



2023-2024
Back To School
Information Packet



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Table Talk

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! My name is Bob Ippel and as the Executive Director of Rehoboth Christian School, I want to genuinely say that I am thankful that you are part of the Rehoboth school family. Parents, we are humbled to be partners with you in educating your children. Students, we are thrilled to walk alongside you as you grow mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. My prayer is that you will one day be able to look back at your Rehoboth experience and give testimony to how God used this school family to support you as parents and students.

This is my final year as executive director at Rehoboth Christian School. This reality has given me plenty of opportunities to reflect on my past 30 years as a part of Rehoboth Christian School. I think about how my own family has been impacted by their participation in this community. I think about alumni who have been shaped through both joyous and challenging moments in their years at Rehoboth. I think about conversations with current and new parents and students. I reflect and I am amazed!

In the Old Testament books of Chronicles, the author spends time reflecting on the story of God's work and he too is amazed. In I Chronicles 16: 8-9 he writes,

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell all of his wonderful acts.

My prayer is that you will join me in being amazed by God this coming year! May students and staff share amazement as they learn about God's amazing creation through each of their classes. May we all share amazement as we look at the unique gifts of each of our children. May we share amazement as we reflect on 120 years of God's faithfulness in this place. May we be amazed as we see lives being transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. May we be amazed as we see a community that strives to love one another and support one another even though it is so diverse. In the words of poet Mary Oliver, may we follow these instructions for living: "Pay attention, be astonished, tell about it!"

Amazed! and thankful to serve you as Rehoboth Christian School Executive Director.

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1. Back to School Orientation and Dinner will be on Tuesday, August 8. The 3:00-5:00 pm time slot will be geared towards families that are *new* to Rehoboth and to all returning *K-5*, *sixth* grade and *ninth* grade families. Supper will be provided from 5:00pm to 6:30pm in the Sports and Fitness Center.

Returning parents and students are asked to come to the orientation sometime during the 5:00-7:00 slot. During this time slot you will be able to meet new families, new staff and finalize details such as transportation, tuition contracts, family portal updates, and meal participation paperwork. You will also enjoy a meal!

Please note that each school will be sharing more specific information regarding their orientation schedule.

2. Rehoboth staff will use Thursday afternoons for professional development. We will no longer have Thursday late starts. On Thursdays, students will be served lunch and be released at 1:05pm. Please note that the bus schedule will reflect the Early Release on Thursdays.
3. ALL students will be able to eat breakfast and lunch for free during the 2023-24 school year. This is the result of NM State legislation. Be sure to thank law makers for this decision. Please note that we still are asked to have each family submit their application for the meal program. This information is used to determine other funding that Rehoboth gets such as our Title 1 program that helps in the areas of reading and math. If you have not yet filled out the lunch application, please do so by [clicking the link here](#). Please return the form to the school as soon as possible.

Please note that the Food Service Staff will continue to use fingerprint scanners to expedite the serving line. New students will have fingers scanned during Orientation.

4. We will once again be offering After School Care for our Pre K- Grade 8 students. We will offer services Monday- Wednesday from 3:15-5:30 and on Thursdays from 1:15 to 3:15 and 3:15 to 5:30 pm. Parents must sign up for a minimum of two days per week to use this service. To help with planning, it is important that students sign up for the same days each week. The cost of this service will be \$5.00 per session. One week includes five sessions- Mon, Tues, Wed and Thursday(2 session) which is a total of \$25.00. Please use this [LINK](#) to sign up for this program which will begin on Monday, August 21.
5. The Middle and High School Schedules will be based on an 8 block period class schedule. Students will have four blocks on each day with each day being designated as A (Maroon) or B (Gold). [Here's a link to the daily schedule](#) for middle school and high school. Students will receive their personalized schedule of classes later this summer.

6. The Athletic Packet has been updated and there is only ONE packet to be filled out (in the past, there were two). This packet can be downloaded on the website by [clicking here](#). Please note that you will bring two forms to your doctor: Medical History and Physical Examination. Once the exam is complete, please give the Medical Eligibility Form from the doctor to the school. The form and the rest of the packet must be turned in before the first day of practice.
7. Rehoboth is committed to keeping tuition affordable for families who truly want to have their children here. We are able to do that, in large part, because of a nationwide network of individual donors and charitable organizations. These people and groups who support our school want to be sure that Rehoboth families are also contributing to their children's tuition, and so we've established minimum tuition amounts that must be met.
8. Be on the lookout for parent gatherings which will provide a chance for parents to both socialize and learn from one another as we explore a variety of topics. Attending these events will be another way to earn volunteer hours as one of the goals of the Parent Volunteer Program (PVP) is to get parents on campus interacting with other families. Please watch the Parent News for these events. You can already mark your calendar for the THINQ Parent event which will be held on Thursday, September 21.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

- “LC” refers to the common area in the High School
- New parent orientation activities for children
- SFC refers to the Sports and Fitness Center which is connected to the High School

Elementary Families: Kindergarten- 5th grade

3:00 - 4:00 pm	OPEN HOUSE: meet your teachers in the Elementary for ALL K-5 families <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Booths in the Sports & Fitness Center (SFC) will be open from 3pm-7pm
4:00 - 5:00 pm	(K-12th) New Parent Orientation in the LC
5:00 - 7:00 pm	*Dinner & Parent Booths will also be open for all families K-12 PARENT BOOTHS: Finalize details in the SFC and visit booths regarding transportation, tuition contracts, family portal updates, after school program and meal participation paperwork.

