



# Parent News

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## Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

“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.”

Some years ago, Betsy and I took our kids to Washington D.C. for Spring Break. It’s a great place to visit because 90% of the places you want to visit are free admission. The cherry blossoms were out, spreading bright pink swaths of color all over the city. We trekked 5+ miles every day, stopping at over a dozen monuments and museums. I had been to DC last in 1998, so there were several new things to see. One of the ones I was most looking forward to seeing was the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. Scattered on the walls of the memorial are numerous inspirational quotations from Dr. King, including the one above.

Dr. King knew that the plight of African Americans was not just a narrow problem. The discrimination they experienced was tied to injustice poured out on numerous people throughout the world. That perversion of the way things are supposed to be is an affront to God, and it should be upsetting to us as well. It should motivate us to be Justice Warriors, the way it did Dr. King as he dedicated his life to the cause of civil rights.

Our indigenous brothers and sisters have experienced great injustice over the course of American history as well. From talking to many of you, I know those wounds can run deep and elicit anger. The way we respond to injustice also bears witness to the kind of people we are and the kind of God we serve. It makes me think of another one of the quotations at the MLK Memorial: “Darkness can not drive out darkness. Only light can do that. Hate can not drive out hate. Only love can do that.”

The lesson that we learn time and time again from God’s Word is that His Kingdom doesn’t work the way the world expects. In His Kingdom, hate is met with love. Pride is met with humility. Power is met with weakness. And death leads to life everlasting. On Monday, as we take time to reflect on the legacy of Dr. King, remember his words. Remember our shared connection as Living Images of God Almighty, and remember that the best way to pursue justice and bring about change is to pour yourself out on behalf of others . . . because it’s only when we empty ourselves that we will be truly filled.

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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## Upcoming All School Events

- **Monday, January 20** - NO SCHOOL MLK Day - Staff Retreat Day
- **Tuesday, January 21** - Parent Information Night about Technology (7pm in the LC)
- **Friday, January 31** - HOMECOMING
- **Monday, February 3** - Parent Information Night about Technology (7pm in the LC)
- **February 10-14** - International Heritage Week
- **Monday, February 17** - NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

## All School Announcements

### Immediate Job Opening:

We are looking for a Head Cook. Please go to our website for more information or to apply.

### From the Business office:

As we start the second semester we hope to see first semester balances paid. Please stop by the business office to make a tuition payment if you have a balance. If unforeseen circumstances have happened please email [cbia@rcsnm.org](mailto:cbia@rcsnm.org) and [adminsec@rcsnm.org](mailto:adminsec@rcsnm.org) or stop by the office. Communication with the business office about first semester tuition balances is appreciated.

### Parent Volunteer Hours

An email was sent out in December with the balance of your service hours completed. If you have served some hours and they are not accounted for then you need to go in and submit them (teachers and staff cannot do that for you.)

Just a reminder that all families are required to do **10 hours** of volunteer service for the school year and to submit your hours. Each hour is worth \$15. Please refer to page 7-8 for ways to volunteer and also for the link to submitting your completed hours. You are responsible for submitting your own hours as RCS staff are not able to submit them for you. If you have any questions please contact Deanna Benson at [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9628.

### Upcoming Parent Information Nights about Technology

A great deal of research has come out in the past year about the impact of cell phones and social media on children. We will be hosting two separate parent nights to talk about what the studies show us, how you can set up helpful practices within your home, and what steps Rehoboth will be taking to ensure that all of our students stay as healthy as

possible. The one-hour events will take place at 7pm on Tuesday, January 21 and Monday, February 3 in the LC of the high school building. Parents will be credited volunteer hours for coming. We hope to see you there!

# Elementary News

## Spelling Bee!

Huge congratulations to Christy Neilson for taking home a massive 1st place trophy at the district spelling bee this past week!

## Mistakes

This morning I was having a conversation with a colleague about the mistakes we make as adults. When we own up to and acknowledge our mistakes, if we're met with anger, we're less likely to acknowledge and take accountability for them in the future, and I think that true for our students too. I subscribe to this newsletter from Dr. Amen of *Love and Logic*, and I found that I resonate with much of the following message:

Do your kids make enough mistakes? I'm afraid not.

