



# PARENT NEWS

## January 15, 2026

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### All School Announcements & Events

- Monday, January 19 - NO SCHOOL All Staff Retreat
- Friday, January 30 - HOMECOMING RCS games vs. Dulce 3:00pm - 7:30pm



#### Re-Enrollment Time is Here!

Re-enrollment for current students and families opens Friday, January 16!

Secure your student's spot for the upcoming school year by re-enrolling through your Family Portal starting January 16.

❓ Questions or need help?

📞 Call us at 505-863-4412

✉️ Contact our Admissions Coordinator, Kristen Rousseau, at [krousseau@rcsnm.org](mailto:krousseau@rcsnm.org)

We're excited to continue partnering with your family!

#### Job Openings

- Substitute teachers
- Substitute bus drivers

Please go [HERE](#) for more information about job opportunities and how to apply. Thank you.

# Table Talk

**By Dan Meester, Executive Director**

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When I was a boy, growing up in San Jose, California, I had one set of grandparents who lived in town and another set who lived about 100 miles away in the city of Modesto. Typically, it was about every month or two that the four of us—my mom, my dad, my younger brother, and me—would pile into our Plymouth Voyager minivan and make the hour and forty-five minute drive to the brown house on De La Pena Drive.

That always felt like a long ride to us. If it was night time, we could curl up on one of the bench seats and sleep through the trip, but during the day, we needed other ways to pass the time.

This was long before iPads or even walkmans. Sometimes we would read books or doodle, but our favorite thing to do was have our dad quiz us. One of the quizzes we loved was on the capital cities of different states or countries. Keeping North and South Dakota straight was always a challenge for my brother, while I might get tripped up on the difference between Bern, Switzerland and Bonn, West Germany. I was only in 3rd grade, after all!

But even more than the capitals, we loved the quizzes that started with, "Who said these words . . .?" My dad would pick a famous quote from history, and we would have to name the speaker. Bonus points if we knew the situation or setting for the quote as well. "I shall return!" was General Douglas MacArthur leaving the Philippines. My dad was a World War II buff.

Playing that game etched quite a few quotations into my mind, so it was with some extra joy and interest that I encountered the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington D.C. on one of our family vacations about 10 years ago. The north and south walls of the memorial are etched with some of King's most famous phrases:

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

And one of my all-time favorites: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

I know that the struggle for justice for Native Americans is not the same as the African American struggle for Civil Rights, but I hope that as we celebrate MLK Day on Monday, we can reflect on his wisdom and allow it to inspire us to hope and action in our own lives today. The Lord desires justice for all of His people, and it's an honor to work at a school that takes that call seriously and does its best to participate in bringing that justice every day.

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

# Elementary News

Office: 505-726-9675 Principal: Tara DeYoung, [tdeyoung@rcsnm.org](mailto:tdeyoung@rcsnm.org)

Jan 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day (NO SCHOOL)

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## **District Spelling Bee**

Huge congratulations to Christy Neilson and Jelome Gandia for winning 1st and 2nd place, respectively, at the district spelling bee this past week!

## **Winter Weather**

Please make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothes. If possible, labeling any hats, gloves, mittens, and jackets helps us keep track of belongings and return them to the right owners if found.

While snow can be so much fun to play with, we need to make sure that we are still being respectful towards one another. Snowballs may not be thrown at faces, while on the large playground, or other areas besides the designated areas.

## **Afternoon Pick-up Routines**

Thank you all for helping keep dismissal safe and smooth. We appreciate your willingness to be patient and picking up your students in the correct locations! Our teachers have also created a video of do's and dont's of picking up students.

You can check out that video here: [\*\*Pick-up Loop Instructions\*\*](#)

All K-8 students must be picked up at the Gravel Loop behind the Elementary and Middle School (unless riding the bus or at sports practice). The loop is single lane only—please pull forward, stay in line, and do not form a second lane. Use turn signals and exit slowly.

Families may park in the SFC lot and walk to the loop. Only Pre-K families may park by the Elementary playground (sign-out required). If you have students in both schools, you may park there, but all other students must still be picked up at the loop.

**Pick-up time is 3:05 to 3:25.** You will find students at the Gravel Loop.

- After 3:25, students are walked back inside to wait in the office where phone calls will be made.
- After 3:45, any students still waiting in the office will join the After School Program with Sarah Marlowe. After the second occurrence, the daily fee of \$15 per student will be applied.

