



Parent News

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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

In preparation for working with our school theme this year, I looked for inspiration from the plant world. I scoured books and online resources for information and stories about unique trees that would capture the attention of our staff and our students. During our all-staff orientation and also during our first day assembly, I had the chance to share those tree stories and have us consider them together.

The first involves “The President,” a mighty giant sequoia redwood that stands 247 feet tall with a 27-foot wide trunk at the base. This massive tree is the oldest on earth—dating back 3,240 years (meaning it was a sapling when the Israelites were traveling from Egypt to the Promised Land)! The President’s roots are 12-15 feet underground but spread over an acre and hold 90,000 cubic feet of soil.

The second was “Pando,” an aspen grove in Utah that has been determined to be the largest living organism on planet earth. This 100+ acre grove is not a collection of different trees, but rather 47,000 sprouts coming out of the same root system. Incredible!

The great banyan tree of Lahaina, Maui was the next to capture our attention. Its 16 arms weave outward like the tentacles of a giant squid, covering the area of an entire city park and offering shade for up to 1,000 people at a time. The crazy thing about the great banyan’s roots is that they begin in the branches and grow down to the ground, offering their structure to support the enormous weight of the tree’s arms and keep it healthy.

Finally, the tree of life in Bahrain closed out our stories. It’s a 400-year-old acacia with roots stretching over 160 feet down through the Middle East desert sand to somehow mysteriously find water that no one believes is there. In the midst of searing temperatures year round, the tree of life always remains lush and green.

These trees are incredible because of their roots. They bring joy and produce fruit because they are well nourished.

And that’s what we hope for our students—your children—this year. “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:6-7)

May we all join as one to pursue that rootedness so that it leads to the kind of fruit that blesses the whole world!

Together,

Dan Meester
Executive Director, Rehoboth Christian School

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Upcoming All School Events

- Tuesday, August 19 - First Day of School for Pre-K and Kindergarten
- Monday, September 1 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- Friday, September 5 - ½ day of school due to RCS Cross Country Meet

All School Announcements

Welcome back to a new school year.

From the Business Office:

Just a few beginning of the year housekeeping items:

- Have you signed your Tuition contract? *We will need a signed contract on file in order for your student to attend classes starting **Monday August 18th**.*
- Have you set up your FACTS account for this year? Please go to <https://online.factsmgmt.com//signin/46T5C> to update your payment schedule for this year. (All families must have an account setup so we can post your tuition payments. You can choose invoice if you plan to pay at the administration building).
- Have you filled out the Free and Reduced Food Form yet? A copy is attached at the back of this newsletter. (All families need to fill one out).
- Has your student gotten their sports physical if participating in Fall sports and handed it in at the High School? (Physical packet can be found on the website under athletics or picked up at the school.)

We pray that you will all have a blessed and great year.
Thank you.

Elementary News

Welcome to a New School Year!

Welcome to a new school year at Rehoboth Christian School! We are excited to see our halls and classrooms filled once again with the joy and energy of our students. As we begin this year, we look forward to partnering with you in nurturing hearts and minds to know and love God, serve others, and grow our *Roots* in knowledge and faith. Our teachers and staff have been preparing for a year of engaging learning, meaningful relationships, and Christ-centered community. We pray that this year will be one of growth, encouragement, and blessings for each of our families. Let's walk together in faith and joy as we begin this new chapter! ~ Tara DeYoung

Elementary and Middle school Drop-off/pickup

If you are dropping off or picking up elementary and middle school students, please use the parent loop past the church and behind our building.

In order to ensure that the elementary playground parking lot is as safe as possible for our PreK students, we will be implementing a parking permit for the morning drop-off. Each family has received a yellow parking permit. Families who do not have a PreK student must use the parent loop for picking up students after school, not the playground or high school/church parking lots. Our elementary and middle school staff supervision is up by the parent loop. Thank you for helping keep our students safe and promote good traffic flow.

Transportation Changes

If transportation changes are necessary, please contact Val Peywa before 2:15 so that she has time to communicate with classroom teachers and students.

