

Parent News

September 5,2024



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If I think back to June, this was definitely the wettest summer we've had of the six years that we've lived in Gallup. The height and growth of all the vegetation on campus, not to mention the weeds in my yard, testify to the amount of moisture that the sky has unleashed over these last three months. A huge thank-you goes out to Brian Yazzie for his tireless work in keeping all of our campus greenery in check!

In addition to the gift of greenery, the summer monsoons have a dangerous side as well. Flash floods crash through arroyos and slot canyons during intense storms, and they can be lethal to people caught in those spaces.

Jesus was familiar with this phenomenon. In the deserts of Judea, dried out river beds called *wadis* criss-cross the landscape and often served as travel routes for traders and others wanting to avoid the mountain passes on their journeys. As is true for all deserts, rainfall is scarce in Judea, but on the occasion of a short burst (even in the faraway foothills), these wadis can become raging rivers of flash flood waters.

That's the setting for Jesus' famous parable of the wise and foolish builders. You know how it goes, right? Both men build houses that the rains beat against and the flood waters rise against, and one of the houses is destroyed because its foundation was built on the sand. The other house, however, was built on the rock; and it stands firm against the raging waters.

It's easy to think about this as a call to stay safe and separate from the world, but in the parable we see that <u>both</u> houses are subject to the chaos of the flooding. The difference is that one of the houses is built on the rock of living in step with God and His Kingdom vision for the world.

Our mission at Rehoboth calls us to challenge students to know the Triune God and equip them to love, serve, and transform the world in His name. The transformation we desire can't happen by staying secluded off in a corner somewhere. It requires us to produce students who can take everything they've learned and step out into those raging waters, knowing that they have a firm foundation on the rock.

In the chaos and holy ... Not the tyranny of the "or," but the genius of the "and."

It's incredibly hard to live this way, but it is possible because of Christ's sacrifice for us. He has redeemed us from our own destruction and set us on the path of life. Thank you for embracing this calling with us here at Rehoboth.

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- Friday, September 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ day <u>students released at 12:45 PM</u> due to RCS cross country meet
- Monday, September 16 Friday, September 20 Hispanic Heritage Week
- Friday, September 20- 4:00 7:00 pm, Hispanic Heritage Month celebration with a Show & Shine and with special guest, Brianna M. Peña, Miss Teen World Latina New Mexico.
- Monday, September 30 Orange Shirt Day is in remembrance and to commemorate the residential school experience.
- Friday, October 4 Fall Carnival 4:00-7:30 pm SFC, Navajo Taco Dinner in Fellowship Hall 5-7pm

All School Announcements

Administration Office- September 6

The administration office will close at 1:00pm tomorrow September 6.

School Pictures Are Ready

Last weekend, the photographers sent out gallery links to families of students who had their pictures taken on August 22-23. If you aren't seeing yours, please check your spam folder. If you still aren't finding it, reach out to your building secretary or principal, and they can confirm exactly what email address received the link. If you missed the first round of picture day, you can have yours made up on the morning of <u>Tuesday</u>. September 24.

Boxtops for Education

Our school is enrolled in the Boxtops for Education earning program. Our coordinator is Duane Yazzie and all the earnings will be used for the library. Please continue to scan your receipts. Thanks. See attached flier.

Fall Carnival, October 4

Rehoboth's Fall Carnival is on Friday, October 4! The annual fall carnival includes games, a bake sale, and a Navajo taco dinner and will take place at the Rehoboth Christian School's Sports and Fitness Center and Fellowship Hall. Tickets for games will be 4 for \$1.00. The Navajo taco dinner will be \$10.00 for a meal. The carnival will go from 4-7:30pm and the dinner will be from 5-7 pm. All proceeds from the carnival will benefit the bands and choirs of Rehoboth Christian School. Spread the word and come on out to Rehoboth and enjoy a night of great fun with your family!

From the Business Office

A few reminders from the Business Office:

FACTs tuition statement: Don't forget every family should be signed up with <u>FACTS</u>. All tuition statements will now be sent by email through the FACTs system. If there are any adjustments made to your tuition account, you will receive an email.