Most kids need to make a lot more mistakes while they are young, when the consequences for those mistakes are small. We all know that the cost of making bad decisions grows with the age of kids.

One mother said it this way, "Far better that my child totals her tricycle when she's little. If I protect her from that, she'll be more likely to total the family car when she is a teenager."

One of the important core beliefs of Love and Logic is that every childhood mistake can be a learning experience provided there is no rescue from the consequences. When mistakes are handled with empathy and consequences, kids develop an internal voice that says, "I wonder how my next decision will affect me?" This is the gift of Love and Logic.

When parents do all the thinking, they rob kids of the opportunity to learn from their mistakes and send the message that the kids are not capable of figuring things out for themselves. Give your kids the can-do message: Let them do the thinking. When they learn from their mistakes they build character, strength, and confidence. However, this is not absolute. This does not apply when it has to do with loss of life or limb. In these situations, parents must intervene.

There are other situations when I would be willing to rescue a child from a mistake. It really doesn't hurt to rescue a child who is usually quite respectful, appreciative, and responsible. It feels good to help this kind of person and it can actually help reinforce relationships.

On the other hand, rescuing a demanding, unappreciative, and irresponsible person never feels good. And it does nothing to develop relationships and only reinforces irresponsibility.

For more tips on helping kids learn from their mistakes so that they can grow into responsible adults, listen to our audio, *Four Steps to Responsibility*.

## Toolbox Thursday

4th/5th graders will use a poem entitled **Pause** to help us take a pause (**Time -in or Time Away**) before we respond. This pause gives us power to make good choices. Check folders/binders for this poem and activity.

Kdg. -3rd will use a Remote Control to practice pausing and changing channels to help us to take time-in or time-away and make a good choice before responding to others. Check out the book **Hunter and the Amazing Remote Control** to help learn these skills. (You can find read-alouds on YouTube.)

**Leanne Gillson**

# Middle School Matters

## Integrated Water Unit

At the end of last semester, your 7th and 8th grade students worked hard to complete the Integrated Water Unit through scale models, research, and writing, all culminating in the Celebration of Learning Presentation night. And finally, when they were all finished, students had the opportunity to meet with the author of *The Healer of the Water Monster*, Brian Young. We, and Brian, were so impressed by our students' attentive and respectful posture throughout the zoom, thoughtful questions, and deep thinking.

We would like to hear some feedback from you on the Water Unit. Please take a moment to [fill out this survey](#) (only 3 questions!) to give our teachers a good pat on the back, and also some feedback that will help us make improvements.

## Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Jan 20 - MLK Day - **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Retreat
- Jan 21 - Technology Parent Night for all K-12 families, 7pm in the HS
- Jan 23 - ~~MS Bball Home vs Pine Hill~~ Cancelled
- Jan 23-24- District Honor Band
  
- Jan 30 - MS Bball Home -vs- Ch'ooshgai - Girls B 4pm, Boys B 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm
- Jan 30-Feb 1 - Youth All State

## 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. Any request made after this time may not be guaranteed.

## Snow and Cold Weather

Just a reminder that 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.

# High School Highlights

Our technology committee is planning two parent nights on January 21 and February 3. The technology committee's work can be summed up in John 10:10. This verse reads well in the English Standard Version, in this version Christ says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Christ addresses this statement to a group of Pharisees who were arguing with him about his healing of a blind man; Christ here is attempting to explain truth to them. Our technology committee has considered what is the truth of an abundant life, and we are very excited to share that truth and abundance with you on Tuesday, January 21 and Monday, February 3. Please make an effort to attend one of these two nights.

Our first grade report will come out Tuesday, January 21. Please be on the lookout for this report; this report will be the first report that will affect athletic eligibility. Please ask your student about their performance in classes so far.

Seth Weidenaar  
High School Principal

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# High School Counselor's Corner

## Scholarship Information

The application portal for multiple NMAA Scholarships is currently open. Please visit the NMAA website for eligibility information <https://www.nmact.org/foundation/scholarship-forms/> application deadlines for most scholarships is **February 1, 2025**.

