juniors and seniors. Students can sign up to

meet with any of these representatives in the counseling office.

All School Announcements

Book Fair!



The Scholastic Book Fair will run during conferences on October 26 and 27. I am looking for help to run the fair during those times. Also, I would greatly appreciate assistance in setting up the fair either during the evening of the 22nd or the morning of the 23rd so students can preview the fair with their class.

Ms. Dykstra

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.

Sports Physicals

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

ACT PRACTICE SESSIONS

When: During the After School Program (3:30 p.m.)

Where: High School Room 18

READING: Tuesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 22

Concession Stand needs your help!

The concession stand is asking for donations of the following;

Red Bueno Chili – hot and mild

Green Bueno Chili – hot and mild

You may drop off your donation at the Sports and Fitness Center. If you have any questions about donations or would like to sign up to help during a game – please call Julie Briggs at 505.879.0464

Community Announcements

The Bethany High School Youth Group will be hosting a parents' night out at Bethany Church on Saturday, October 17. It will run from 5pm-9pm. The cost is \$10 per child for the entire 4 hours! Fun activities and snacks will be provided! Please call Kim Dykstra at 505-726-9694 if you would like to take advantage of this great service

Menu for Breakfast and Lunch for 10/19 to 10/23

| Date | Breakfast | Lunch |
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| 10/19/09 Monday | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL |
| 10/20/09 Tuesday | Breakfast Burrito, juice, milk | Sloppy Joe, pickle spears, tater tots, fruit, milk |
| 10/21/09 Wednesday | Pizza Pocket , juice, milk | Burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fruit, milk |
| 10/22/09 Thursday | No Breakfast | Chicken Nuggets on rice w/sauces, salad, fruit, bread, milk |
| 10/23/09 Friday | Sausage Biscuit Sandwich, juice, milk | Hamburgers on bun, lettuce, tomato, cheese, tater tots, fruit, milk |

Sports Schedule

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| SOCCER 10/15 3pm AWAY | Girls Varsity at Hope |
| VOLLEYBALL 10/15 5pm HOME | Varsity w/Gallup Catholic |
| 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 |
| SOCCER 10/19 4:30pm HOME | Girls Varsity w/Gallup Catholic |
| VOLLEYBALL 10/20 5pm HOME | Varsity w/TseYiGai JV w/Gallup Catholic |
| SOCCER 10/22 4pm AWAY | Boys JV & V at Bloomfield |
| SOCCER 10/22 4pm HOME | Girls Varsity w/Bloomfield |
| VOLLEYBALL 10/22 5pm HOME | Girls JV w/Gallup Catholic |
| CROSS COUNTRY 10/23 3pm AWAY | Boys & Girls at Grants Invite |
| SOCCER 10/24 11am AWAY | Boys & Girls Varsity w/Miyamura at Ford Canyon |
| VOLLEYBALL 10/24 1pm AWAY | C,JV,V at Navajo Pine |

Tuition News

Here are reminders regarding your tuition account:

- Payments are due the 15th of each month,
- Reminder letters will be sent out to those who are falling behind.
- To better coordinate Tuition payments and questions – Nicole Hawthorne is designated as the primary Tuition Liaison and can be reached at 505.726.9607.

Special Parent Teacher Conference Note:

Nicole Hawthorne and Tanya Smith will be available to take your tuition payment and meal payments at the Parent Teacher Conference.