Middle School Families: 6th-8th grade

3:00 - 4:00 pm	OPEN HOUSE: meet your teachers in the Middle School (required for all 6th grade students and families and all new students/families in 7th & 8th grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Booths in the SFC will be open from 3pm-7pm
4:00 - 5:00 pm	(K-12th) New Parent Orientation in the LC
5:00 - 7:00 pm	*Dinner & Parent Booths for all families K-12

High School Families: 9th-12th grade

3:00 - 5:00 pm	Student Orientation Activities in the High School (for <u>all freshmen</u> and <u>all transfer students</u>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Booths in the SFC gym will be open from 3pm-7pm
4:00 - 5:00 pm	(K-12) New Parent Orientation in the LC
5:00 - 7:00 pm	*Dinner & Parent Booths for all families K-12 (students rejoin parents)

*Can earn volunteer hours

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the 2023-2024 School Calendar

Elementary School

Elementary Handbook:

<https://www.rcsnm.org/admissions/schools/aboutes.cfm>

Parents of RCS Elementary Students

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year at Rehoboth Christian Middle School! I hope that you have found some time this summer to be still, and present, and rejuvenate for the coming year. My name is Tara DeYoung, my husband and I are both Rehoboth alumni and our three children attend Rehoboth as well. This past year was my first year as Rehoboth Elementary/Middle school principal and I am excited for year number two!

This year our school theme is “amazed.” Rehoboth has a long history, 120 years, of God’s faithfulness. At Rehoboth we recognize that “Although many families were introduced to the Gospel through Rehoboth in its early boarding school days, there were components of the methodology used to present Christ that Rehoboth now laments” (*History - Rehoboth Christian School*, n.d.). Today, I am “amazed” at how God brings us together as a community in forgiveness, love, and reconciliation.

We have a few changes that we are looking forward to in the coming school year:

1. This past year, the decision to split the 4th and 5th grade mixed age classrooms went before the education committee and the board and was unanimously approved in both. So, this coming year Solomun Sun will teach 4th grade and Meghan Cavanaugh will teach 5th grade.
2. We are blessed to have most of our staff members returning this year and are grateful for the blessing of additional staff! This year we welcome Meghan Cavanaugh as our 5th grade teacher and Amara Sherman will be joining Rehoboth as K-8 counselor.
3. This past year a committee of staff and students worked hard on updating our dress code. This code passed through the education committee and the board and will be implemented K-12 at Rehoboth. Please take a look at it, along with the rest of our [RCHS policies in the handbook](#). If you have any questions at all, don’t hesitate to reach out.
4. This year professional development for staff will be on Thursday afternoons instead of in the morning. So, on Thursdays students will be served lunch and then have an early release at 1:05 pm. After school care (with a fee this year) will still be provided until 5:30pm.

Looking forward to the start of a new year, see you soon!

In Christ,

Tara DeYoung

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Rehoboth Creed

We go to Rehoboth, a Christian school.

We believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We believe the Bible is God's Holy Word which is completely true. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. (Psalm 119:105)

God created me in His own image, and He loves me beyond my imagination (Psalm 139). He calls me by name (John 10:3). He wrote my name on the palms of His hands (Isaiah 49:16)!

At our school we are each different, but we are one in Jesus. We respect each other and honor the gifts that God has given each of us.

At Rehoboth we learn that every inch of our world belongs to God! Every subject is His. I will work hard to learn and grow in knowledge and in wisdom.

I will follow Jesus Christ and listen to His voice. He calls me to use words of kindness, to respect God's creation and all authority, and to encourage and serve the people around me.

"We will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor." (Isaiah 61:3)

PreK and Early PreK

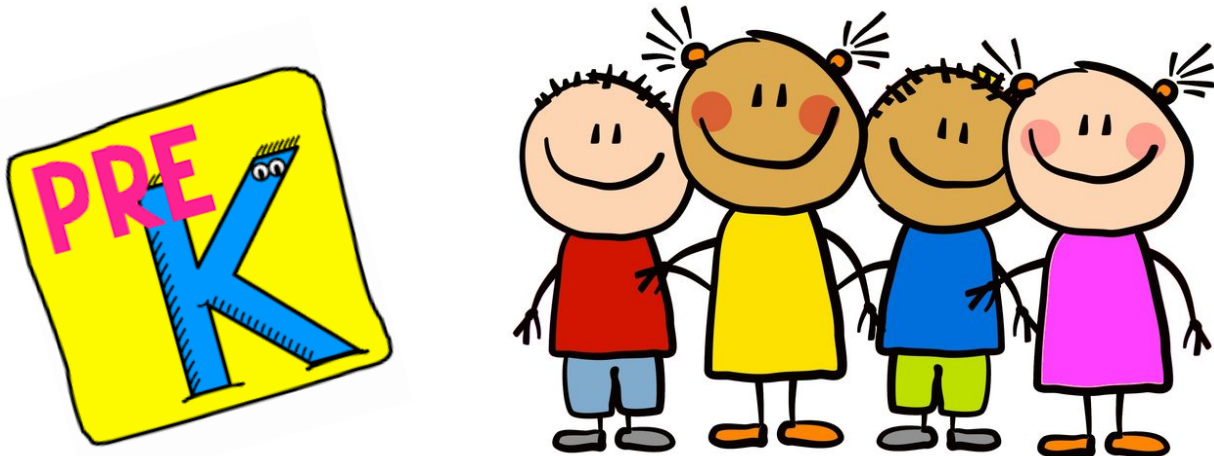
If you have a child attending Rehoboth's Early Childhood Center in the PreK and Early PreK, here is some information:

- Your child's teacher will contact you at the beginning of August to schedule a home visit before school starts.
 - Thursday, August 17, 2023 is the first day of school for PreK and Early PreK.
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Supply List 2023 - 2024

Please provide the following items:

- Blanket and pillow labeled with child's name
- A full set of extra clothes (shirt, 2 pairs of pants, 2 pairs of underwear, shoes) in a Ziploc bag labeled with child's name
- Reusable water bottle labeled with child's name



Supply List:

Kindergarten- 5th



Kindergarten Student Supply List

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For Your Cubby:

- ☐ Crayons (24 pack)
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Markers (10 ct. wide)

For Our Classroom Community:

- ☐ Tissues (1 box)
- ☐ Disinfectant Wipes (1)
- ☐ Glue sticks (2 pack)
- ☐ Large eraser (2 ct)

Additional Personal Items:*

- ☐ Backpack**
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Inside shoes or slippers
- ☐ Small pillow
- ☐ Extra clothes (underwear, socks, shirt, pants) in case of an accident. Please put in a large ziplock bag with your child's name on it.

