



# Parent News

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## Table Talk

Bob Ippel, Executive Director



Greetings from the staff and the 430 students of Rehoboth Christian School! We are excited to begin a new school year and are thankful for such a committed and talented staff and an amazing group of students.

This year we are thrilled to welcome fourteen new staff members, seven of whom are RCS alumni. This speaks volumes about the Rehoboth experience and how it continues to impact our students even after they graduate. Our percentage of Native American staff continues to grow as half of our new staff are Native American. In addition, four of our new staff members were previously student teachers at Rehoboth--another testimony to the beauty of the Rehoboth community. Our SALT program (Students All Learning Together) has also benefited by the addition of four new staff members - evidence of the growing number of students who are coming to Rehoboth because of the quality of our special education program.

And of course, we begin the year with thanks to God for the way he provides for Rehoboth through the prayers, volunteers and financial support of our own families and individuals throughout the United States.

We look forward to watching God at work in the 2023-24 school year.

Always amazed!

Bob Ippel  
Rehoboth Christian School Executive Director

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## Upcoming Events

- **August 31- September 2** - RCS Girls Soccer Tournament
- **September 4** - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- **September 8- Half day School** - release at 1:05pm
- **September 8 - 1:00pm** RCS Cross Country Invitational (HS/MS) (runners start at 3:00pm)
- **September 13-** Community Family Night: Hiking on RCS trails.
- **September 14-16** - RCS Boys Soccer Tournament
- **September 18** - School Picture Day
- **September 21 - 5:30-8:30 pm** - THINQ meal 5:30pm, discussion 6:30-8:30pm -HS

## All School Announcements

### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The After School Program will begin on Monday, August 21. For more information on this program and to sign up for After School care, please use this [LINK](#) to register your child(ren). Students will not be allowed to participate unless they are registered. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Sarah Marlowe who is the After School Director. Email her at [smarlowe@rcsnm.org](mailto:smarlowe@rcsnm.org).

### EARLY RELEASE THURSDAYS

This year we will be doing an early release every Thursday instead of a late start. Students will be released at **1:05pm**, bus stops will be 2 hours earlier than the regular schedule.

# Elementary News

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## **Drop-off and Pick-up**

K-8 families should drop off and pick up all of their students in the gravel loop behind the elementary building and church. The elementary playground parking lot is reserved for families of Pre-K students who need to park and walk their students to the building.

As you drop off and pick up your students please pull right up to the car in front of you to keep the traffic flowing. After school, if a car leaves and you are still waiting for your student, please pull forward to fill the space so that the line moves forward. For the safety of our students, please do not form two lines; we do not want our students darting between cars and traffic.

## **Early Release**

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**Tara DeYoung, EL/MS Principal**

# Middle School Matters

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## Early Release

On early release days, students go to lunch/break from 11:25-12:00, and return to class for an hour of instruction. The bell for dismissal rings at 1:05pm.

**7th & 8th grade NWEA Schedule:** NWEA is a nationally normed assessment that we use to map student growth.

**Dan Arendsen: Language - Week of August 21**

Maureen Bia: Math - Week of August 28

Abbi Mulder: Reading - Week of September 4

Marie Ippel: Science - Week of September 11

## Upcoming Athletic Dates

- Aug 30 - MS Volleyball Home -vs- Chooshgai
- Sept 1 - MS Cross Country Meet @ Tohatchi
- Sept 4 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- Sept 6 - MS Volleyball Away @ Crownpoint
- Sept 8 - Half-day of school - Rehoboth Cross Country Meet
- Sept 11 - MS Volleyball Away @ St Bonaventure
- Sept 14 - MS Cross Country Meet @ Chooshgai
- Sept 18 - MS Volleyball Home -vs- Wingate
- Sept 18 - School Picture Day
- Sept 20 - MS Volleyball Away @ Shiprock NW
- Sept 23 - MS Cross Country Meet @ Newcomb
- Sept 25 - MS Volleyball Home -vs- Pine Hill
- Sept 27 - MS Volleyball Away @ Chooshgai