Lastly, If you were a recipient of the Lynx Scholarship, you should see this adjustment in your FACTs tuition account. However, if you have not signed up in FACTS and were recipients, it will not reflect in your tuition balance until you do.

Free & Reduced food forms need to be filled out. Please stop by the Administration Building to turn those in.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the business office!

Hispanic Heritage Month event & you are invited !!:

Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 - October 15, 2024 and the national theme is *"Pioneer of Change: Shaping the Future Together"*. On Friday, September 20th, the multicultural committee will be hosting a Show and Shine event along with special guest, Brianna M. Peña, Miss Teen World Latina New Mexico.

We invite you and your family to attend. In the next several days, we hope to add more to the event.. If you are interested in helping plan for this event, we are looking for parent volunteers which can also go towards your volunteer hours.

The multicultural committee is also looking for parents, and elders to be a part of the committee. We meet on Thursdays for 45 minutes from 330-415pm. If you are interested, please contact Verlena J. Livingston, Director of Community Life at: <u>vlivingston@rcsnm.org</u>.



Elementary News

Parent Volunteers for Lunch Recess

We are looking for volunteers to help monitor our Elementary Lunch Recess on the playground. This would require you to come to the playground one day out of the week from 11:45 AM and stay until 12:15PM. This 30 minute commitment would be a great way to clock-in some volunteer hours, get to know staff and students, and help provide an added layer of safety and supervision for our kiddos. If interested, please fill out this form: <u>Elementary Playground Volunteers</u>.

Toolbox Thursday

Last week the elementary students participated in our first toolbox class. We reviewed some basic tools we use to solve problems and make our school jobs easier. This week we practiced using the breathing tool. Click the following link to view an overview video of our Toolbox curriculum.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L3CLSK1ydbeJYoRWofznlztk6NyC-jeb/view?usp=drive_web

Important! Transportation Changes and Check-out

If transportation changes are necessary, please contact Val Peywa before 2:15 so that she has time to communicate with classroom teachers and students. If you are checking out your student, check-outs need to happen before 2pm, or wait until the end of the school day. On Thursdays, contact Val before 12:45 for transportation changes and 12:30 for early checkouts.

Student Drop-offs and Pick-ups

Kinder to 8th Grade families please use the Gravel Loop located behind our Mid School building to drop-off and pick-up students. Please refrain from picking up your student at the Elementary Playground/Parking Area. This area is reserved for our Pre-K families who have to park and drop-off/pick-up their students at the classroom door.

You may begin dropping off your student after 7:45 am until 8:05 am. Pick-up begins at 3:05 pm until 3:20pm, and on Thursday 1:35-1:50pm. After that, please walk into the office to pick-up your student. It is helpful for the office/classroom teacher to know if you are running late. If your student is eating breakfast, you may drop them off at the Sports and Fitness Center entrance.

Lastly, please drive with caution. We want to keep our students safe. Form a single drive-up lane and pull as far ahead as you can to make room for other cars. When pulling out and driving away, double check to make sure there are no students around. If you need help, please talk to our traffic/pick-up monitor or call the office.

Middle School Matters

Student Drop-offs and Pick-ups

Please see the above Elementary section for details on the flow of our Parent drop-off and pick-up loop.

Upcoming Events (MS only)

- David Charles Cross Country Invitational Friday, Sept 6
 - This will be a half-day of school
 - Students will be released at 12:45pm
- Monday, Sept 9 MS Volleyball Home -vs- Pine Hill Games @ 5pm and 6pm
- Wednesday, Sept 11 MS Volleyball Away @ Shiprock NW Games @ 5pm and 6pm
- Thursday, Sept 12 MS Cross Country @ Ch'ooshgai
- 7th/8th NWEA Testing will begin next week (Week of Sept 9-13)
- 6th NWEA Testing will begin the week of Sept 16-20



Every Wednesday this school year Middle and High School students will start a new curriculum in their advisory groups called Habitudes. They will have chances to share and interact with their peers on a series of <u>core values</u>, something that the culture of Rehoboth Christian School has done an excellent job of fostering for a long time. Here is a <u>link to the welcome overview letter</u>. With a chance to coordinate school-wide, there will be more chances for intentional conversations and a chance to build up one-another in our community. Each week, we will send home a link of what the students are discussing so that you can join in too!