Continental Divide Electric Cooperative's Education Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Please stop by the high school counseling office to pick up an application. The deadline to submit your applications is **Monday, March 31, 2025**.

## Navajo Nation Scholarship Reminder

Any student planning to apply for a scholarship with the Navajo Nation. Please remember the Scholarship office will ask for an original Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) upon submitting your application. Make some time to request an additional copy of your CIB from the Navajo Nation Vital record department.

## Spring SAT

Any juniors or seniors that would like to take the SAT this Spring, please stop by my office to sign up by February 7, 2025.

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

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

**Office of Diné Youth (ODY) Scholarship:** The ODY scholarship for the Spring 2025 semester is available now. Deadline for applications for RCS to take and submit on your behalf is **Wednesday, January 29th by 4pm**. Thereafter, it will be the responsibility of the student and parent. Applications are available [HERE on our website](#). They will also be available at the High School and administration office. Please return to Ms. Begay at the HS or the administration building.

**Multicultural Committee:** We are looking for parents interested in joining the multicultural committee to help with ideas and planning future events for our student body and community. We have many exciting days to plan for and you can also earn volunteer hours by joining or volunteering at a future event we sponsor. Get in touch with Verlena Livingston at [vlivingston@rcsnm.org](mailto:vlivingston@rcsnm.org).

#### **Advance Notice:**

Enrollment for new students will open up on Monday, February 3, 2025. If you are a current family and plan to add a new student for the 25-26 school year you will be able to do that through your family portal in renweb on or after February 3rd. Pre-K will also open their enrollment on February 3rd. Please go to [www.rcsnm.org](http://www.rcsnm.org) then to Pre-K admissions under the admissions tab to fill out the application. You can also request a tour there.

#### **Re enrollment:**

For all current families, re-enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on January 17th 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.***

#### **Re-enrollment Opportunities:**

We plan to set up at a few high school basketball games to give parents the opportunity to re-enroll their child(ren).

**High school basketball games-** January 21, January 28, January 31 and February 6



# VOLUNTEER

## 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 [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) or (505) 726-9628.

**[PVH link](#) to track hours- Please be sure to log your volunteer hours. Staff members and teachers will not be able to do it for you.**

1. We need help with the admission gate this weekend for the **girls basketball tournament** January 16-18. Sign up [2024/2025](#)
2. Check out our **teacher/staff amazon wish list**. If you would like to purchase an item. This would be credited toward your PVH. [Amazon Wish List](#)
3. Serving in the **lunch line** any day Monday through Friday 11:15-12:30pm. Sign up below. [Fellowship Hall servers](#)
4. We need help with the hospitality room with baked goodies, snacks, desserts and drinks for the girls basketball tournament this weekend January 16-18. If you would like to help by bringing a soup that would be great. Please reach out to [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) for more information.

# Food Service

Here at Rehoboth we offer healthy food choices for our kids , children are served vegetables, fruits, grain, dairy and protein, please encourage your children to eat foods that are served. And as always we want to thank our volunteers who help serve .

We will continue doing finger scans for all new students for counting 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. We do not want to see any food wasted this year! 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.

If you have any questions, praises, or suggestions, please feel free to reach me at [danderson@rcsnm.org](mailto:danderson@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9616. Here's to a wonderful school year!

***“I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it . They will be your for food Genesis 1:29***

**ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!**

## Menu Week of Jan. 20 2025 to Jan. 24, 2025

Monday Jan 20, 2025	Tuesday Jan 21, 2025	Wednesday Jan 22, 2025	Thursday Jan 23, 2025	Friday Jan 24, 2025
NO SCHOOL	COLD CEREAL W/ MUFFINS, FRUIT AND MILK	SAUSAGE W/ BISCUIT, FRUIT AND MILK	<i>Mini Pancakes</i> , W/ SYRUP , FRUIT AND MILK	BREAKFAST PIZZA, FRUIT AND MILK
MLK DAY	WALKING TACOS , W/TACO MEAT, LETTUCE, TOMATO, AND CHEESE , FRUIT AND MILK	ORANGE CHICKEN W/ FRIED RICE , PEAS, CARROTS, FRUIT AND MILK	SALISBURY STEAK, WITH MASHED POTATO,GRAVY, DINNER ROLL NORMANDY BLEND, FRUIT AND MILK	HOT DOG ON A BUN, FRIES , VEGGIE DIPPERS, COOKIE, FRUIT AND 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.*