* Please write your child's name on each marker, scissors, crayon box, and all additional personal items listed above. We will share the other supplies.

**The backpack should be big enough to hold a folder.

Note: The school will provide a take home folder, pencil box, pencils, and cubby. Thank you!

2023-2024 First Grade School Supplies

Welcome 1st graders!

Below are some items that your child will use throughout the school year:

- ☐ 2 packages of Ticonderoga pencils (10 count or more)- Ticonderoga pencils are a good brand. Please no pencils with pictures around them. These pencils don't sharpen well and are constantly breaking at the tips
- ☐ 1 package of the 10 pack Crayola markers- normal size
- ☐ 2 packages of the 24 pack Crayola crayons
- ☐ 1 package of glue sticks- Elmer's glue is a good brand. They don't dry out as easily.
- ☐ 6 large pink erasers
- ☐ 2 Primary Journal Composition books - the kind with dotted lines.
- ☐ 4 plastic folders with sturdy pockets- Plastic is best. These will be used very frequently.
- ☐ A pair of scissors- standard, children's size
- ☐ 1 box of Kleenex- one is good, but more if you are able to
- ☐ 1 Container of Clorox wipes
- ☐ 1 package of colored Expo dry erase markers- you may choose between the standard size or fine point. You may also choose other colors besides the red, black, blue, green package. More colors help us distinguish different things.
- ☐ A backpack
- ☐ 1 Pair of slippers or slip on shoes that can be left at school for muddy and snowy days
- ☐ Water bottle



Thank you for purchasing these items. Most supplies will be shared. Please only put names on folders, notebooks, backpacks, water bottles, and any clothing.

Mrs. VanSlooten
First Grade Teacher



I pray that you are enjoying your summer. I'm already looking forward to the first day of school and teaching your child! It's nearly August already! I'm sure you've been watching those back-to-school sales, wondering what the teacher wants your child to bring to class on that first day. Well, here it is! A complete list of the items that I feel your child needs for grade two. I look forward to meeting your family and getting to know the newest addition to my classroom!!

It is my hope that we will return to school full of vigor and anticipation to take on new challenges. One of the ways we can ensure that we begin on the right foot is to be well prepared. I hope you are able to find most of these items on sale. If it cannot be found or unable to be purchased right away, don't worry, we can find one here on campus or it can be secured later on.

Above all, please pray! Pray for our school, pray for the health of students and staff alike, pray for our school community to have a wonderful and safe start, and pray for our administration team as they daily make important decisions for our school. Our God is great and He will take us through this school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lorrinda Horace

lhorace@rcsnm.org

School Supplies for 2nd Grade

2023-2024

Please write your child's name or initials on all school items.

- ☐ 1 Composition Journal book with your choice of cover-or decorate it!
- ☐ 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- ☐ 1 Large glue stick or bottle of glue
- ☐ 1 pair of child scissors
- ☐ 1 box of markers
- ☐ 1 box of crayons
- ☐ 1 large eraser or mini pack of pencil top erasers
- ☐ A larger pencil box to hold your pencils/markers- a larger than usual pencil box that can contain all or most of your child's tools would be great
- ☐ 1 package of pencils. Try to get quality pencils; it's not fun to have the tip break on you all the time.
- ☐ 1 highlighter
- ☐ 2 Expo markers (preferably fine tip) & a mini whiteboard eraser- We will do a ton of small group work in math rotations, literacy circles and math games using their designated mini whiteboards! An old clean sock will also do the trick! :)
- ☐ 1 12" non-folding ruler that has both the U.S standard measurements as well as the metric measurements
- ☐ 1 spiral 1 subject notebook; Wide ruled (will be used for FAST phonics)
- ☐ 2 pkg of antibacterial wipes - these are so helpful throughout the school year, especially during flu season!
- ☐ 1 box of either sandwich size or gallon size ziplock baggies
- ☐ A pair of slippers from home which will be stored at school for those muddy & wet mornings when we leave our shoes out in the hallway.
- ☐ A water bottle- what has really worked well for our class is a water bottle holder that can be attached to their desk leg. You can find this in the bike accessories dept. Please make sure the water bottle will fit into the water bottle holder.



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3rd Grade School Supply List 2023-2024

Things you MUST have for Our Classroom Supply:

****we will share these items as a class-they will NOT be kept as individual student items****

- ☐ 1 box of Kleenex tissue (or other brand)
- ☐ 2 Containers of Clorox Wipes
- ☐ 2 Pump Containers of Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ 4 glue sticks (glue sticks only please!)
- ☐ a pair of scissors
- ☐ 3 packages of regular #2 pencils (no pencils with plastic coatings-they break the pencil sharpener!)
- ☐ a package of sticky notes



Things you MUST have for your Own Supply:

****These items will be individual student items****

- ☐ four or more dry-erase markers
- ☐ an old sock or other cloth for a personal eraser
- ☐ 3 3prong folders (preferably not paper, but strong plastic)
- ☐ 2 2 pocket folders (preferably not paper, but strong plastic)
- ☐ 1 spiral bound notebook (1 subject please)
- ☐ 1 1inch binder- no zipper closure
- ☐ a zipper pouch or small pencil box
- ☐ 1 composition notebook
- ☐ a pair of headphones
- ☐ markers, crayons, or colored pencils, etc (No permanent Sharpies please)

Things that you may want to get, but are *optional*:

- ☐ an extra eraser
- ☐ personal pencil sharpener
- ☐ donations of extra #2 pencils
- ☐ donations of extra crayons, markers, or dry erase markers for class supply

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4th Grade

2023-2024

It will be helpful if your child labels as many items as possible.

