



Parent News

January 11, 2024



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Table Talk

Bob Ippel, Executive Director

As you read this Parent News I hope you see lots of invitations to be involved! Let's fill the gyms for our athletic events and cheer on the athletes! Let alumni know about the homecoming celebration. Invite your family to "In the Dirt" which is a wonderful film about biking on the Navajo Nation. Consider sharing aspects of your family culture during our International Heritage Week! Celebrate with the many students who are performing in musical ensembles after auditioning as band or choir members. Volunteer in your child's school. We love being together because we are family and we are SO thankful that you are part of it!

Please note that re-enrollment will open on Tuesday, January 16 by 5pm. We have made the process easier. It will not take much time! It is hard to believe that we are now focusing on the 2024-25 school year! Please complete the re-enrollment form by January 31.

Amazed!

Bob Ippel

Rehoboth Christian School Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

- **Monday, January 15** - Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL / Staff Retreat
- **Monday, January 29 - Friday, February 2** - International Heritage Week
- **Tuesday, January 30**- Family Movie Night "In the Dirt" 6:30 pm in LC
- **Friday, February 9** - HOMECOMING Rehoboth vs. Laguna Acoma
- **Monday, February 19** - NO SCHOOL- President's Day

All School Announcements

Business Office

Monthly statements for January have been sent out through Renweb, please check your email. We are thankful for your support by paying your tuition promptly and for communicating with us concerning your situation. If you have any changing circumstances which would cause a delay of your monthly payment, please contact adminsec@rcsnm.org or call our office at 505-726-9635.



PLEASE SUBMIT THE GIFT SHOP SURVEY BY THURS. JAN. 18 TO BE ENTERED IN TO A \$25 GIFT SHOP CERTIFICATE DRAWING!

Lynx Gift Shop

A Gift Shop survey was sent out to families last week to help provide us feedback on our school gift shop. We will randomly be drawing a name for a \$25 Gift Shop Certificate. All submissions are due by Thursday, January 18th at midnight. The random drawing will be done on Friday, January 19th. Thank you for your time and feedback!

Congratulations to the following band students for making 1 or more honor bands:

Katelynn Mike @#
Janelle Etsitty @
Aliyah Sanchez @
Campbell Van Slooten @#
Olivia Null @
Simon Frederiksen @#
Jay Becenti @
Ellen Zwiers @#
Evie DeYoung @
Joel Zwiers @
Jude Cavanaugh @
Nehemiah Ruthven @#
Eric Jameson @
Nuveya Nez #
Deiyanera Franklin #
Xavi Andrade @#\$

Diya Krygsheld @#
Chloe Frederiksen @#\$
Chase Lynch @#\$
Molly Arsenault @#\$
Meg Zwiers @#\$
Morgan Arsenault #
Jadon Ippel #
Maegan Odom #
Jade Singer #
Thijs Meester #
Sam Newell #
Zach Van Drunen #
James Newell #
Lily Cavanaugh #
Liam Christensen #

@ - Northwest New Mexico Music Educators Association District Honor Band
- Fort Lewis Honor Band
\$ - New Mexico High School All-State Band

Elementary News

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Elliot Kass (7th grade) who placed first in the district spelling bee on Wednesday, and to Christy Neilson (3rd grade) who placed second! Both students will advance to the state competition.

Drop off/Pick up Loop

As you drop off and pick up your students in the gravel loop, please use one single lane for your student to exit and enter your vehicle. It is unsafe for students to walk in front of vehicles to a second lane. Thank you for helping keep all our students safe!

Winter Weather

Wow, what beauty and wonder we have been blessed with these past few weeks! Just a reminder to send students to school with warm clothes, mittens, and shoes. Many students have an extra pair of shoes or slippers to change into in their classrooms, that's great!

Behind the elementary and middle school building we have a fantastic sledding hill that students can play on at recess when there is enough snow. So, students are able to bring their own sleds to school if they wish.

In the mornings, we let students inside at 7:45am if the temperature is below 20 degrees. If it's windy, but between 20-30 degrees, we may also decide to let students in. These same guidelines help us determine if students go outside for morning and lunch recesses.

Bullying: Love and Logic Webinar

Few things are more upsetting than discovering that your child has become the target of teasing or bullying.

It all comes down to recognizing that we cannot create a stress-free and conflict-free world for our children. No matter how much we protect them, they will eventually face a world full of difficult, even dangerous, people—a world where rescue is not always possible.

Helping them at an early age to develop the skills and emotional strength necessary to handle bullying will help them throughout their lives.

On Thursday, January 11, is the next FREE Online Event, [*When Your Child Is Teased or Bullied*](#). Through this webinar you will learn strategies that will empower your kids to handle these difficult situations. There are three time slots available!