Greetings everyone:

- Please remember to keep contact info updated in the Renweb systems, this is how we communicate when there are delays in the bus routes or during inclement weather.
- As always, please be early to your bus stop during the AM and PM Routes, it is always best to be at least 10 minutes early.
- Please remind and encourage your student about the bus rules that are posted within the bus. Rules are for **SAFETY** purposes.

See link below for 2024-2025 Bus Route Times:

[Current 2024-2025 Bus Routes](#)

[Current 2024-2025 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](mailto:dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager



# I Believe: Athletics

## WINTER SPORTS are here:

### Coaches Email

- Kevin Zwiers [kzwiers@rcsnm.org](mailto:kzwiers@rcsnm.org) - Boys Basketball
- Adrian Pete [adrianpete@rcsnm.org](mailto:adrianpete@rcsnm.org) - Girls Basketball
- Todd Perkins [tperkins@rcsnm.org](mailto:tperkins@rcsnm.org)- MS Boys Basketball (A team)
- TJ Rousseau [trousseau@rcsnm.org](mailto:trousseau@rcsnm.org)- 6th/MS Boys Basketball
- Keith Blystra [kblystra@rcsnm.org](mailto:kblystra@rcsnm.org) - MS Girls Basketball

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

**A Biblical Approach to Parenting your Athlete:** [CLICK HERE](#)

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, January 16	2:00 pm - HS Boys Basketball Santa Rosa Varsity Tournament Rehoboth vs. Mora 6:00 pm - Rehoboth Girls Varsity Basketball Tournament Rehoboth vs. Tse Yi Gai (see attached brackets)	MS Basketball AWAY vs. Hozho Academy 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A 7:00pm - Boys A
Friday, January 17	HS Boys Basketball Santa Rosa Tournament HS Girls Rehoboth Basketball Tournament	
Saturday, January 18	HS Boys Basketball Santa Rosa Tournament HS Girls Rehoboth Basketball Tournament	
Tuesday, January 21	4:00 / 5:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Tse Yi Gai (JV,V)	
Wednesday, January 22	5:00 / 6:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME vs Thoreau (JV,V)	

Thursday, January 23		MS Basketball HOME vs. Pine Hill 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A 7:00pm - Boys A
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# 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.*

## **Advanced Notice:**

### **The Sound of Music**

The Sound of Music sing along originally scheduled for Friday, January 17th has been postponed.

### **African Children's Choir**

Rehoboth and Bethany Christian Reformed Churches invite you to the African Children's Choir on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00pm at Rehoboth Church.

Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert. Come and enjoy songs, dance and a celebration of God's creativity!

We are excited that the African Childrens' Choir will also be able to share with some of the Rehoboth School classes on Thursday, January 30.

<b>Rehoboth Christian High School Girls Basketball Tournament 2025</b>					
			Rehoboth Christian		
			Thur 6:00 1/16		
			Tse Yi Gai		
		Fri. 4:30 1/17	Pine Hill	Fri 7:30 1/17	
			Thur 4:30 1/16		
			NACA/Evangel		
	Sat 12:30 pm				Sat 3:30 pm
5th Place	1/18/2025		Newcomb	1/18	Champions
			Thur 7:30 1/16		
			Oak Grove		
		Fri. 3:00 1/17	Ramah	Fri 6:00 1/17	
			Thur 3:00 1/16		
			Hozho		
	Sat. 11 am				Sat 2:00 pm
7th Place	1/18		<b>Top Team - HOME</b>	1/18	3rd Place
			Bottom Team - AWAY		
			<b>\$6.00 PER PERSON (Adults/Seniors and Students)</b>		
			<b>January 16-18, 2025</b>		

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