- ☐ 24 Pencils, lead or mechanical (extra lead if using mechanical)
- ☐ Pointed scissors
- ☐ (2) Boxes of colored pencils
- ☐ Box of markers - either thin or fat or both
- ☐ (4-5) Glue Stick Package
- ☐ 5 spiral notebooks
- ☐ 1 composition book
- ☐ 3" 3-ring Zipper Cloth Binder
- ☐ Supplies pouch to fit in binder
- ☐ Lined paper (1 ream to add to class stash)
- ☐ (2) boxes of tissues
- ☐ (2) containers of Clorox wipes
- ☐ Package of 5 subject dividers WITH POCKETS
- ☐ 4 or more colored pens (no black)
- ☐ Earbuds/headphones to keep at school



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5th Grade

2023-2024

It will be helpful if your child labels as many items as possible.

- ☐ 24 Pencils, lead or mechanical (extra lead if using mechanical)
- ☐ 1 package pencil top erasers or large pink erasers
- ☐ 4 or more colored pens (no black)
- ☐ Pointed scissors
- ☐ Ruler with inches and centimeters
- ☐ (2) Boxes of colored pencils
- ☐ Box of markers - either thin or fat or both
- ☐ (4-5) Glue Stick Package
- ☐ 5 spiral notebooks
- ☐ 1 composition book
- ☐ 5 sturdy pocket folders*
- ☐ 1 plastic pocket folder with prongs
- ☐ Supplies pouch or box
- ☐ (2) boxes of tissues
- ☐ (2) containers of Clorox wipes
- ☐ Earbuds/headphones to keep at school

*For returning students, if you have a zipper binder with 5 pocket dividers from last year that is still in good condition, you may use this instead of the 5 pocket folders.



Middle School

Middle School Handbook:

<https://www.rcsnm.org/admissions/schools/aboutms.cfm>

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1. We will be moving to an 8-period block schedule. This means that students will have 4 class periods every day. This will allow students to have fewer transitions throughout the day and more time in class for instruction and collaborative learning.
2. We are blessed to have most of our staff members returning this year and are grateful for the blessing of additional staff! This year we welcome Abbi Mulder as our new 7th and 8th grade communications and 8th grade bible teacher. Amara Sherman will be joining Rehoboth as K-8 counselor, and Jaime VanBuiten will be returning to Rehoboth as our Middle School SALT teacher.
3. This past year a committee of staff and students worked hard on updating our dress code. This code passed through the education committee and the board and will be implemented K-12 at Rehoboth. Please take a look at it, along with the rest of our [RCHS policies in the handbook](#). If you have any questions at all, don’t hesitate to reach out.
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Supply List:

6th-8th grade

6th Grade Supply List

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Please make sure your child has these items on the first day of school.
We will spend time labeling and organizing.

These items will be stored in your locker:

- ☐ 4 spiral notebooks (Math, Reading, Bible, Science)
- ☐ 3 Composition Notebooks (Social Studies, Language Arts, Horizons)
- ☐ 1 ½" binder with at least 6 dividers
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ glue stick
- ☐ 12 inch ruler
- ☐ pencils (We'd recommend a stash for the locker, the pencil pouch, and at home)
- ☐ Calculator (TI-15 is a great option, will likely need to buy online)
- ☐ blue or black pens
- ☐ Colored pencils
- ☐ Thin, fine-tip whiteboard markers (4-pack)
- ☐ pencil box/pouch that will hold items 4-11 listed above.
- ☐ Locker Shelf (lockers are only 11 ½" wide, not all shelves will fit!)



These items will be given to your Math teacher:

- ☐ 2-3 Clorox Wipe containers
- ☐ 2 boxes of tissue

Things that can be donated to the classroom if you wish: (aka - Things we always run out of because we loan them to students as needed.)

- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Expo Dry Erase markers
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Loose leaf lined paper

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7th & 8th Grade Supply List

Social Studies

- ☐ 3-Ring Binder with pocket
- ☐ Lined paper
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Optional: Coloring utensils, glue sticks, ruler, scissors

Math

- ☐ Pencils: whatever it takes to have a pencil each day in class :)
- ☐ Notebook: Sturdy 100 page notebook of your choice
- ☐ Binder 1.5 inch
- ☐ Page Protectors 100 count
- ☐ 2 pocket folder
- ☐ FOR CLASS A : 2 boxes of tissue and 2 containers of disinfecting wipes
- ☐ OPTIONAL: Calculator for use at home:
 - o [TI-30X IIS Scientific](#) or [TI-30Xa](#) are fine choices and these are the calculators they have at school. Students will have a classroom calculator for use in school.

Science

- ☐ Pencils: whatever it takes to have a pencil each day in class!
- ☐ Notebook: 100 page composition notebook for notes (must be 100 pages, 80 is not sufficient for the whole school year)
- ☐ 2 pocket folder, labeled for Science Class
- ☐ A roll of clear packing tape (for taping down dried flowers/plants)
- ☐ Colored pencils
- ☐ scissors

Communications

- ☐ 1 half-inch or one-inch binder
- ☐ 1 composition notebook
- ☐ 1 two-pocket folder
- ☐ Highlighters (green, yellow, pink)
- ☐ Earbuds (a cheap pair is ok!)