Elementary PE (grades K-5)

P.E. is held on Mondays (3rd, 4th, and 5th) and Fridays (Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd) each week. Please help students remember to wear appropriate attire and footwear that allows them to move comfortably when we are biking or in the Auxiliary Gymnasium. Crocs, sandals, and boots are discouraged. Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle to class.

Sleep and Technology

In our house, the start of the new school year is a chance for us as parents to “reset” routines and boundaries for our kids that may have slipped or become too relaxed over the summer. We let our kids stay up late and sleep in, more screen time was allowed, or just an easy alternative to boredom. An adequate amount of sleep directly affects student focus, health and behavior. According to the CDC, “Children and adolescents who do not get enough sleep have a higher risk of obesity, diabetes, injuries, poor mental health, and problems with attention and behavior.” Students aged 6-12 years should get 9-12 hours of sleep every night and students aged 13-18 should get 8-10 hours of sleep every night. You can help students get the sleep they need by sticking to consistent sleep schedules and routines, limiting light exposure, and limiting technology use in the evenings. Setting a “media curfew” and designating technology use outside of student bedrooms are some ways to help moderate student use of technology in the evenings. Please help make sure your student is getting enough sleep every night! [Click here to read more.](#)

Middle School Matters

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Upcoming Events (MS only)

Aug 25 - MS Volleyball Home -vs- Zuni @ 5pm and 6pm.

Aug 28 - MS Volleyball Away @ Hózhó @ 5pm and 6pm.

Aug 28-29 - 6th Grade BABR Overnight Trip

Sept 1 - Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)

High School Highlights

Welcome to the new school year. After preparing and praying for the year in an empty building, it is great to have a full high school. I enjoy hearing the noise of students between classes, the conversations about summer activities and hopes for the year, and the way teachers greet students. All of the interactions at the beginning of the year remind me that there is so much love and compassion here in our high school; this is a wonderful place for students to grow in their academics, faith, and so much more. I look forward to working with your students this year, and I look forward to communicating with you in many ways. Here's to a great year ahead,

Seth Weidenaar

High School Counselor's Corner

Welcome back to the 2025-2026 school year! I am excited to be able to work with new and returning students this year. It has been a busy couple of weeks making changes to schedules. I would like to remind all parents and students that the last day to change classes or adjust schedules will be on **Friday, August 22, 2025**.

Yesterday was the first day I was able to meet with all RCS senior students. I am looking forward to working with them throughout the semester and helping them apply for college, employment, technical school, and scholarships. We will have a career/college fair on October 15, 2025. If you are interested in speaking/sharing about your career, please contact me to sign up.

Seniors who would like to take the SAT on October 15, 2025. Please sign up by September 5, 2025.

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

Inside Scoop

Community Life & Admissions

District code in Family Portal is: **RE-NM**
Family Portal: <https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/>

Welcome back for the 2025-2056 school year! My name is Kristen Rousseau and I am the new Admissions Coordinator. I've had a fulfilling summer helping new families become *ROOTED* into the Rehoboth community and can't wait to see them flourish. So far, in Admissions we have over 50 new students this year. We are thankful for all our families and look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year!

If you haven't already, please make sure a family portal account has been set up so that you can receive correspondence and information from the school. Here is the [LINK](#) for the family portal.

We have a [family resource page](#) on our school website where you can find information such as the back to school packet, handbooks, school calendar, and parent news.

PARENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (PVP)

All families are required to complete 10 hours of volunteering for each school year. When completed with each volunteer opportunity, remember to log in those hours. Here is the [PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM](#). Click on the link, answer the questions (there are two sections), make sure to click submit on the second portion.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities:

- Lunch servers needed in the Fellowship Hall from 11:15am to 12:40 pm. Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up.
- Helping with the admission gate at any volleyball game, soccer game or upcoming home cross country meet in September.
- Bring in concession stand items for fundraising

If you have any questions or concerns, stop by my office in the administration building, give me a call at 505-726-9628 or email me at krousseau@rcsnm.org

Verlena Livingston (Former Director of Community Life) is no longer associated with the admissions process, please send any questions or correspondence to Kristen Rousseau (Admissions Coordinator)

