



Parent News

January 18, 2024



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Table Talk

Bob Ippel, Executive Director

Rehoboth Christian School is a parent-run school. The school board members are all current or former Rehoboth parents or grandparents and work together to make decisions that impact the future of Rehoboth. A few generations ago, both funding for the school and administrative decisions were made by Christian Reformed Church from its headquarters in West Michigan.

The financial involvement and impact made by Rehoboth families continues to increase. Twenty years ago, family tuition covered 35% of Rehoboth's operating budget and 51% of the budget was funded by the CRC and supporters. Today, 44% of our operating budget is funded by family tuition and just 33% by supporters. In addition, more and more parents give their time to the school. This year we anticipate parents will spend over 3,000 hours volunteering for their school.

As costs increase each year, including the need to provide teachers with COLA, Rehoboth will continue to slightly increase tuition. The Rehoboth Christian School Board has approved a modest monthly tuition increase for the 2024-25 school year. This monthly increase will range from \$10 - \$26 per child. We understand that this increase combined with other inflationary pressures may pose a financial challenge for some families.

However, I want to assure you that Rehoboth has resources available to assist families who may struggle with this increase. Thanks to families creating and growing Endowed Scholarship Funds, we are able to offer scholarships to families who need the extra help to be able to afford a Rehoboth Christian education.

Please take a minute to re-enroll today. One parent told me the whole process took 3 minutes. If you know you will need tuition assistance, take a minute to fill out the online tuition assistance application. We will open our doors to new families on February 1. Spread the word to your family, neighbors, and friends who you think would benefit from a Rehoboth Christian School education!

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Rehoboth Christian School. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a place of academic excellence and spiritual growth for all our students.

Bob Ippel
Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

- **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
- **Tuesday, February 13** - All School Talent Show 7:00 pm in LC
- **Monday, February 19** - NO SCHOOL- President's Day

All School Announcements

In the Dirt

Please join us on Tuesday, January 30 to view the documentary entitled "In the Dirt." The 6:30pm showing will be held in the High School LC. This 45 minute show highlights the transformational power associated with mountain biking as experienced on the Navajo Nation. We are excited that Rehoboth Christian School has piloted many of the biking initiatives that are now being implemented throughout the area. Attendees will have a chance to talk to some of the participants of "In the Dirt" and learn about Rehoboth's biking trails and a new NICA trail which is being created on the east side of the Rehoboth campus. Rehoboth is thankful for the inspiration of Rehoboth parent Scott Nydam who has been a moving force behind bringing biking to the Navajo Nation and to McKinley County.

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

If you haven't already, submit your survey response to be entered for a drawing 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!

Elementary News

Bullying: Love and Logic Webinar: Cliff Notes

Suggestions and Help for Parents wanting to Bully-proof their Kids

By Dr. Charles Fay (Love and Logic President)

And Dr. Daniel Amen (head of Amen Institute)

The bully triangle: Victim, Bully, Hero

When we jump in to rescue our child from bullying, the victim role continues to perpetuate. Avoid this by only rescuing when needed. Teach your child to react by using humor, calm and coolness.

As parents use what you can to support your child and help them go from the victim role to the victor role.

If you were unable to attend this webinar, Mrs. Gail DeYoung has [shared her cliff notes with us!](#) There are some really great take-aways from this. If you would like to watch the recording, you may do so with this [link](#). I encourage you to read over these notes and/or watch the webinar and have conversations with your students.

End of Day Check-outs

Please make sure that if you need to check your student out at the end of the day, that you are here at least one hour before the end of the school day. So, on Thursday check-out before 12:05, and other weekdays before 2:05. This helps our teachers and students finish their day strong without so many interruptions. Thank you!

Toolbox Thursday

Students are talking about using the Courage Tool at home with their siblings. We are proud of their willingness and strength to be brave amidst their fears. This week we will practice using Bible Verses, prayers, positive self-talk, Gospel Walkers Throughine, and asking for others for help to gain courage.

Leanne Gillson

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!

Middle School Matters

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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

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. This includes sports, the musical, band tour, etc.

Homecoming Game - Friday, February 9

In about three weeks, we will host our annual Homecoming basketball games as both the boys and girls teams take on Laguna Acoma High School. We hope you will all come out to enjoy the fun and fellowship of the evening. The Homecoming Dance will take place the following evening–Saturday, February 10. More information about tickets, etc. will be coming out next week. Go Lynx!

FAFSA Night

There's a new FAFSA form this year. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is required for seniors who want to be considered for financial assistance in attending college, trade school, or some credential programs. Next week Wednesday night (January 24), we will be available in the high school LC with laptop computers and snacks to help students and parents fill out the form online from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Drop in as you are able. Tax information from last year is required to fill out the form.

Contact our Academic Counselor, Mrs. Camilla Lynch, at camillalynch@rcsnm.org for more information.