7th/8th Bible

- ☐ Pens/Pencils: whatever it takes to have a writing utensil each day in class :)

7th Composition:

- ☐ 1 100 page Notebook:

8th grade:

- ☐ Sturdy notebook of your choice (spiral or composition)
- ☐ 2 pocket folder

Choir

- ☐ 1" Black Binder

8th Grade Futures

- ☐ 1" or 1.5" 3 ring binder
- ☐ Composition Book

High School

High School Handbook:

<https://www.rcsnm.org/admissions/schools/high-school.cfm>

Parents of RCS High School Students

Hello, RCHS Families!

I trust that you are all having a great summer! Here at school, we are planning and preparing for the 2023-24 school year, and we are once again excited to welcome you back. We have a couple changes in store that I'd like to highlight for you here:

1. Students will have 8 periods in their schedules this year, instead of 7. This will allow them to take an additional elective, and we have some great options! Check out the [Course Catalog](#) for all the details. Mrs. Lynch will finalize student schedules in July.
2. Along with the 8 periods comes a new schedule. We will be going to a *full block* schedule in which every day will have four 80-minute periods, along with a "Morning Meet Up" class that will provide opportunities for students to catch up on things they've missed, participate in intramural activities, or attend chapel once each week. We will explain the schedule in detail at our orientation in August, but you can [check it out here](#). In our new schedule, we will dismiss early on Thursdays, rather than starting late on Thursdays as we've done in the past.
3. We'll be welcoming Mr. Seth Weidenaar back into the classroom this year, as he will be teaching American Literature, AP English, and a Discipleship Bible elective for our seniors during the second semester. Mr. Daniel Ensign will be coming aboard as our full-time counselor at the high school also. We're grateful for Mrs. Kris Pikaart's part-time help last year, but she will now be focusing full time on her work with Gallup Community Health.
4. We have revamped and modernized the school dress code. Please take a look at it, along with the rest of our [RCHS policies in the handbook](#). If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to reach out.

This year, our school theme is "Amazed." 120 years ago, the work of Rehoboth Christian School began, and it is good for us to take a step back and remember with awe and gratitude the work that the Lord has done here. All year, we'll have opportunities to think about how the Lord has guided our own lives and how we can respond with our thanks.

We've got great orientation activities planned for August that will help both students and parents start the year off right. Make sure you mark that date so we can welcome you. Check out the other announcements and calendar items in this mailer too. I hope you are all getting some rest and a chance to recharge your batteries this summer.

See you soon!

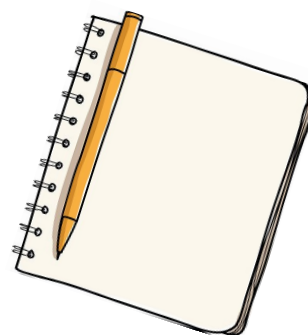


Dan Meester, RCHS Principal

General High School Supply List

Because High School students' schedules vary for each student, this general supply list is to help you purchase some of the supplies that are typically needed in high school. Specific supplies that may be needed for a course will be distributed during the first days of school.

- ☐ It is recommended that High School students have a spiral notebook for each of their courses.
- ☐ High School students typically need a way to organize handouts and other papers for each of their courses. A three binder or a folder for each course is recommended for such organization.
- ☐ High School students should have a supply of both pens and pencils for their courses.
- ☐ Students should have a minimum of a scientific calculator for their math and science classes. For Math classes that are Algebra 2 and higher a graphing calculator is required.
- ☐ Calculator apps on smartphones, tablets, and computers do not meet the necessary requirements for courses. These apps may only be used with teacher's discretion.
- ☐ Although not required, students are allowed to bring their own devices such as personal laptops and tablets to aid in their school work. The high school does have a computer lab for student use as well as other classroom based technologies.



Athletics

www.maxpreps.com

Student Athletes

For Mid-School & High School (6th-12th)

Reminders:

- Rehoboth Christian School will require a completed RCS sports packet with a physical form completed by a physician before official practices start.
 - [Click here to download the athletic packet](#)
- To submit the sports packets, please drop them off at the RCS admin building
- Please request for a copy of the packet submitted, so you have a copy for your records.
- Packets will need to be reviewed by the Athletic Director to ensure everyone is cleared for participation for the 2023-24 school year.

Official High School Cross Country, Volleyball, Girls Soccer and Boys Soccer Practices begin **Monday, August 14, 2023.**

Middle School practices will start when school starts in Exploratory Classes.

Continuing students: Coaches will be in contact regarding pre-season workouts.

- Volleyball coach, Char Chapman: cchapman@rcsnm.org
- Boys Soccer coach, Phil Frederickson: frederiksenphil@gmail.com
- Girls Soccer coach - ***Vacant (Currently looking for a coach)***
- Cross Country coach, Autumn Newell: ajnewell@rcsnm.org

New students: Please contact the Athletic Director, Adrian Pete, by email if you are interested in a sport this school year and joining pre-season workouts at: adrianpete@rcsnm.org

When do sports start?

Basketball - November 20, 2023

Baseball, Track, and Softball - February 12, 2024

If you have any questions please contact me.

Adrian Pete, Athletic Director

adrianpete@rcsnm.org

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)

Rehoboth values community and to help build a stronger school community, the participation of parents and families is needed.

Every year we ask each family to give **10 hours of volunteering** throughout the school year. PVP hours are also received when parents are involved in certain Parent Community meetings. For example, 2 hours will be applied to each family that participates in the orientation before school begins on August 8.

Why is it beneficial for parents or guardians to volunteer?