Food Service

The staff in the Kitchen would like to welcome all returning and new students to the new School Year. We hope you all had a wonderful Summer . We are looking forward to working with you and serving you some delicious food this year. Our Kitchen is always looking for volunteers to help serve our students during lunch. If you know of anyone or interested in serving please don't hesitate to contact us. danderson@rcsnm.org

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

Menu Week of Aug 18, 2025 to Aug 22 , 2025

Monday Aug 18, 2025	Tuesday Aug 19, 2025	Wednesday Aug 20, 2025	Thursday Aug 21, 2025	Friday Aug 22, 2025
Pancake on a stick Fresh Fruit and milk	Cream of Wheat Toast, Fresh Fruit , Milk	Biscuit and Gravy w/ Sausage Crumble, Fresh Fruit and Milk	Belgium Waffles, syrup , Fresh Fruit and Milk	Parfait w/ Granola, Fresh Fruit and Milk
Boneless Chicken Wings , Mac and Cheese, Veggie Dippers, Cookie, Fresh Fruit and Assorted Milk	Pulled Pork on a Bun Baked Beans , Fresh Fruit , Assorted Milk	Chicken Tenders Mashed Potato, and Gravy, 4 way Veggies, Fresh Fruit and Assorted Milk	Baked Potato Bar w/ Bacon , Cheese, Sour Cream , Chives, Broccoli, Crackers, Fresh Fruit and Assorted Milk	Sloppy Joe, on a Bun, Tater, tots, Cole slaw, Fresh Fruit and Assorted Milk

In Gear : Transportation

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, he is the one who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Hello everyone, we are rested and glad to be back on the road! It was good to see everyone at the parent orientation last week. Over the summer there have been a few changes put in place. Please read through the information below and as always, feel free to contact me if there are any questions or concerns. We look forward to another school year!

Bus Numbers/Routes:

Bus #1- Zuni Route

Bus #2-Crownpoint Route

Bus #3- Central Gallup Route

Bus #4- Tohatchi Route

Bus #6- Ft. Defiance Route

- Navajo Shopping Center hub stop will now be on **Bus #6 (Ft. Defiance Route)**
- Indian Hills Park/Indian Hills Vandenbosch & Ciniza hub stop will now be on **Bus #4 (Tohatchi Route)**
- Twin Lakes “Old Chapter,” Bus Stop has moved to the entrance of **Twin Lakes NHA Housing.**
- We have established a new stop on the Central Gallup Route, the new hub stop will be at the corner of “Ciniza & Coyote Canyon,” please email me to confirm students on the roster.
- Please be 5-10 minutes early to your bus stop. Drivers are instructed to move onto the next stop after 2-3 minutes after the designated time on the bus schedule.
- Kindergarten families, please escort your child from the bus to your vehicle at Hub Stops when boarding and off-boarding the bus, this is for the safety of your child in crowded parking areas.

Bus Schedule Links

[2025-2026 Bus Schedule](#)

[2025-2026 Early Dismissal \(Thursday PM\) Bus Schedule](#)

For day of transportation changes, please contact the school before 2:15pm.

- Val Peywa at 505-726-9675 for Elementary/Middle school
- Shawna Begay 505-726-9632 for High School

For permanent transportation changes please contact Darius Yazzie at dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager

Email: dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org

Phone: (505) 726-9622



I Believe: Athletics

Welcome back to a New School Year! HS and MS Fall Sports will start soon. If you have any questions please contact your child's coach. Contact Information is below. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at adrianpete@rcsnm.org. Thank you and GOL LYNX!

Volleyball - Charlene Chapman, cchapman@rcsnm.org 505-879-8191

Boys Soccer - Phil Fredriksen, frederiksenphil@gmail.com 505-458-2705

Girls Soccer - Neil Weeda, nweeda@rrcsnm.org 616-723-4525

HS and MS Cross Country - Autumn Newell, ajnewell@rcsnm.org 505-862-3156

Middle School Volleyball - Patricia Chavira (will send her contact info to MS Parents)

Devotionals for athletes: <https://www.fca.org/resources/personal-growt>

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Saturday, August 16	8:30am - 3:30pm -HS Rehoboth Volleyball Scrimmage	
Monday, August 18	6:00pm - HS/MS Fall Sports Parent Meeting in HS LC	
Tuesday, August 19	3:30pm - HS Girls Soccer Scrimmage HOME vs. Grants 5:30pm - HS Boys Soccer Scrimmage HOME vs. Grants	
Thursday, August 21	4:00pm - HS Girls Soccer HOME vs. Gallup	

Community Events

We like to support our community, so if you have any events that you would like to add to Parent News please email the information to adminsec@rcsnm.org by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.