Talent Show

The choir will be hosting an all school talent show on February 13 at 7pm. We are asking if parents would be willing to donate a special (fancy or decorative) dessert or silent auction item.

If you would be willing to donate an item please contact Anna Christensen at achristensen@rcsnm.org

Dan Meester, RCHS Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

FAFSA Night for Parents of Seniors - Next Wednesday!



For seniors applying to college, one of the keys to receiving financial aid is completing the FAFSA form. To help families do that correctly, we will host a FAFSA night for parents of seniors on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. We will be set up in the LC of the high school from 5:30pm - 7:00 pm with computers available to help anyone who needs it. Some important documents to bring would be your 2022 income tax forms, personal identification numbers for students and parents, and your cell phone.

Scholarships for Seniors

- 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.
- First Financial Credit Union Scholarship Application is now Open!
 - Must be a graduating senior in good standing, planning to attend a two or four-year, accredited New Mexico college or university, or currently enrolled at a New Mexico institution of higher learning.
 - Must be enrolled as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 hours and must have at least a 2.0 - grade point average.
 - Parent/guardian or student must be a member of First Financial Credit Union. Immediate family members of volunteers and staff are not eligible.
 - Completed application must be submitted by **midnight Wednesday, April 17th, 2024**.

Spring SAT Testing

If any Juniors or Seniors are interested in taking the SAT this spring, please stop by my office to sign up by **Friday, January 26, 2024**. 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 has begun. 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. Would you be willing to provide a meal for our cantabile choir on Monday nights at 6pm? If so please contact me.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Are you interested in helping with the upcoming talent show by donating a special (fancy or decorative)dessert or silent auction item? If so, please contact me for more details.



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.

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

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

- Casey Robinson



Food Service Line

Hoping everyone is adjusted and ready to conquer the Semester . 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 22, 2024 to Jan 26, 2024

Monday Jan 22	Tuesday Jan 23	Wednesday Jan 24	Thursday Jan 25	Friday Jan 26
Pan cake wrap, Syrup, Fruit , Milk	Biscuit Gravy w/ Sausage Crumble, Fruit and Milk	Mini Waffles, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Yogurt Cups w/ Granola , Fruit, Milk	Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk
Teriyaki Chicken , Rice, Steamed Cauliflower, broccoli, Fortune Cookie, Fruit, Milk	Bean Burrito, Salsa, Mexi-corn, Teddy Graham, Fruit, Milk	Pulled Pork on Hoagie bun, Baked Beans, Chips, Fruit, Milk	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potato w/ Gravy, California Blend, Roll, Fruit, Milk	Goulash w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Green Beans , 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.”

It has been a busy week in the Transportation Department! Thank you all for your understanding and patience during these times of change for some Bus Routes. Continue to be in prayer for our Bus Drivers.

A few important updates:

ZUNI/LUPTON/GALLUP Bus Routes- Please see the attached form for our “5 Bus Mode,” this has all the information with bus stop times and explanation of what the mode is.

[5 Bus Mode](#)

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](#)