# Mid School Matters

Office: 505-726-9675 Principal: Tara DeYoung, [tdeyoung@rcsnm.org](mailto:tdeyoung@rcsnm.org)

## Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Jan 16 - 6th Field Trip - Explora Science Center
- Jan 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Jan 21 - MS Bball Away @ Pine Hill - Girls B 4pm, Boys B 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm
- Jan 27 - MS Bball Away @ Crownpoint - Girls A 5pm, Boys A 6pm
- Jan 28 - MS Bball Away @ Ch'ooshgai - Girls B 4pm, Boys B 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm

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## This Coming Week's Schedule:

- Monday- MLK day, NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday- B day
- Wednesday- A day
- Thursday- B day
- Friday- A day

## District Spelling Bee

Huge congratulations to Christy Neilson and Jelome Gandia for winning 1st and 2nd place, respectively, at the district spelling bee this past week!

## Eligibility

This coming week, be sure to check your email on Tuesday for our first progress report. Thank you for partnering with us and your students to help them learn responsibility and how to keep track of their assignments and grades. All students know and are able to look up their own grades at any time through RenWeb.

## MS Basketball Admission

Admission prices for our home middle school games are \$4 for adults, \$3 for K-12 students, Military, Seniors 65+. If it is an away game at any GMCS school, admission is free. Thank you for supporting our middle school athletics!

# High School Highlights

Office: 505-726-9632 Principal: Seth Weidenaar, [sweidenaar@rcsnm.org](mailto:sweidenaar@rcsnm.org)

## New Mexico Dream Center and Tuesday's Chapel

Tuesday's chapel was led by Birga Alden from the [New Mexico Dream Center](#). The New Mexico Dream Center is a Christian organization that works with victims of human trafficking; Ms. Alden shared with us the realities of human trafficking in New Mexico and what can be done about these realities. This was a difficult message to hear. Yet as Christians this is a message we must hear; this is the chaos that God wants us to be working in; this is where God's love is desperately needed. Ms. Alden gave us several ways to reach out to our community that desperately needs to feel God's love. I encourage you to look at the New Mexico Dream Center's website and consider ways you could get involved. You can also contact Mr. Ruthven for more information about the New Mexico Dream Center.

Monday, January 19, is Martin Luther King Day. Dr. King was famous for challenging beliefs about how people were treated and how systems of oppression had been built in places that people did not suspect were working in nefarious ways. King's challenge to these beliefs and systems sought to replace God's intended human dignity to all people. This message was difficult to hear. Yet it is in line with the love that we were asked to share with those who the New Mexico Dream Center works with.

## Students Missing Classes

January brings several exciting opportunities for students to participate in sports, music, and many service opportunities. These opportunities often pull students from classes. When students miss class time, they are responsible for keeping up the work that happens in those classes. Teachers are more than happy to let students know what they will be missing; Google classroom is a great resource to keep up with all that happens in classes, so if you need to see what happened in your students' classes when they were gone, please ask them about what was updated on Google classroom.

## All State Choir & Band and Honor Band

Throughout the fall, many students who auditioned for All State Choir and Band were recognized in the parent news for being chosen to participate in these competitive groups. Those All State Choir and Bands will meet during January. For the next three weeks students will be traveling to participate in workshops and concerts; these events are usually highlights of the year for these students. We wish these students safe travel, and we hope that the work that they do will be rewarding in many ways.

## Snow Day

In the event of a snow day, the day (A or B) we return will be the day that was missed for the snow day. That is to say, if the snow day was a Wednesday, A day; the Thursday we return to school will be an A day, not a B day. If you have any questions regarding this, do not hesitate to contact the office.

## Homecoming

The Homecoming basketball game is scheduled for Friday, January 30. There will be many homecoming events planned by the alumni coordinator, and those events will be publicized in the Parent News and on social media. The high school students are planning several events for the week of homecoming; those events will be published in the parent news soon. In addition, students will be planning a homecoming dance on Saturday, January 31 from 7:30-10:30PM.