This week Middle School had a break from habitudes. The past couple of lessons have been on "Self-Efficacy" See the <u>parent card</u>, and ask your student about it! Students can also access their <u>digital flash cards here</u> or scan this QR code.

Scan and Take This Lesson with You



High School Highlights

A friend of my family's hosted a cookout on Labor Day, and they were kind enough to invite my family. After some light conversation, the conversation turned to education and the different schools in which several of us work. Someone wondered aloud whether the educational endeavor that we labor in at Rehoboth (and everywhere) was really worth the amount of time, money, and effort that everyone puts in. You can imagine how the small gathering of educators responded; they made it absolutely clear that the endeavor is worth the effort. The values of community and the opportunities for socialization and academic achievement were all extolled. Luckily the person who posed the question truly thought the educational endeavor was worth the effort, so he did not need convincing, and that kept the conversation light. I was happy (and I bet everyone else was too) that I did not need to bore everyone with how Aristotle would respond to the question. To keep this short, Aristotle would say that a proper education builds the ethical virtues of a person, and those virtues are used to direct the appetites that all people have. What a great school offers is a chance to practice, through debate, pondering and pursuing of God's will, emotional skills, logical studies, and social skills (to name only a few), in an environment that offers gentle and loving correction with, generally, low risk. And the pursuit of that virtuous life is something that makes a great endeavor most definitely worth the effort. If you would like to continue this conversation, or really any conversation, please let me know.

Seth Weidenaar High School Principal



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This week the High School had their small groups on "Ethical Responsibility". See the "Habitudes at home" parent card <u>here</u>. Students can also access their <u>digital flash cards</u> or scan this QR code.

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CROWING LEADERS



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Hello Families,

- On October 16, 2024 we will have a school testing day. Students grades 9-12 will be taking the PSAT 9/10, PSAT/NMSQT, and SAT. Testing will start directly at 8:00 AM. Please make sure your child is at school on time. Below is a great resource to help your student prepare for test day.
 - Khan Academy has some great resources to help you prepare for the upcoming SAT. See the link provided for more information. <u>https://www.khanacademy.org/</u>
- RCS will host a College/Career Day on October 16, 2024 from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Students will have the opportunity to hear from speakers from different career fields and attend a college fair. I have a few colleges that have called to confirm their attendance. If you are interested in sharing about your specific career field please let me know.

Scholarship Opportunities

1. The Gate Scholarship application for the 2025-2026 school year is open, use the link provided to start your application. Closing date for the Gate Scholarship is 09/15/2024. https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship

College Visit Days

- New Mexico State University will be hosting the "Aggie Experience Days." Students will get the chance to
 envision life at NMSU and learn about what NMSU has to offer. Explore campus and get a first-hand look at
 how committed the NMSU family is to their educational success. <u>https://admissions.nmsu.edu/start/</u> please
 visit the website provided to sign up for the following experience days.
 - Saturday, October 12, 2024
 - Monday, February 17, 2025
 - Saturday, March 22, 2025
- 2. The University of New Mexico Albuquerque will have their Fall Preview Day. They have planned special events just for high school students and families. Use the link provided to register today. https://admissions.unm.edu/fallpreview/index.html
 - Saturday, September 21, 2024 8:30 AM 12:00 PM
 - Saturday, October 19, 2024 8:30 AM 12:00 PM
 - Saturday, November 9, 2024 8:30 AM 12:00 PM

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly by email at <u>camillalynch@rcsnm.org</u> or call me at (505) 726-9662.



District code in Family Portal is: RE-NM

Family Portal: <u>https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/</u>

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Donor Scholarships: In a few weeks, be on the lookout for a list of scholarships available for students to apply. Applications will be available at the administration office, each school, and online.

ODY Scholarship: Rehoboth received the Office of Diné Youth scholarship check. Recipients' tuition accounts were adjusted for the semester. Please be sure to check your FACTs account.

Lynx Scholarship: This scholarship is available for families who need additional assistance with their tuition this year. Remember, if you are having difficulty paying your tuition, please come and talk with us. We understand situations can arise and we want to learn of these early rather than later. Here is the link to the Lynx Scholarship application.