Toolbox Thursday

We hope to have school on Thursday so we can learn how to replace our negative self-talk (I can't. I am dumb.) with positive self talk (I can do this. I will try). Positive self-talk will help us gain **courage** to do hard things. Positive self-talk is also a way to follow God's desire for us to love ourselves.

Leanne Gillson

Middle School Matters

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Snow Days and the Schedule

When we have a snow day, that does not mean that students will miss those classes. They will instead occur on the day we do return to school. So, if we have an A Day that gets missed because of snow, the next day we are back in class will be an A Day. For an [up-to-date list of A Days and B Days for the rest of the semester](#), you can always click the link. It's updated in real time when we have snow days.

Electronic devices- Smart watches

Smart watches are considered an electronic device, many connect to the internet and have the same connectivity as a cell phone. Therefore, they will be treated as such and confiscated when misused. Please help us communicate this with your students. Thanks!

[SEE HANDBOOK](#)

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High School Highlights

All State Music

We are proud of our musicians—both Choir and Band—who have been selected to attend the New Mexico All State Music Event this week in Albuquerque:

- Angela Sowers (Choir)
- Rey Clauschee (Choir)
- Lily Cavanaugh (Choir)
- Xavi Andrade (Band)
- Chloe Frederiksen (Band)
- Chase Lynch (Band)
- Molly Arsenault (Band)
- Meg Zwiers (Band)

Way to go, Rehoboth musicians!

Gallup Rotary Club Senior of the Month

Congratulations, Jordyn Holtsoi-Henry, who has been selected as the January Senior of the Month for Rehoboth Christian High School. As a result of this honor, Jordyn is eligible for one of the large end-of-year scholarships given out by the Rotary Club as well. Way to go, Jordyn!

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January Events

When we come back from the break, we have quite a few events to look forward to:

- Jan 11-13 Girls basketball hosts the Rehoboth Tournament
- Jan 15 No School - Staff Retreat
- Jan 29 - Feb 2 International Heritage Week

Extra-Curricular Eligibility Starting Up Again

On Monday, January 22 we will begin tracking eligibility for the second semester. Students at Rehoboth must maintain a 2.0 GPA with no F's in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

Dan Meester, RCHS Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The federal student aid application (FAFSA) is now open! Please set aside some time to review and complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA application.

Scholarships for Seniors

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program

- Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to be able to continue with our scholarship program for the 18th year. We will be awarding up to \$1,000 to the winner(s) each year.
Scholarship Deadline - June 10, 2024.
Application Process
Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site:
<https://abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php>
- The NMAA Foundation Scholarships are due February 1st, 2024. The Foundation will award approximately 50 scholarships to New Mexico high school students this spring. The application portal is open and can be accessed from the NMAA website at <https://www.nmact.org/foundation/scholarship-forms/>. A list of scholarship categories can also be found via this webpage. The Foundation has awarded scholarships to individuals at more than 120 NMAA member schools and it is our hope that we can add to this list in 2024.
- The Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance Application will open on Friday, March 15, 2024. I encourage any student(s) that would like to apply to obtain an original (duplicate) copy of their Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) from the Department of Vital Records. The Navajo Nation Scholarship Office will require you to submit an original copy of your CIB with your application.

Spring SAT Testing

If any Juniors or Seniors are interested in taking the SAT this spring, please stop by my office to sign up. The SAT will take place in March 2024.

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/>

Re enrollment: For all current families, re-enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will begin on **January 16th at 5pm**. Here are some details to know:

1. One parent will receive an email that the re-enrollment packet is open in their Family Portal.
2. Only one parent is considered the “responsible parent” for re-enrollment and will get the packet for their child(ren).
3. The email will contain a link to the Family Portal.
4. The “responsible parent” needs to have a username and password set up with their Family Portal. To get yourself set up for a Parent Portal, [click here](#). If you need to reset your password follow the prompts.

Lastly, there is a competition! The class with the highest percentage of re-enrollment by January 31st at 5pm will receive a class prize.

Tuition payments: 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.

Other Scholarships:

ACE Scholarship will be open on February 8th and end on April 15th.

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

Verlena J. Livingston | Dir. of Community Life | vlivingston@rcsnm.org

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)

[CLICK HERE TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)

1. We have our girls basketball tournament coming up next week. Please sign up below to help with the admission gate.
[2023 Winter Sports Admission gate](#)
2. Serve lunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11:15 am-1:00 pm each day. Any day Monday through Friday.
3. Would you be willing to provide a meal for our cantabile choir on Monday nights at 6pm? If so please contact me.
4. Do you have an hour to volunteer to help with the daily dose on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for 1st and 2nd grade classrooms? Parents interested please contact me.
5. We are looking for senior parents interested in helping to fundraise for the senior class trip and for flowers for graduation. If you are interested in helping please contact me.