## **High School Counselor's Corner**

Camilla Lynch, [camillalynch@rcsnm.org](mailto:camillalynch@rcsnm.org) Office: (505) 726-9662

### Eastern New Mexico University

ENMU will hold an open house on Saturday, March 21, 2026. If you are interested in attending the open house please register at [www.enmu.edu/OpenHouse](http://www.enmu.edu/OpenHouse). The registration priority deadline is the Thursday before the event. If you have any questions, please contact (575) 562-2178 or send an email to [enrollment.services@enmu.edu](mailto:enrollment.services@enmu.edu).

### University of Nevada Las Vegas

Admissions Events

Rebel Preview (Spring)

- April 18, 2026

Rebel Red Friday (for non local students)

- January 21, 2026
- February 27, 2026
- March 27, 2026

Sign up for a campus visit. Campus visits are offered Monday - Saturday. Virtual visits experience are also available. Please visit [campusvisits@unlv.edu](mailto:campusvisits@unlv.edu).

Discover what it's like to be a Rebel by shadowing a current student. Attend a class, enjoy lunch, and explore the campus together. Student volunteers are excited to share their campus experience with you. Offered Monday - Thursday when classes are in session. Visit between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM.

### Spring SAT

For our 11th and 12th grade students, the Spring SAT is a crucial milestone. **Please note that the registration deadline is February 06, 2026, please stop by my office to sign up.** The test date will be announced in February 2026.

Please remember my door is open. Whether you have a question about a grade or just want to share a recent success at home, your feedback is vital to our team. I can be reached by email [camillalynch@rcsnm.org](mailto:camillalynch@rcsnm.org) or (505) 726-9662.

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

# Inside Scoop: Admissions & Community Life

Admissions Coordinator: Kristen Rousseau 505-726-9628, krousseau@rcsnm.org

## Admission Resources & Links:

- Family Portal: <https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/>
- District code in Family Portal is: RE-NM
- [Parent Volunteer Hour Form](#)
- [Back to School Packet](#)



**Admissions** will be opening for reenrollment this Friday, January 16th for families who are already enrolled. Please update all necessary information (phone numbers, addresses...etc.) Also, fill out the entire application along with Tuition Assistance (you can fill out even if you haven't received your current 1040 tax papers) and create your 26-27 FACTS account. These features will be on the application. ***Classes with the most re-enrollment will receive a class party!***

New Student enrollment will start on February 2nd. If you are interested in adding a sibling or know a family who's interested in applying to RCS, applications will be available online!

Any questions please contact, Kristen Rousseau at 505-726-9628 or at [krousseau@rcsnm.org](mailto:krousseau@rcsnm.org)



**Office of Dine Youth Scholarship:** The ODY Scholarship for the Spring 2026 semester is available now! The deadline for applications for RCS to take and submit on your behalf is Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 at 4pm. Thereafter, it will be the responsibility of the student and parent. Applications are available on our website: [2026 Spring ODY Applications](#). They will also be available at the High School with Ms. Begay and the Administration Building. Please return to either location!



#### **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. A quick reminder...volunteer hours are 10 per family.

**Please be sure to log your volunteer hours. Staff members and teachers will not be able to do it for you. Here is the [PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM](#).** If you would like more information: [CLICK HERE](#) or check out our section (page 27) in the [Back to School Packet](#).

#### **Upcoming Parent Volunteer Opportunities:**

- **Lunch servers** needed in the Fellowship Hall from 11:15am to 12:40 pm. Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up.
- **Volunteers** to run admissions for Middle School and High School basketball games. Here is the [LINK](#) to sign up.
- **Snacks for afterschool program.** Contact Sarah Marlowe for more details!
- **Providing Dinner** for the monthly school board meeting. If interested, please give at least a week's notice to Kristen Rousseau. School board meetings are the last Monday of each month

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If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Rousseau at 505-726-9628, by email at [krousseau@rcsnm.org](mailto:krousseau@rcsnm.org) or stop by my office at the administration building.

# Food Service

Food Service Manager: Dru Anderson 505-726-9616, [danderson@rcsnm.org](mailto:danderson@rcsnm.org)

Thank you to all the wonderful Volunteers that have come in this year to help serve. It has been a blessing, You all make it easier when it comes to serving the kids.

Our new adjustment has allowed us to serve hot food to our High school students. Thank you to those Volunteers who serve our students, If you want to Volunteer or know of anyone to help serve, please don't hesitate to contact us and earn your Volunteer Hours

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. Remember they can speak up and turn down a food item as long as they have three items on their tray, one being a fruit or vegetable.

