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Dear Rehoboth Families,

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We are so excited to see you next week! 40 hours dedicated to Family Orientation may seem like a lot but we know that the time you spend with your child's teachers will assure you that we are intent on providing the best Christian Education in a safe manner! Because every family will be participating in the orientation, we believe we may have the best year ever in terms of parent and teacher communication. There is an amazing staff ready to welcome you!

Important Orientation Details- Just a Few!

1. Notice that you should come one hour **BEFORE** your scheduled time with teachers so that you can be sure all the nuts and bolts are taken care of in the Sports and Fitness Center before you go to the teachers. There is a lot of information we need to share with you and there is information we will need from you in order to make the year successful.

Families should come to the Sports and Fitness Center 1 hour before their first scheduled orientation slot.

Group 1: 11-12:30

Group 2: 1:00-2:30

Group 3: 2:45-4:15

Group 4: 4:30-6:00

PLEASE CHECK ATTACHED ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

TO CONFIRM YOUR TIME SLOT. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES. SOME ELEMENTARY SIBLINGS HAVE BEEN COMBINED INTO ONE SLOT USING THE FIRST HALF WITH ONE TEACHER AND THE SECOND HALF WITH ANOTHER TEACHER.

Email adminsec@rcsnm.org or call 505-863-4412 asap to make changes.

2. Drive past the Administration Building on your way in. We will be looking for you and will give you your welcome packet and directions where to park.
3. Once you park, remain in your car until we indicate that we are ready for your family to enter the Sports and Fitness Center. You will be given important information for parents and students to look through while waiting in your car. We are limiting the number of people who enter the Sports and Fitness Center to ensure sufficient physical distancing.
4. As you go through the Sports and Fitness Center and the classrooms, you will need your computer/tablet and backpacks/bags to gather materials needed to begin the semester

successfully at home. If you had indicated you needed a computer, it will be assigned to you in the Sports and Fitness Center

5. A boxed snack will be served to parents and students and they may be eaten at your convenience.

Online and Hybrid

A few weeks ago we had parents indicate whether they preferred an online or hybrid learning experience for their children. It is clear that families are concerned about both the physical and emotional health of their children, and so are we. We are starting online because we know that we can be confident that this mode of instruction can be done well. We know this is a good option in terms of the physical safety of our students, their families, the Rehoboth staff, and their families. We also realize some students will need to be on campus on certain days because of internet issues or because of accommodations indicated by our Student Support Staff, and we will work to make that happen.

We also realize the need for students to connect with staff and each other. While we had originally planned a two-day-per-week hybrid experience for students, the Elementary, Middle School, and High School staff have been very creative in thinking of safe and meaningful ways that students can experience community together. Your principals and teachers will be sharing some of those ideas with you in the next few weeks.

Rehoboth Christian School has always been marked by a strong, close-knit community. The challenges of the pandemic have tested that community, but we want it to remain strong—a source of strength and support for all of us. One of the most important things we can do to maintain community is to assume the best of each other. We're all trying to make the most helpful, beneficial decisions for ourselves, our families, and the school as a whole. We might not all make the same choices, but if we assume positive intent in others, we'll be able to weather any storm and come out as a stronger community on the other side. We're looking forward to a great year of communication and partnership with you all!

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