1. Studies have shown the positive impact when parents, guardians, or adults volunteer within the school system because they get to know teachers and other staff of the school.
 - a. Attendance rate increases
 - b. Test scores increase
 - c. Student behavior improves
2. Students imitate what they see. Students will more likely volunteer when they see parents, guardians, or adults volunteer.
3. Students feel valued as the adults in their lives get to know their friends, teachers and routines
4. Community is built as parents get to know each other and the staff of the school
5. Rehoboth is blessed with so many volunteers from around the country who love to come out and serve our families and students. Volunteering is a great way to get to know these guests and for them to see that they are joining parent/guardian volunteers who care about the school

What volunteer activities are possible?

In classrooms & in the schools:

- Assist or Tutor
- Recess/Lunch supervision
- Classroom presenter- careers, culture, hobbies, art, rodeo...
- Fundraisers for teams, choir, band, drama
- Donate baked goods for a fundraiser
- Chaperone field trips
- Lead a chapel
- Build sets for a play or sew costumes
- Volunteer in the library
- Assist with set up /take down of big events such as graduation/fall carnival/concerts/games
- Help with a club/team
- Be a judge at a science fair, debate competition...
- **Attend Parent/Community Meetings which are designated as PVP opportunities. (Attending orientation will be earn 2 PVP hours)**

Administrative

- Assist with mailings in Advancement Office
- Fundraisers for the School
- Serve on a committee
- Helping with administrative tasks such as mailings
- Reach out to a Rehoboth volunteer by showing them around the area

Admission Office:

- Participate by being a Lynx Promoter
- Assist in on-campus Admissions events
- Promote events for Rehoboth in Your Community
- Mentor a new family to Rehoboth

Athletics:

- Concession Stand volunteer
- Athletic- tickets, gate
- Donating food for the concession stand
- Assist with set up /take down of big events such as graduation/fall carnival/concerts/games

Facility & Groundskeeping:

- Landscaping help-weeding, tree cutting, planting, watering trees
- Painting, electrical or plumbing

And most things that you can think of!

How does PVP work?

1. The Parent News (sent every Thursday by email) will have a list of opportunities to volunteer. If interested, contact Deanna Benson, Volunteer Coordinator who will give you more details.
2. At completion of the task, parents record their hours at [PVP on the Rehoboth website](#). Link will also be available in the Parent News weekly. Be sure to include the name of the staff in charge when recording your hours. Parents can also request a paper copy and give it to one of the school administrative assistants who can enter this information online on your behalf.
3. **If for some reason, you can not find 10 hours during the school year, you are asked to donate \$8.00 per hour that was not used for volunteering.** This can be paid at the Administration Building or added onto your tuition

Volunteer Check-in Procedures

1. Sign in at the school office or the staff in charge of the event when you arrive
2. Be sure to wear your volunteer badge
3. Record your hours when finished (online)
4. Sign out when you leave

As a Volunteer:

- Some assignments will require a background check.
- Please respect confidentiality of issues regarding students and personnel.
- Please be dependable and come when you say you are going to come.
- Follow the guidelines established by the school such as dress code, hours of work, adult behavior, values and all regulations, rules, and policies stated for school employees and volunteers. Wear clothing appropriate for the task.
- Expect the school to be ready for you- with instructions and materials needed for completion of assignment.

Transportation

We want to welcome you to a new school year! We are so blessed to have your children attend RCS and we want to assure that if your child rides the bus, we will do everything we can to keep them safe. Below are a few guidelines we'd like to remind you of:

1. Please make sure to **update your contact information in RENWEB**. Each year we have parents that we cannot reach because their Renweb contact information is not updated.
2. If you as a parent have to make changes to your **child's bus arrangement** for the day, we ask that you PLEASE call the school secretaries HS, ES, or MS **before 2:30**. *High School (505)726-9632, Elementary/Middle School (505)726-9675*. This ensures that we have enough time to contact the student with the proper permission slip for the bus driver. ****The bus driver will NOT allow a student to get on a different bus without that permission slip.**
3. Our policy here at Rehoboth for **dropping off kids at their respective bus stops** is to make sure each child gets off at exactly the same stop everyday; if walking home, the distances are usually less than one mile; if being picked up, our bus drivers know each vehicle and parent and/or guardian.
 - When one of these situations doesn't seem right, or we don't recognize a designated ride/guardian – **we will not allow that child to get off the bus**. Rather, we will make an attempt to reach the parent or guardian by phone and if we are unsuccessful, we will continue on our bus route and the parent/guardian can meet us at another bus stop. We will also try to drop the child off at their stop on our return to base route.
 - If we are still unsuccessful, we will call the transportation manager and make arrangements to drop off the child back at school with a school staff member until proper arrangements for pick up are made.
4. Please take some time to review with your families the following **"stranger danger" rules**:
 - Walk to and from the school bus in groups if possible.
 - Never talk to strangers or accept rides from them.
 - Never get into a car, enter a home, look for a lost pet, or accept candy or toys from an adult, unless your parents know what you are doing and have given you their permission first.
 - If anything unusual occurs, tell an adult immediately. Parents and teachers need to know right away what happened.
 - Don't panic. If you are afraid or have a problem, call a parent or a trusted adult.
 - Arrange for immediate access to neighbors and other trusted adults who can answer questions or be contacted in case of an emergency.
 - Keep your house key hidden. Don't give it to anyone and don't keep it in a visible place that would tell people you are going home to an empty house.
 - Tell a trusted adult - parent, teacher or counselor - if anyone ever makes you feel uncomfortable.

During Orientation, you will be confirming your bus hub stop location.