Please be sure to fill out the parent volunteer link to log your hours.

If hours are not reported through the link above, we cannot 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.

Congratulations to the following families who have completed their 10 parent volunteer hours for the 2023-2024 year.

- Carol Nelson
- Nicole Begay
- Chuck & Jenny Van Drunen
- Jennifer & Jerry Brown
- Jotham & Marie Ippel
- Kevin & Anna Zwiers
- Delyssa Begay
- Michael & Laura Smith-Owens



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

Food Service Line

The Kitchen staff and I would like to welcome you back to a new year with Hope, Love and Peace. Thank you to the Staff and Volunteers, without you the children would not benefit from the nutrition they need. Let's keep up the great work. Blessings from the Kitchen. If you have any questions, concerns, or any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me at danderson@rcsnm.org.

You Crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance Psalm 65:11

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Now down to business.

We are in need of servers more than ever, please contact Deanna Benson at dbenson@rcsnm.org, if you can do your volunteer hours by serving lunch. It is the BEST job on campus, kids LOVE to be fed! This volunteer time can be put towards your Parent Volunteer Hours needed for the school year.

We are encouraging kids to drink their milk, and eat the food on their plates. Please encourage your kids to eat what is on their plate, remembering they can speak up & turn down a food item, as long as they have 3 items on their tray, one being a fruit or vegetable!

ALL kids eat FREE! Take advantage! 😊

Menu Week of Jan 15 2024 to Jan 19, 2024

Monday Jan 15	Tuesday Jan 16	Wednesday Jan 17	Thursday Jan 18	Friday Jan 19
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Oatmeal , Fruit, Milk	Breakfast Burrito, Fruit , Milk	Cinnamon Rolls, Milk	Berry Parfait, Milk
No School	Chicken Sandwich, pickles, lettuce, tomato, Lattice Fries, Cole slaw, Fruit , Milk	(Snow Bowl) Nuggets, Mashed potato, gravy, 4-Way Veggie, Dinner roll, Fruit , milk	Beef Broccoli, Rice with Veggies, Fruit, Fortune Cookies, Milk	Pizza Rehoboth Salad, Tri Bells, Fruit, Milk

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.”

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation during these winter storms!

- Continue to monitor social media and TV Listings for any upcoming delays/cancellations.
- As much as we love the snow, **we cannot allow snow sleds** on the bus for safety measures of other passengers.
- Please continue to be at scheduled Bus Stops at least 5 minutes before the listed time. This will help eliminate delays for the other scheduled bus stops.

[Snow Delay/Cancellation Policy](#)

See link below for 2023-2024 Bus Route Times:

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes](#)

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes \(Thursday Early Dismissal\)](#)



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
(505)726-9622 | dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org



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](#)



DATE	HS SPORTS	MS SPORTS
Thursday, January 11	6:00 pm - Rehoboth Girls Basketball Tournament HOME vs. Tse Yi Gai (see attached bracket)	
Friday, January 12	3:00 pm - Rehoboth Girls Basketball Tournament (see attached bracket)	
Saturday, January 13	11:00 am - Rehoboth Girls Basketball Tournament (see attached bracket)	
Tuesday, January 16	4:00 pm - Girls Basketball HOME vs. Cuba (JV,V)	
Wednesday, January 17		4:00 pm MS Basketball HOME vs. Hozho <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girls B team 4:00 pm ● Boys B team 5:00 pm ● Girls A team 6:00 pm ● Boys A team 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 18	2:00 pm - Boys Basketball Santa Rosa Tournament AWAY vs. Tucumcari (see attached bracket)	

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 by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.

Rehoboth Christian High School Girls Basketball Tournament 2024					
			Rehoboth Christian		
			Thur 6:00 1/11		
			Tse Yi Gai		
		Fri. 4:30 1/12	Ramah	Fri 7:30 1/12	
			Thur 7:30 1/11		
			Red Mesa (AZ)		
		Sat 12:30 pm		Sat 3:30 pm	
5th Place	1/13/2023		Pine Hill	1/13	Champions
			Thur 4:30 1/11		
			Menaul		
		Fri. 3:00 1/12	Zuni	Fri 6:00 1/12	
			Thur 3:00 1/11		
			Evangel Christian		
		Sat. 11 am		Sat 2:00 pm	
7th Place	1/13		Top Team - HOME	1/13	3rd Place
			Bottom Team - AWAY		
			\$5.00 PER PERSON (Adults/Seniors and Students)		
			January 11-13, 2024		

2024 MIGHTY LION BASKETBALL CLASSIC



17th ANNUAL
JANUARY 18-20, 2024