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)



We are excited to share opportunities with you to get involved. Remember that when you volunteer you will also need to log those hours. You can click on the link below, answer the questions and hit submit so we can get those hours logged for your family. Each family will need to complete **10 volunteer hours for this school year**. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me <u>dbenson@rcsnm.org</u> or (505) 726-9628.

<u>PVH link</u> to track hours

- 1. Serving in the lunch line any day Monday through Friday 11:15-12:30pm. <u>Fellowship Hall servers</u>
- 2. Sign up to help with the admission gate at any upcoming volleyball game or soccer game. 2024/2025 Home Sports/Admission Gate Volunteer Schedule
- 3. Bring in snacks to your child's classroom.

Food Service

The great news is ALL KIDS EAT FREE for both Breakfast and Lunch! Breakfast is available at 7:30AM at the HS Concession Stand and Lunch will continue to be in the Fellowship Hall. August has been a great month, the kids have been complimenting the food so far. And to see smiling faces when they walk in .

Just a reminder we will be doing finger scans for all new students for counting lunch meals. All we need is one scan and it is good for the rest of their time at Rehoboth. Once the student has graduated or leaves Rehoboth, scans will be deleted. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. THANK YOU!

We are encouraging kids to drink all their milk and eat all the food provided. <u>We do not want to see any food wasted</u> <u>this yea</u>r! They are always welcome to speak up and turn down a food item, as long as they have 3 items on their tray which needs to include a fruit or vegetable.

We are encouraging volunteers to help us serve Lunch between 11:30 to 12:30 Monday through Friday , and earn your Volunteers hours for your child .

If you have any questions, praises, or suggestions, please feel free to reach me at <u>danderson@rcsnm.org</u> or 505-726-9616. Here's to a wonderful school year!

Psalm 28:7: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.



ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage! 😄

Menu Week of Sept 09, 2024 to Sep 13, 2024

Monday Sep 9, 2024	Tuesday Sep 10, 2024	Wednesday Sep 11, 2024	Thursday Sep 12, 2024	Friday Sep 13, 2024
Mini Pancake , fruit White Milk	0 1	,		Berry Parfait, w/ granola White Milk
Goulash w/ Meat Sauce, Cheese Bites Green Beans, Fruit and Milk	Hamburger on bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Tater Tots , Fruit , Milk	Mashed Potato, Corn,	Vegetables, Fruit	Pepperoni / Cheese Pizza, Rehoboth Salad, fruit and milk

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

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.

A few reminders about RCS Bus Transportation:

As you may know RCS will be dismissing classes at 12:45PM on Friday, Sept 6th, 2024. If your student rides the bus in the afternoon, please see the <u>1/2 Day BUS SCHEDULE</u>, click on the link to see the updated bus stop times.

- <u>SCHOOL BUS RULES</u>- Rules are posted in each Bus. Failure to follow the rules will result in Bus Privileges being suspended.
- Please be 10-15 minutes early to your scheduled bus stop, if you happen to miss the bus, you can meet it at the following Bus Stop.
- Please make sure your contact information is up to date in RenWeb (Phone numbers and email addresses) We need to make sure everyone gets the alerts. We also must be able to contact you in case of changes or an emergency.

See link below for 2024-2025 Bus Route TImes:

Current 2024-2025 Bus Routes

<u>Currrent 2024-2025 Bus Routes (Thursday Early Dismissal)</u>

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 <u>dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org</u> or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager



I Believe: Athletics

Welcome back for another school year! Sports have started at the High School and Middle School. If your child wants to join sports please contact their coaches as soon as possible. Here are our coaches contact information:

CONTACTS:

Volleyball coach, Char Chapman: cchapman@rcsnm.org Boys Soccer coach, Phil Frederickson: frederiksenphil@gmail.com Girls Soccer coach - Neil Weeda: nweeda@rcsnm.org HS and MS Cross Country coach, Autumn Newell: ajnewell@rcsnm.org Middle School Volleyball coach, Candice Yazzie; cyazzie@rcsnm.org

FALL SPORTS Reminders:

Rehoboth Christian School requires a completed RCS sports packet with a physical form completed by a physician before official practices start. Packets will need to be reviewed by the Athletic Director to ensure everyone is cleared for participation for the 2024-25 school year.