Food Service

First 2 weeks Meal Menu

RCS is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change due to product availability.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			August 10	August 11
Free & Reduced Application Please fill out the application even if you know you will not qualify. Application returned also helps the school with funding for other programs. Please turn in at the Admin Building. Application is available online , available in this packet, or you can pick one up at the Administration office.			<u>Breakfast:</u> Berry Parfait, Apple Juice, White & Chocolate Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> Cinnamon Rolls, Apple, Grahams, Juice, Milk
			<u>Lunch:</u> Breakfast for Lunch: Scrambled eggs with ham & Cheese, Tri-color bells, Celery, Hash browns, Pancakes, Orange juice, Milk Ass't	<u>Lunch:</u> BBQ Tot-cho's, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Texas Toast, Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Milk Ass't
August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
<u>Breakfast:</u> Waffles, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> WG Donuts, FreshFruit, Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> Apple filled Churro, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> Tac-go, Fresh, Fruit, Milk
<u>Lunch:</u> Spaghetti & Meatballs, Breadstick, Green Beans, Salad, Fresh Fruit, MILK	<u>Lunch:</u> Baked Potato Bar: Toppings: Chicken strips or ham, cheese, sour cream, butter. Texas Toast, Carrots, Cucumbers, Fresh Fruit, Milk Ass't	<u>Lunch:</u> Frito pie, veggie dippers, Mexicali corn, Grahams, Fruit, Milk Ass't	<u>Lunch:</u> Chicken Chow mein, WG Yakisoba noodles, Oriental veggies, Fortune Cookie, Fruit, MILK Ass't	<u>Lunch:</u> Pizza, Salad, Veggie Dippers, Fruit, Milk Ass't

After School Program

Hi! My name is Sarah Marlowe. I am the director and a teacher in the after school program. I have enjoyed getting to know and work with your students last year, and I look forward to another year with them!

We will be offering the After School Program again this year! We provide safe, supervised activities for PreK - 8th grade students to do after school. We offer the services:

- Monday - Wednesday from 3:15-5:30pm.
- This year, on Thursday, there will be two sessions from 1:15-3:15pm & 3:15-5:30pm.

This year, **parents must sign up for a minimum of two days per week to use this service.** To help with planning, it is important that students sign up for the same days each week.

There will be a cost for the after school program this year. The cost will be \$5 per student per session. Each Friday before the week of service, the payment will be due. The parents will take the payment to the administration office with a payment slip. Then the office will let me know which students will be in the program on which days for the following week. One full week would include five sessions: Monday's, Tuesday's, Wednesday's, and two on Thursday, with a total of \$25/child for the week, if the child attends each session.

If you are interested in signing up your child for this program, please [CLICK HERE](#) for the attached link

Once I receive your survey, I will send you the contract to fill out along with more information on the program (schedule, pick up locations, etc.). The after school program will begin on August 21, 2023.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me (Sarah Marlowe) at smarlowe@rcsnm.org. Thanks! I look forward to another great year!

School Communication

There are several means of communication used by the school to have teachers and parents stay connected. Below are several forms that we use and we always welcome communication from parents to the school:

- [Parent News](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)
- [Family Portal Log in](#)
 - **Text Messages**- please keep your cell number updated with us to receive the most up to date information.
 - **Parent Directory**- when you log in to your Family Portal, you can find parent information to connect with for your child's needs
- [Online School Calendar](#)



Calendar icon- You are also able to **subscribe to our calendar events** by syncing them to your calendar on your cell or computer. Click on the calendar icon and choose "Add to Google Calendar" or "Add Apple ICAL/Outlook".

- **Social Media**



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Tuition & FACTS

Tuition Contract Responsibilities

2023-2024

Rehoboth Christian School is sustained by committed donors and parents. Over 2,000 donors contributed 1.8 million dollars for our students in the past year. Rehoboth's existence is also dependent on parents who faithfully support Rehoboth through tuition payments. We are thankful to a loving God who uses so many for the ministry of Rehoboth.

Rehoboth Christian School requires all families to pay their tuition bills by the **end** of the month or as scheduled through FACTS. **Every month, there must be a payment made to Rehoboth.** If a payment is not being made, the parents must contact the Director of Finance or the Executive Director immediately. This is to ensure that families do not get behind and that families receive help from the school if that is needed. If parents are not communicating and or not keeping honoring their commitments, students may be asked to stay home until parents meet with the Business Office.

1. By the end of the first quarter invoices through September must be paid (July, August, and September) in order to continue the second quarter.
2. By the end of the second quarter invoices through December must be paid before the first day of the second semester in order to continue the second semester,
3. By the end of the third quarter, invoices through February must be paid in order to continue the fourth quarter.
4. By the last day of school, all invoices must be paid by May 15 (unless paying through FACTS) in order to participate in final exams and school events.

The intent of this policy is to ensure timely communication and/or payments. In addition to tuition assistance, other funds exist to help families be able to meet their tuition obligations. There are both internal and external scholarships available for which families can apply. It is important that the school knows your situation. We see each other as family.

2023-2024 School Board Members

Rehoboth Christian School (RCS) is governed by a school board that is composed of current parents and alumni. The Board members volunteer their time to protect and advance the mission of the school. They are a connection between parents and the school. They can get you connected to the right staff person if you are not sure who to talk to about an idea or a concern. They are selected by members of the Rehoboth Christian School Association.

Current parents are automatically part of the RCS Association. Below is a list of the 2023-2024 RCS School Board and their Rehoboth email.

SIERRA ASAMOA-TUTU	sierraasamoatutu@rcsnm.org
ROCHELLE BEGAY	rochellebegay@rcsnm.org
JASON ARSENAULT	jasonarsenault@rcsnm.org
CYNTHIA GARCIA	cgarcia@rcsnm.org
FABIAN HEREDIA	fheredia@rcsnm.org
JIM HOLWERDA	jholwerda@rcsnm.org
SHEENA ISAACSON	sheenaisaacson@rcsnm.org
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MARGARET PERALES	mperales@rcsnm.org
EDMUND YAZZIE	edmundyazzie@rcsnm.org

New Staff Profiles

Elementary Staff

Kaela Gaulden - Pre K Lead Teacher

My name is Kaela Gaulden. I have lived in Gallup, NM with my mom's side of the family for most of my life. I was an RCS student from 6th-9th grade and now I am returning as a new lead PreK Teacher! I feel incredibly blessed to have this job opportunity and I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible!