**Tara DeYoung, EL/MS Principal**

# High School Highlights

## **Welcome Back!**

It has been a great start to the school year so far in the high school. In our opening chapel this week, I shared my Deep Hope with our students: “My Deep Hope is for everyone to find welcome, connection, and belonging as they teach and learn at Rehoboth Christian High School.” These deepening levels of relationship will stick with our students for the rest of their lives, and it’s important for us to pursue them on a daily basis. My Storyline gives a little insight into what that needs to look like from day to day: “All In.” I told our students that the Lord wants everything from us—not just dipping our toes in the water of living for Him, but jumping all the way in, cannonball style! This is how we should pursue our faith, our academics, our relationships, and everything in between. We’ve got to go all in! But I also want to make sure that at Rehoboth, *all* are *in*. When my wife and I first visited the school five years ago, we asked students what they appreciated most about this place. The replies were comments like, “Everyone belongs here,” and “It doesn’t matter how old you are or what your interests are. You can find a place to plug in.” We have found that to be true for our own children, and my prayer is that all of our students experience the same. Ask your high school student about chapel to see what they remember and what they took from it.

## **Broken Arrow Day on Friday**

Every year, the high school student body heads up to Broken Arrow Bible Ranch in Vanderwagen, NM for a day of fun and bonding. Friday, August 18 is our day this year. Ty Platero, the Director of Broken Arrow, will challenge and encourage our students about their faith, and then we’ll have a fun day of games, food, and fellowship. Buses will leave for Broken Arrow shortly after school begins, and we will have all the students back before the end of the day and in time to ride the buses home. For this day:

- Wear comfortable clothing that will be good for playing outside.
- Think about bringing a hat and sunscreen for protection.
- Students may bring a water bottle as well, but just be sure not to leave it at Broken Arrow.
- Come with a heart open to having fun and bonding with your classmates.

## **Parent Nights Coming Soon**

Each fall, the RCHS Counselor, Mrs. Camilla Lynch, hosts a series of parent nights to help families navigate some of the choices that students make during high school as they plan for their future after Rehoboth. Each evening is geared toward a particular grade, and we encourage students to come with their parents/guardians. More information will come out soon, but block out these dates on your calendars:

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|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| ● Monday, August 28    | Freshman Parent Night  | 6pm in the LC |
| ● Monday, September 11 | Sophomore Parent Night | 6pm in the LC |
| ● Monday, September 18 | Junior Parent Night    | 6pm in the LC |
| ● Monday, September 25 | Senior Parent Night    | 6pm in the LC |

**Dan Meester, RCHS Principal**

# High School Counselor's Corner

Hello Parents and Students,

I am so excited for the 2023-2024 school year!

## **SAT Testing**

SAT testing for Seniors will be on October 11, 2023. Many seniors have already signed up. If you are a senior and interested in taking the SAT, please stop by my office to sign up.

As we kick off the school year I would like to invite students and parents to our upcoming parent nights. Here I will provide information about classes, credits and how students can stay on track to meet their graduation requirements. The junior and senior class sponsors will also have some information about fundraising and other events as we start the school year. Please see the list below of the dates for each class. I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you.

- **Freshman Parent Night August 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**
- **Sophomore Parent Night September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**
- **Junior Parent Night September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**
- **Senior Parent Night September 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**

## **Senior Class Information**

The senior class has started applying for scholarships and has been researching colleges. We have so many students that are excited to take the next steps toward furthering their education. As you may have heard from your students we have started applying for scholarships and students have been thinking or have decided what colleges, trade schools, branches of the military they are considering after high school. Please continue to encourage your students during this extremely stressful time as students start making decisions about their future. Here is where you will find the latest information about scholarships. If you know about a scholarship available for students to apply for please feel free to reach out to me so that I can share the information with my senior classes.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or stop by my office.

**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/>

## **SAVE THE DATE! Community Life Family Event- Hiking:**

On Wednesday, September 13th, we will host a family night on campus. Dinner will be served. A form will be sent out to sign up. More details to come!