Basketball Practice Starts: - November 18, 2024

Devotionals for athletes: https://www.fca.org/resources/personal-growth

A Biblical Approach to Parenting your Athlete:

https://www.fca.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/revised-biblical-approach-to-parenting-athlet es.pdf?sfvrsn=7d41b07a_2

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, Sept 5	5 / 6 pm - Volleyball AWAY vs. Menaul (JV,V) 6:00 pm - Girls Soccer AWAY vs. Grants	
Friday, Sept. 6	3:00 pm David Charles Rehoboth Cross Country Meet MS/ HS 4:00pm - Girls Varsity 4:30pm - Boys Varsity 5:00pm - JV Boys and Girls (if needed)	David Charles Rehoboth Cross Country Meet 3:00pm - MS Girls 3:30pm - MS Boys
Saturday, September 7	10:00am (AZ time) - Boys Soccer AWAY vs. St. John's(AZ) (11 AM NM time)	
Monday, September 9		5 / 6 pm - MS Volleyball HOME vs. Pinehill
Tuesday, September 10	4:00 pm - Girls Soccer AWAY vs. Miyamura 6:00pm - Boys Soccer AWAY vs. Miyamura 7:30 pm JV Boys Soccer AWAY vs Miyamura 4/5/6 pm - Volleyball HOME vs. Ft. Wingate (C,JV,V)	
Wednesday, September 11		5 / 6 pm - MS Volleyball AWAY vs. Shiprock NW
Thursday, September 12	Christian Jaquez Boys Soccer Tournament <u>bracket</u> 5:30pm - Rehoboth vs. Hot Springs 3:00 pm - Girls Soccer AWAY vs. Santa Fe Indian School	MS Cross Country Choosh'gai Meet 4:00pm - MS Girls 4:30pm - MS Boys

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 <u>adminsec@rcsnm.org</u> by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITION CALL CALL FOR THE RCHS FALL PLAY: Anne of Green Gables

0 CHOIR ROOM #203 SEPT. 4 3:30PM-5 PM (\circ) ST 0 **EMAIL** SEPT. 5 ACHRISTENSEN@RCSNM.ORG 2 PM-3:30 PM OR JO.LEGGETT@GMAIL.COM 15 **Table of Contents**

RUN-WALK LIKE MADD 2024 Saturday, September 14, 2024 Red Rock Park, Churchrock, NM 5k, 10k, and 2-mile walk

- Age group and overall awards
- Medals to everyone!



Honoring and remembering those injured or killed in drunk driving crashes

All proceeds go to support the non-profit, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, so we can continue to provide FREE services to victims/survivors of DWI crashes statewide.

For the race website and to register, scan our QR code or visit "Walk Like Madd -Gallup"

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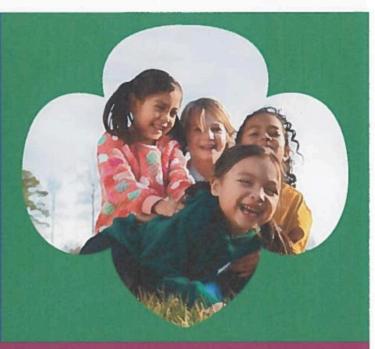
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Register today via this link (below)!



For questions, please email or text Rachael Herrera, Regional Manager, at <u>rherrera@nmgirlscouts.org</u> or 505-252-3762 today!

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Rehoboth Christian High School



College and Career Day Date: October 16, 2024 Time: 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM Location: RCS LC



Hear speakers from different career fields & attend a College Fair!

What to Expect:

- Explore career fields by hearing experts in those professions discuss what they do everyday.
- Ask them questions about their profession.
- Talk one-on-one with them.
- Talk to colleges about specific programs, costs, schedules, etc.
- Set up appointments with colleges to visit the campus.

If you would like to be a guest speaker or if you would like to set up a booth please contact Camilla Lynch at <u>camillalynch@rcsnm.org</u> or call (505) 726-9662.