Karen Henry - 3rd grade teacher

Ya'at'eeh, My name is Karen Henry, I am born to the Tachii'nii and born for the Kinlichii'nii clans. I am a 1982 legacy graduate of Rehoboth. I have been teaching for thirty-eight years and have a Masters from U.N.M. I was raised in Navajo N.M. and later in Gallup, N.M.

Meghan Cavanaugh - 5th grade teacher

After a year as the 2nd Grade assistant at RCS, I'm excited to return as a lead teacher in 5th. I taught 5th grade for 6 years at Red Rock Elementary, followed by 14 years on staff at Rehoboth CRC. My four children attend RCS, which has become our home.

Julie Wright Elementary - SALT

I grew up in Holland, MI. My first time in Rehoboth was in 2004 as a 3rd grade aide with the education semester from Calvin University. I graduated Calvin with a BA in Education and earned my MA in Literacy Studies from Grand Valley State University. I taught at Holland Christian for 11 years. I am excited to be back at Rehoboth to share this beautiful land and community with my husband Derek and our 4 children.

Kenedi Berkimer - Elementary SALT

My name is Kenedi Berkimer and I'm moving from Pennsylvania to serve as the elementary SALT teacher this upcoming year! After student teaching here in the Spring, I fell in love with the students and family that Rehoboth is. A few things I love are hiking, coffee, and people!

Amara Sherman - K-8 Counselor

My name is Amara Sherman and I am stepping into the role of K-8 school counselor. I am from Lancaster, Pennsylvania and it was my college that brought me out to visit Rehoboth in 2018. Through that experience I felt God's call to head west! In my free time I enjoy reading, writing, cooking, baking, and going on adventures.

Middle School Staff

Abigail (Abbi) Postma Mulder - Middle School English and Bible

My name is Abbi. I grew up in Hudsonville MI, and came to Rehoboth as a student teacher during 2022. During that time, I fell in love with the area and the community, and I am looking forward to being a part of it again! I enjoy traveling, hiking and fly-fishing with my husband, Andrew, and I love to read in my free time!

Brenda Mike - Middle School SALT Assistant

My name is Brenda Mike and I live in Coyote Canyon. I have two children attending Rehoboth. I am looking forward to a godly and faith based work environment. I am married to my high school sweetheart and we have five children. I have worked with students who have special needs in elementary and middle school. I understand the struggles some of our students deal with on a daily basis. I am excited to be part of the SALT program.

Jamie Van Buiten - Middle School SALT teacher

Originally from NJ, I am excited to return to RCS! My career began at RCS which primarily included teaching middle school science. I will soon complete my Masters in Education, concentrating on Special Ed. Outside of school, I enjoy God's creation by hiking, canoeing, rock climbing and spending time with friends and family!

High School Staff

Neil Weeda - High School Physical Science

I'm Neil Weeda. I am the third generation in my family to teach at Rehoboth. Next year I am stepping into the high school physical science position. I am excited to fill this role after assisting in the high school the past year, where I fell in love with teaching.

Administration

Francesca Chavez - Communications and Marketing

My name is Francesca Chavez. I am an alumni of Rehoboth, the Class of 2008. I am married with three children, two sons and 1 daughter. I love Gallup and have lived in Gallup all my life. I have worked at Rehoboth as a pre-k teacher assistant for a couple years in the past. I am excited to be taking a new path as the Communications and Marketing Coordinator. I have a passion for creative design and fell in love with it while helping my church through the years. I look forward to being back in the Rehoboth community and family!

Important School Numbers

Mailing: PO Box 41, Rehoboth, NM 87322

Street: 211 Tse Yaaniichii Street

F: 505.726.9635

Main: 505.863.4412

Late Start & Cancellation (snow delay info)		505.726.9642
Elem./Middle School office (Val Peywa)	x175	505.726.9675
Elem. & Middle School Principal(Tara DeYoungl)	x110	505. 726.9605
High School front desk	x132	505.726.9632
High School Principal (Dan Meester)	x131	505.726.9631
Food Service Director (Sue Eddy)	x116	505.726.9616
Meal Payments (Darlene Stewart)	x108	505.726.9608
Transportation Director (Jonathon Terborg)	x122	505.726.9622
Athletic Director (Adrian Pete)	x129	505.729.9629
Chaplain (Kevin Ruthven)	x203	505.726.9632
Administration - Front Desk (Dorann Louis)	x135/0	505.726.9635
Director of Community Life (Verlena Livingston)	x192	505.726.9692
Director of Finance (Perscilla Brink)	x204	505.726.9704
Executive Director (Bob Ippel)	x123	505.726.9623



Parent Back-To-School Checkoff list

- ☐ Sign family Tuition Contract and return to Administration building (needed before your child begins the school year)
- ☐ If paying through FACTS, set-up your monthly payment schedule as soon as possible (it's free!).
- ☐ If not signing up for FACTS, please have the first tuition payment paid in the admin. building by the 1st day of school.
- ☐ Parent/guardians and child(ren) attend Orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 8th
- ☐ Submit your student's updated immunization record to the Admissions office. You can email to admissions@rcsnm.org or drop it off at the administration building
- ☐ Free & Reduced meal application returned to the Administration building or at the lunch parent booth in the SFC on orientation day.
- ☐ Be sure to update any contact information, especially phone numbers and emails in your Family Portal
- ☐ Did you download your copy of the [23-24 school calendar](#)?
- ☐ Follow us on Facebook & Instagram