

Building Relationships: Band Tour



The image of Emily Garcia is from Rehoboth's 2024 school calendar which features current students.

Dear Friends,

Last month, I had the chance to accompany the Rehoboth Christian High School band for a portion of its Midwest tour. Senior Emily Garcia, a Rehoboth student since kindergarten, plays clarinet and demonstrates the opportunities our learners have to nurture different facets of their talents. Emily is a state championship runner for the Lynx and a leader on the basketball court; as a member of both the band and choir, she explores her musical gifts as well. But all of those activities aren't an end to themselves. Instead, they provide the means for students like Emily to build relationships with others.

"The best part of our (band) tour was meeting new people. It was fun to play in the big church in Milwaukee (Brookfield Christian Reformed), and our host family there was really nice. In all the places we visited the people made us feel welcome, and when

we were in Hudsonville, Michigan, we even got to reconnect with families who used to work at Rehoboth," says Garcia.

Kevin Zwiers, Rehoboth's band director, agrees about the importance of building relationships; at each performance he sets aside time for the students and the audience to interact. "That's my favorite part," says Zwiers. "You can literally feel the walls come down during those conversations, and it's so special to see people stepping outside their comfort zones to learn about each other. In our departing devotions, we talked about both being a blessing and getting blessed. When students reflected on their trip highlights, over 90% of them talked about their host families as people who blessed them."



Emily and her classmate are ready for the concert to begin at Brookfield CRC during the Band Tour.

It's incredible to think about the love and support Rehoboth Christian School receives from so many different places around the country. Experiences like the band tour help students like Emily Garcia understand in deep and tangible ways that people

within the Body of Christ care about them. There is no more powerful teacher about what the Christian life can be than that.

As I step into the Executive Director role here at Rehoboth this summer, I'm buoyed by the knowledge of what Rehoboth is today and excited about all that it can still become in the future. I can't wait to walk that journey with all of you!

Amazed, Dan Meester
High School Principal

Upcoming Events

~2024 Graduations~

-8th Grade Graduation- May 23 at 6 pm

Location: Rehoboth CRC

-HS Graduation- May 25 at 10 am

Location: Rehoboth SFC

~Bob Ippel's Retirement Celebration~

-Tuesday, May 28th 6:30 pm

Location: Rehoboth SFC

Praise & Prayer Requests

-Pray for staff and students that they may not only have endurance, but also joy, in this last stretch of the school year.

-Pray for specific staffing needs: high school English teacher, K-8 counselor, alumni relations officer, and choir accompanist.

-Praise God for the success of the Rehoboth Christian High School band which took first place in its division at the New Mexico State Band Contest.

-Praise God for the many volunteers who have blessed Rehoboth this year and for those who are already signing up for next year.

-Pray for all those involved in year-end school events that will take place: class trips, presentations, projects and exams.

-Pray for the enrollment process as we continue to invite people to know God's Story at Rehoboth.

Current Needs

Tuition Assistance Need:

The budgeted need for tuition assistance for the 2023-2024 school year is \$1,862,500. Through April 18 we have received \$1,660,077 which represents 89% of our annual need. Please consider a gift in the coming month to help us with the remaining need of \$202,423.

SALT Program:

This school year we have been able to expand our program and accept students with more significant needs. We are currently able to offer speech, occupational, and physical therapies, as well as life skills experiences through community work study placements. The total remaining need to fund the SALT program for the 24-25 school year is \$315,000.

Jubilee Fund Need:

Our Jubilee Fund helps Rehoboth provide additional tuition support for families experiencing challenging circumstances.

Volunteer at Rehoboth

Rehoboth loves to have long-term volunteers. If you are interested in spending a semester or year at Rehoboth, we would love to talk to you! Maintenance, classroom assistants, bus drivers, and choir accompanists. If you have a skill and a passion to serve, we probably have a place for you at Rehoboth! Give our volunteer coordinator a call at 505-726-9603

We are Hiring!

- High school English teacher
- K-8 counselor
- Alumni relations officer
- Choral accompanist

For more information and to apply online, visit www.rcsnm.org.

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