Fliers:

Free and Reduced Meal Form

September 13, 2025 END DWI Run/Walk

Complete one application per household. Please use a pen (not a pencil).

APPLY ONLINE:
RETURN TO (School/District Name):
ADDRESS:

List ALL children, infants, and students up to and including grade 12. Attach another sheet of paper if you need space for more names.

List ALL children in the household. Do not forget to list infants, children attending other schools, children not in school, and children not applying for benefits. This includes children not related to you in your household.

Child's First Name

MI Child's Last Name

Grade

For more information, contact:

[illegible]

Do any household members (including you) participate in: SNAP, TANF, or FDIPI?

☐ NO → GO TO STEP 3.

YES → Write case number here and proceed to STEP 4.

CASE NUMBER (NOT EBT NUMBER):

Write only one case number in this space.

List ALL household members and income for each member (before taxes and deductions)

A. All Adult Household Members (Anyone who is living with you and shares income and expenses, even if not related, including you.)

List all Adult Household Members not listed in STEP 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they receive income, report total gross income (before taxes and deductions) for each source in whole dollars (no cents) only. If they do not receive income from any source, write "0." If you enter "0" or leave any field blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of Adult Household Member (First and Last)	Earnings from Work	How often received?				Public Assistance, Child Support, Allowance	How often received?				Pensions, Retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA Benefits, All Other	How often received?			
		Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2 Month	Monthly		Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2 Month	Monthly		Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	2 Month	Monthly
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B. Child Income

Sometimes children in the household earn or receive income. Include the TOTAL income (before taxes and deductions) received by ALL children listed in STEP 1 here.

Child Income

How often received?

Weekly	Every 2 weeks	2-4 weeks	Monthly	Annually
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

☐ Check if no Social Security Number

Please see application's back for list of income sources.

Contact information and adult signature.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL: insert school address here

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds, and that school officials may verify (confirm) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws.

Print Name of Adult Signing the Form _____

Signature of Adult: _____

Today's Date _____

Mailing Address (if available)

City

5400

Zip

Pharmaceuticals (continued)

Email: root@root

Return completed form to your child's school.

Opportunity to earn parent
volunteer hours !!!



SEP 13 **END DWI & SUPPORT** **SEP 13**
REHOBOTH JUNE
CAMP

Volunteers Needed:

- Volunteers to be on the course to encourage and guide runners
- Volunteers to help with parking before the race
- 4 Volunteers to man the water stations on the course (2 people for each water station)
- 2 Volunteers to man the food and drink table offered to runners after their race
- 3 Volunteers at the 1 mile walk registration table
- 2 Volunteers at the 5k registration table
- 1 Volunteer at the 10k registration table

We are also welcoming donations in the form of prize baskets put together for the winners. The value of the basket will determine the amount of parent volunteer hours you are able to earn.

Sign up to volunteer with this link: [Volunteer Sign UP](#)
Scan the QR Code to see the race website:



2ND ANNUAL END DWI AND SUPPORT REHOBOTH JUNE CAMP 10K, 5K, & 1-MILE WALK

SAT. SEPT 13, 2025

LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND EMS TEAM
COMPETITION!



MEDALS!

T-SHIRTS!

MUSIC!

*All money raised from this race will go to
support the DWI Memorial Wall project and
Rehoboth's June Camp program and will
STAY LOCAL*

***RED ROCK PARK
CHURCH ROCK, NM***

10K 8AM
5K 8:10 AM
1-MILE
WALK/RUN
8:20 AM



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To Register and for more
information: scan the QR code or
call 505-409-1046