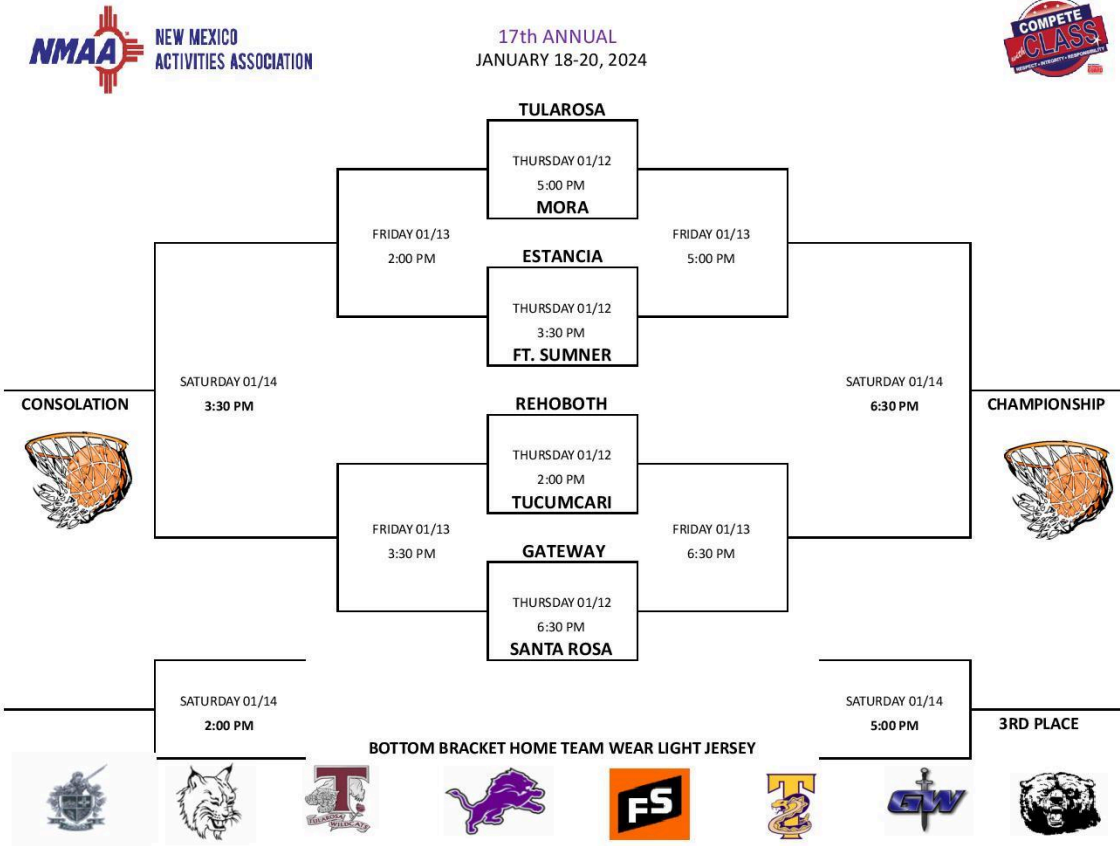


DATE	HS SPORTS	MS SPORTS
Thursday, January 18	2:00 pm - Boys Basketball Santa Rosa Tournament AWAY vs. Tucumcari (see attached bracket)	
Friday, January 19	2:00 pm - Boys Basketball Santa Rosa Tournament (see attached bracket)	
Saturday, January 20	2:00 pm - Boys Basketball Santa Rosa Tournament (see attached bracket) 1:00 pm - Girls Basketball HOME vs. Evangel Christian (V)	9:00 am MS Basketball AWAY vs. JFK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls B team 9:00 am Boys B team 10:00 am Girls A team 11:00 am Boys A team 12:00 pm
Monday, January 22	4:30 pm - Girls Basketball HOME vs. Zuni (JV,V)	
Tuesday, January 23	5:00 pm - Boys Basketball HOME vs. Crownpoint (JV,V)	
Wednesday, January 17		4:00 pm MS Basketball AWAY vs. Crownpoint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls B team 4:00 pm Boys 6th grade team 5:00 pm Girls A team 6:00 pm Boys A team 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 25	1:00 pm Girls Basketball Tularosa Tournament AWAY (V) Rehoboth vs. Hot Springs 5:00 pm - Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Thoreau (JV,V)	

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.

2024 MIGHTY LION BASKETBALL CLASSIC



You are invited to join us on Friday, January 19th at 6pm in the Grace Bible sanctuary for a free *Rich Mullins Legacy Concert*. Charles Lutz will be performing many of Rich's hit songs using a guitar, dulcimer, and banjo. If you are familiar with the music of Rich Mullins, this will be a great time to enjoy singing along. There is no charge for admission, but we will be collecting a voluntary love offering to give to Charles that will go to support his work at Indian Bible College in Flagstaff. Please invite your friends. We hope to see you there!

COMING UP

RICH MULLINS
Legacy Concert

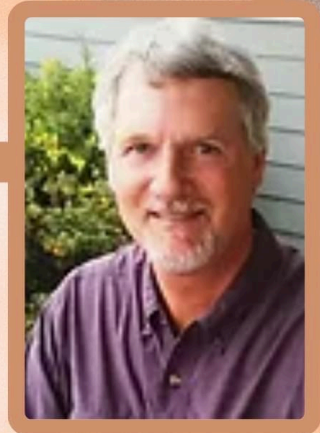
JANUARY 19.2024

Friday, 6pm at Grace Bible Church (222 Boulder Dr)

Performance by Charles Lutz

Free admittance

(A love offering will be collected to support Charles in his work at Indian Bible College)





TULAROSA

Game #4 January 25
6:30 P.M.

LOVING

Semi-Finals

Game #5
January 26
1:00 P.M.

REHOBOTH

Game #1 January 25
1:00 P.M.

HOT SPRINGS

Game #8
January 26
6:30 P.M.

Consolation Game #10
January 27 1:30 P.M.

Championship Game #12
January 27 6 P.M.

Consolation

Champion

COBRE

Game #2 January 25
5:00 P.M.

SHIPROCK

Semi-Finals

Game #6
January 26
2:30 P.M.

RUIDOSO

Game #3 January 25
2:30 P.M.

SILVER

Game #7
January 26
5:00 P.M.

7TH Place Game #9
January 27 12:00P.M

3rd place Game # 11
January 27 4:00 P.M

2nd Annual Vicky Lawrence Invitational January 25-27, 2024



Vigorously Academic | Beautifully Diverse | Thoroughly Christian



International Heritage week

Jan. 29 - Feb. 2

theme

Breaking Bread

Honoring the beauty of the many
cultures around the world

