

MAY 2025



This image of RCS students is from the Rehoboth 2025 school calendar. You can request a free calendar by emailing advancement@rcsnm.org

Dear Friends,

I write this note to all of you while looking out at an absolutely gorgeous day here in New Mexico. We had an unusual snow storm just before Easter that dropped a lot of much-needed precipitation. It melted quickly, and now we can see the fruit of that moisture as the sage and other desert plants have started to bud and blossom. It's a great time of year to be outside, enjoying the sights, sounds, and smells of spring.

Connection with the outdoors—the land, the terrain, the vegetation—is something special and necessary for our students. It reinforces their sense of identity and their calling to be Creation Keepers as one of our school throughlines puts it.

Knowing who we are is one of the deepest desires of every human being . . . and one that

follows on its heels is knowing our purpose as people. This school year, we've been focusing on our calling to hospitality as an expression of our identity in Christ and as members of His Kingdom. The students you see here have found a unique opportunity to lean into both their identity and purpose as members of our Outdoor Leadership class. Yes, they connect with and learn about the land; but they also guide other students from Rehoboth and a variety of local schools through our ropes course. Those experiences require confidence, empathy, and trust—all valuable commodities for our young people.

This month, I'm thankful that with your continued support, Rehoboth can offer students the chance to stretch themselves into leaders who welcome others into the good news of their identity in Christ. These are lessons that won't soon be forgotten!

> With gratitude, Dan Meester Executive Director

Praise & Prayer Requests

-It is both re-enrollment and application season at Rehoboth, and we appreciate your prayers that the Lord will open doors for students and families to keep attending our school or come to experience it for the first time.

-Likewise, we are working on the puzzle of staff and budget for next year and your prayers for wisdom are heartily welcomed.

-Later this month, our 8th graders and seniors will have their graduation ceremonies, and we thank the Lord for His provision and guidance that ensured our students could reach and celebrate these milestones with their families and friends.

-Finally, we are grateful for the ten years of faithful service Rehoboth received from Dave Sytsma, our soon-to-be-retired regional Advancement Officer in Michigan. Dave has done tremendous work for our school's mission—helping to ensure that high quality Christian education remains affordable for our families. Join us in praising God for bringing Dave into his role and thanking Dave for a job well done!

Current Needs



Keith Kuipers Gym Project

We continue to encourage your gifts to help us finish the Kuipers campaign, with the hope of breaking ground soon if the financial need has been met.

Please visit our project webpage at www.rcsnm.org/support/kuipers.cfm for more detailed information. We are thankful for gifts given recently to reduce the remaining campaign need as of April 23, 2025 to **\$450,220**.

Tuition Assistance Need

We are grateful for the generous gifts we continue to receive to help us meet our annual need for tuition assistance. Through April 23, 2025 we have received \$1,840,000 towards the budgeted annual tuition assistance need for the 2024-2025 school year. Please consider helping us with a gift to reduce the remaining tuition assistance need of \$70,000.

SALT Program

The SALT program continues to provide the staffing and resources needed to help our Students All Learn Together. As we near the end of the school year, please consider a gift to help fully fund the SALT program. The remaining need for the SALT program for this school year is **\$51,131**.

Support our Teachers & Staff

Teachers and staff continue to regularly update the Amazon Wishlist. They appreciate your help!





We are thankful for your support and prayers! If you have any questions, please contact us:

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