**Immunizations:** Don't forget to submit any updated immunizations to the admissions office.

**Tuition payments & Scholarships:** A reminder that every month, a tuition payment needs to be paid. You can make your payments by phone through credit (505-863-4412), at our administration building, mail in payment, or use our free service of [FACTS](#). Every credit card payment has a fee.

If there are circumstances that are making it difficult for you to pay your tuition, you can apply for the [LYNX SCHOLARSHIPS](#).

## **Like and follow us on social media:**

@Rehoboth Christian School



@RehobothChristianSchoolnm

Verlena J. Livingston | Dir. of Community Life | [vlivingston@rcsnm.org](mailto:vlivingston@rcsnm.org)

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## **Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)** **[CLICK HERE TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)**

### **Completing your Volunteer Hours:**

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. Here are a few opportunities below.

1. Serve lunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00am-12:15pm each day. Any day Monday through Friday.
2. Provide individual packaged snacks for the afterschool program.
3. Cross Country team will host their annual meet on Friday September 8. If you are interested in helping out please contact me for more information.
4. Admission gate at a volleyball game or soccer match.

If you have volunteered please make sure you report it on the link above. Remember, if you donated snacks or food this year, they count as volunteer hours too. If hours are not reported through the link above, we can not record the hours to your Family Portal for you to track.

If you have any questions about volunteering please don't hesitate to contact me. Here is some more information about the [parent volunteer program \(PVP\)](#).

Deanna Benson | Volunteer Coordinator | [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) | (505) 726-9603

# Food Service Line

How wonderful to see all the smiling faces - old and new, come through the lunch line! The great news is ALL KIDS EAT FREE!!!! Breakfast and Lunch! Breakfast is available at 7:30 in the morning at the HS Concession stand and lunch is in the Fellowship Hall.

I would like to thank all the new students for getting finger scans for counting lunch meals. One scan is all that is needed for their time at RCS. When the students graduate or are no longer an RCS student, they are deleted. The scans provide a more accurate count for our monthly reimbursement reporting and make our lunch line go faster! It is similar tech to that of your smartphone, a very common form of scanning. If you are uneasy about your child scanning, let me know that you would like to OPT-OUT and I will delete any scan I have for your student.

Wasting food to the lunch ladies is a BIG deal. It is hard to see their hard work end up in the trash can or in the chicken/food waste bucket! Remind your children that they may turn down an item on their tray. As long as they have 3 items on their tray, one being a fruit or vegetable, they have a reimbursable meal. We encourage them to eat everything, but if they know that they are NOT going to eat it, have them decline or share it! In these days of skyrocketing food costs and food shortages, training our kids to eat what is on their plate/tray is of great importance!

I appreciate hearing from you, complaints, praises, suggestions... I can be reached at [seddy@rcsnm.org](mailto:seddy@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9616. Here's to a great 23-24!

## **Menu Week of August 21 to August 25, 2023**

Monday, August 21	Tuesday, August 22	Wednesday, August 23	Thursday, August 24	Friday August 25
<u>Breakfast:</u> Pancake Wrap, Syrup, Orange Juice, Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> French Toast, Grahams, Fruit, Grape Juice, Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> Sausage, Egg Biscuit, Hash Brown, Juice, Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> Apple Empanada, Fruit, Milk	<u>Breakfast:</u> Ham, Egg Cheese McMuffin, Fruit, Milk
<u>Lunch:</u> Chicken Sandwich, (homemade pickles, Lettuce, tomato), Lattice Fries, Slaw, Strawberry, Blueberries, Milk Ass't	<u>Lunch:</u> Bean Burrito, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Corn, Snap Peas, Pineapple, Milk Ass't	<u>Lunch:</u> Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potato, WG Dinner Roll, Broccoli, Carrots, Fruit cup, Milk Ass't	<u>Lunch:</u> Beef Broccoli, Rice, Pineapple, Mandarins, WG Fortune Cookies, Milk Ass't	<u>Lunch:</u> Chicken Fajitas, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Jicama, Snap Peas, Banana Milk Ass't

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



# In Gear : Transportation

Deuteronomy 31:8

**The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”**

Blessings to all and welcome back!

My name is Darius Yazzie and I'm the new Transportation Manager for RCS. I'm very thankful for the opportunity that God has given me by taking on this role.