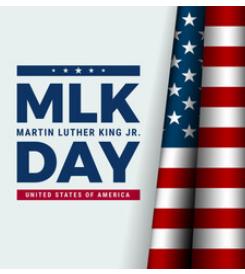
Just a reminder, we will be doing finger scans for all new students for counting lunch meals. All we need is one scan, and it is good for the rest of their time at Rehoboth. Once the student has graduated or leaves Rehoboth, their scan will be deleted

## ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6**



**January 19 - January 23, 2026**

January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23
No School	Pancake Wrap ,Fruit and Milk	Ham and Cheese Croissant , Fruit milk	French Toast Syrup, Fruit and Milk	Malt -O-Meal, Fruit and Milk
	Taco Tuesday Taco Meat, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Cookie, Fruit and Milk	Orange Chicken , Rice, Normandy , Fortune Cookie, Fruit and Milk	Breakfast for Lunch Sausage Pattie, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Pancake, Juice, Fruit and Milk	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk

# In Gear: Transportation

Transportation Manager: Darius Yazzie 505-726-9622, [dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org](mailto:dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org)

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.***

We are still in search of a substitute bus driver, please contact Transportation if interested for a great job opportunity!

Please make sure you review the [Snow Delay/Cancellation Policy and Procedure](#).

## Transportation Updates:

- Please be on time or at least 5-10 minutes early to your bus stop, being late delays the bus for everyone else on the route.
- Please have contact information updated in renweb for contact information, this is the best way to communicate delays, cancellations, and any updates during the bus route that may occur.
- Any lost items on the bus will be turned over to the High School at the lost and found location.

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

505-726-9675 for Elementary/Middle school  
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

## **Bus Schedule Links:**

[2025-2026 Bus Schedule](#)

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

# I Believe: Athletics

Athletic Director: Adrian Pete 505-726-9629, [adrianpete@rcsnm.org](mailto:adrianpete@rcsnm.org)



## Devotionals for athletes:

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

HS Boys and Girls Basketball has started. We need for more HS Girls to come out and make a JV team. Please see Coach Pete for more information.

Girls Basketball - Adrian Pete - [adrianpete@rcsnm.org](mailto:adrianpete@rcsnm.org)

Boys Basketball - Kevin Zwiers - [kzwiers@rcsnm.org](mailto:kzwiers@rcsnm.org)

Middle School Basketball is in full swing, Any questions please contact Coaches

MS Girls Basketball Heather Jones- [hthrnz@gmail.com](mailto:hthrnz@gmail.com)  
and TJ Rousseau - [trousseau@rcsnm.org](mailto:trousseau@rcsnm.org) or Kris Rousseau - [krousseau@rcsnm.org](mailto:krousseau@rcsnm.org)

MS Boys Basketball Nate Feddes - [nfeddes@rcsnm.org](mailto:nfeddes@rcsnm.org)  
and Todd Perkins - [tperkins@rcsnm.org](mailto:tperkins@rcsnm.org)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [adrianpete@rcsnm.org](mailto:adrianpete@rcsnm.org). Thank you and GO LYNX!

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, January 15	2:00 pm HS Boys Basketball Santa Rosa Tournament Rehoboth vs. Gateway (V) (see Bracket) 5:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball Rehoboth Tournament, Rehoboth vs. Oak Grove (V) (see Bracket)	
Friday, January 16	Rehoboth HS Girls Basketball Tournament (see bracket) (V) Santa Rosa HS Boys Tournament (see bracket)(V)	
Saturday, January 17	Rehoboth HS Girls Basketball Tournament (see bracket)(V) Santa Rosa HS Boys Tournament (see bracket)(V)	
Wednesday, January 21	3:00 / 6:00 pm HS Girls Basketball AWAY vs, Navajo Pine (JV,V) 4:30 pm / 7:30 pm HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Navajo Pine (JV,V)	MS Basketball AWAY vs. Pine Hill 4:00 pm - Girls B Team 5:00 pm Boys B Team 6:00 pm Girls A Team 7:00 pm Boys A Team

# Community Events

To share an event, please email information to [adminsec@rcsnm.org](mailto:adminsec@rcsnm.org) by Wednesday.

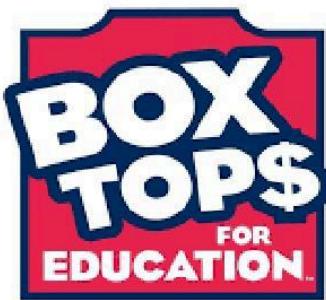
Rehoboth Christian High School Girls Basketball Tournament 2026					
		Rehoboth Christian			
		Thur 5:30 1/15			
		Oak Grove			
	Fri. 4:00 1/16				
		Hozho	Fri 7:00 1/16		
		Thur 2:30 1/15			
		NACA/Evangel			
	Sat 11:30 am			Sat 2:30 pm	
5th Place	1/17/2025	Pinehill		1/17	Champions
		Thur 7:00 1/15			
		Ramah			
		Fri. 2:30 1/16	Fri 5:30 1/16		
		Tse Yi Gai			
		Thur 4:00 1/15			
		Fort Sumner			
	Sat. 10 am			Sat 1:00 pm	
7th Place	1/17	Top Team - HOME		1/17	3rd Place
		Bottom Team - AWAY			
\$6.00 Adults and \$5.00 Seniors and K-12 Students					
January 15-17, 2026					

# 2026 MIGHTY LION BASKETBALL CLASSIC



19th ANNUAL  
JANUARY 15-17, 2026





The **Box Tops for Education** program is a fast and easy way for you to support the library. To date, we have earned **\$224** and we'd love your continued support through the end of this school year to reach our goal of **\$500!**

Here's how you can help:

1. **Buy Box Tops products!** Then, scan your receipt with the Box Tops app **within 14 days of purchase** and earn for “Rehoboth Christian School” with every Box Tops product you buy.  
*No matter where you shop, you can earn with Box Tops!*
2. **Refer your friends, family and other parents in the school to download the app.**  
You'll even get Bonus Box Tops for our school with each referral that successfully scans their first receipt.

### Start earning now!

Download the Box Tops app and make every shopping trip count.



3. **Connect your Box Tops and Walmart accounts!** When you buy Box Tops products at Walmart using the saved payment method in your Walmart wallet you'll earn for our school with no scanning required.

If you have any questions about how to support RCS through the **Box Tops for Education** program, please see Teacher-Librarian, Duane Yazzie, in the Navajo Code Talker Communication Center & Library. You can also email him at [dyazzie@rcsnm.org](mailto:dyazzie@rcsnm.org)

# Gallup Emergency Warming Shelter

December 22, 2025 to February 27, 2026  
7pm to 7am

FREE shelter to help everyone stay warm and safe:

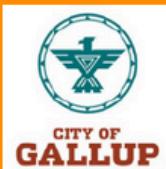
- Snacks, showers, and a warm place to sleep overnight
- Support and linkage to community care and resources
- Everyone is welcome, including men, women, children and families.

Longer Gallup Express Hours For  
Shelter Transport  
7pm to 11pm

EXTENDED EVENING LINE				
GIMC	7:00PM	8:00PM	9:00PM	10:00PM
PERRY NULL	7:06PM	8:06PM	9:06PM	10:06PM
2ND & AZTEC	7:10PM	8:10PM	9:10PM	10:10PM
ZECCA PLAZA	7:18PM	8:18PM	9:18PM	10:18PM
SAINT JOSEPH'S	7:26PM	8:26PM	9:26PM	10:26PM
SAFEWAY	7:32PM	8:32PM	9:32PM	10:32PM
BANK of AMERICA	7:39PM	8:39PM	9:39PM	10:39PM
SHOP & SAVE West	7:44PM	8:44PM	9:44PM	10:44PM
HOWARD JOHNSON	7:51PM	8:51PM	9:51PM	10:51PM

WEEKEND MORNING LINE				
HOWARD JOHNSON	6:30AM	7:10AM	7:50AM	8:30AM
SHOP & SAVE West	6:35AM	7:15AM	7:55AM	8:35AM
BANK of AMERICA	6:41AM	7:21AM	8:01AM	8:41AM
2ND & AZTEC	6:45AM	7:25AM	8:05AM	8:45AM
SAFEWAY	6:55AM	7:35AM	8:15AM	8:55AM

For transport questions or to request pick up:  
Call (505) 722-0777 or (916) 204-0093



 Howard Johnson  
Ballroom, 2915  
Historic Highway 66

 For any shelter  
questions, please  
call (505) 236-1841