- 1) Please update your contact info if there are any changes, this will help eliminate contact issues that may arise during bus routes and it'll also help us to contact you if there are any sudden changes to bus routes.
- 2) Remember to be at your designated bus stop at least 10 minutes before the posted time. See attached link below for Bus Stop Schedules.
- 3) We are in need of a Substitute Bus Driver! Please fill out an application through the school's website if this is something that interests you.
- 4) Continue to Pray for our Bus Drivers, Buses, and Students. Safety is #1 Priority.

Jonathon Terborg has been a blessing to RCS and built a strong Transportation Department and Team during his time here at RCS. Keep him and his family in prayer as they start a new chapter of their lives back in Chicago IL.

Remember Thursday August 17th, 2023 will be our first Early Dismissal at 1pm. Every Thursday from here on out will be an early release. Buses will leave the school at 1:20pm. ALL PM BUS STOPS WILL BE EXACTLY 2 HRS EARLIER ON THURSDAYS. See link below for 2023-2024 Bus Route Times.

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes](#)



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](mailto:dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9622



Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager  
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# I Believe: Athletics

**For the Athlete:** I do not trust in myself. I do not boast in my abilities or believe in my own strength. I rely solely on the power of God. I compete for the pleasure of my heavenly father, the honor of Christ, and the reputation of the Holy Spirit.

**Devotionals:** Here is a link for your son or daughter that pertains to student-athletes and their journey that comes with challenges and joys. If Devotions are new to you and your child, please see Mr. Pete, to assist and start that process and some easy steps in studying God's Word to grow and build a solid foundation.

[RCS Student-Athletes Devotionals](#)

**Prayer Request:** Please see attached a Prayer Card to pray for our athletes and coaches every day. Reminder: "MORE PRAYER, MORE POWER, LESS PRAYER, LESS POWER." [fcaprayercard.pdf](#)

**High School Fall Sports Parent Meeting:** Monday August 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the High School LC

## Fall Sports:

Our HS coaches have started official practices. This will be last week to join sports for Fall 2023.. Please contact our Head Coaches.

Boys Soccer: Phil Frederiksen - [frederiksenphil@gmail.com](mailto:frederiksenphil@gmail.com)

Girls Soccer: Neil Weeda - [nweeda@rcsnm.org](mailto:nweeda@rcsnm.org)

Volleyball: Char Chapman - [cchapman@rcsnm.org](mailto:cchapman@rcsnm.org)

Boys and Girls Cross Country: Autumn Newell - [ajnewell@rcsnm.org](mailto:ajnewell@rcsnm.org)

**Middle School Sports:** Practices for MS Volleyball and MS Cross Country will happen during 8th period exploratories. 6th graders are unable to join right now due to a mandatory typing class.

MS Volleyball: Abbi Mulder - [amulder@rcsnm.org](mailto:amulder@rcsnm.org)

MS Cross Country: Autumn Newell - [ajnewell@rcsnm.org](mailto:ajnewell@rcsnm.org)

DATE	HS SPORTS	MS SPORTS
Thursday, August 17	6:00pm- Boys Soccer Scrimmage HOME	
Friday, August 18	4:00pm - Girls Soccer Scrimmage HOME	
Tuesday, August 22	5:00pm - Boys Soccer HOME vs. Bloomfield	
Thursday, August 24	6:00pm -Girls Soccer AWAY vs. Kirtland Central	

# Community Action

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](mailto:adminsec@rcsnm.org) by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.

Please see the attached flier for more information regarding a recital of RCS alum Pete Garcia that is coming up on Sunday, August 20, 2023.



## 2023 SUMMER RECITAL

**PETE GARCIA IV**  
TENOR

**ERIN NIELSON AND GAIL DEYOUNG**  
COLLABORATIVE PIANISTS

**August 20, 2023**

5:30 PM

Tohatchi CRC, Tohatchi, NM

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Featuring music from Debussy, Donaudy, Donizetti,  
Hamlin, Ireland, Lalo, Mozart, Quilter, and Wolf

donations accepted (recommended donation \$5)