



Parent News

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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director



“Over my head, I hear music in the air . . .”

These words begin the stirring Spiritual of the same name. You can click on the video link to the left or visit

<https://bit.ly/overmyheadsong>.

The song goes on to say that because of the music, “there must be a God somewhere!”

Over the months of January and February, our Rehoboth bands and choirs will participate in various all-state or district honor events. They gather together with other musicians from around the state to learn new pieces and celebrate the joy of music together.

We cherish our music programs here at Rehoboth, not just because they’ve been shown to improve brain development and academic performance in students, but even more so because they testify to the existence and nature of God Almighty. The beauty and order of music points to a Creator who provides us with reasons to take joy in life. And when our students participate in musical endeavors, they are reflecting the Image of God as co-creators with Him.

Congratulations to all of our choir and band students who are being honored for their achievements during this time of the year. Good Luck to our band as they compete at the state level, and best wishes to our high school choir as those students head out on a West Coast tour during the month of April.

But most of all, thanks for reminding all of us . . . and all of the people who listen to you sing and play . . . that there is, indeed, a God somewhere!

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **Monday, January 27 at 7 pm-** Alumni vs. Staff basketball game
- **Thursday, January 30 from 6-8 pm-** Homecoming Bonfire & TailGate Party
- **Friday, January 31 -** HOMECOMING
- **Monday, February 3 -** Parent Information Night about Technology (7pm in the LC)
- **February 10-14 -** International Heritage Week (student poster & poetry contest)
- **Monday, February 17 -** NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

All School Announcements

Re-Enrollment for Current Families is now available

Please go [HERE](#) to the family portal to re-enroll. *District code is re-nm.* If you don't remember your password you can reset it or call 505-863-4412 and we can do that for you. Thanks.

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 and 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 were not accounted for please 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 the volunteer section on ways you can volunteer as well as the link to submit your completed hours. If you have any questions please contact Deanna Benson at dbenson@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9628.

Upcoming Information Night about Technology

Thank you to the parents, staff, and students who attended our first Technology Information Night this past Tuesday! We have one more of these nights coming up on **Monday, February 3 at 7pm in the LC of the high school.** You'll hear

great information about the impact of cell phones and social media on children and what we can do to help our children and students flourish in school and in life. Parents will be credited volunteer hours for coming. We hope to see you there

International Heritage Week - February 10-14

In celebration of International Heritage Week, the multicultural committee will be hosting a Poster and Poetry Contest for all students (K-12th grade). Our theme is: ***Global Hospitality: Where Culture Meets, Hospitality Greet***s

Entry forms can be picked up at each school with Ms. Peywa or Ms. Begay. For the poster contest, we are supplying the poster and can also be picked up at the school. Deadline for submission is Monday, February 3rd and winners will be announced, Monday, February 10th.

[POSTER CONTEST INFO](#)

[POETRY CONTEST INFO](#)



Elementary News

Technology Parent Night

Come Monday, February 3 at 6pm in the high school LC to hear about steps we're taking here at Rehoboth, and steps that you can take at home, to help your student flourish in our digital world!

Sick Kiddos

We're seeing an increase in sick students at the front desk; if you know your child isn't feeling well (fevers, stomach bugs) at the start of the day when they wake up, please keep them home. We understand that it can be difficult to make arrangements the morning of; however, we want to keep those germs from spreading!

Toolbox Thursday

The elementary students are learning more about how to use the analogy of a Remote Control to control our behaviors and improve our learning.

We put up our hands and pretend to push the Fast Forward button to help us think about what might happen next. Sometimes this changes our behavior to prevent negative consequences. The Rewind button helps us go back and fix our behaviors if there has been a problem. You may want to try this at home as well,

Leanne Gillson

Middle School Matters

Technology Parent Night

Come Monday, February 3 at 6pm in the high school LC to hear about steps we're taking here at Rehoboth, and steps that you can take at home, to help your student flourish in our digital world!

Upcoming Events (MS only)

Homecoming Spirit Week (Dress-up days)!

Monday, Jan. 27: Denim Day AND Alumni vs. Staff bball game, 7pm

Tuesday, Jan. 28: Monochromatic Day

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Sports Team Day

Thursday, Jan 30: Twin/Triplet/Quadruplet Day

Friday, Jan 31: Lynx Spirit Day

- 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

High School Highlights

I enjoyed spending a few hours with several parents on Tuesday night for the Parent Night to discuss technology usage. Hearing about and sharing the struggles in our and our families' uses of technology was a great moment of community building. For several parents this evening gave a sense of the words to use and the specific areas that make our technology addictions so troubling. Most importantly, this evening gave many parents and families a better picture of what a flourishing life looks like, and what might be standing in the way of that flourishing life. There were several, simple suggestions for things to do to get everyone back to a flourishing life.

The technology night was closely related to the announcement I made for the students on Tuesday morning. On Monday, February 10, 2025 Rehoboth Christian School will become a phone free school. That means we will ask our students to store their phones in a secure location for the day. Please look for an official letter emailed to you later this week that contains the explanation and the policy. This new policy will bring us all to a place of flourishing.

There will be another technology night on Monday, February 3 at 7pm. Please consider attending this meeting; you will hear the case made as to why the constant use of cell phones is dangerous for our students and children. The meeting will also give you a sense of what you can do to replace the constant need for stimulation from a phone in your children. This will all be done with a large amount of discussion; you can get a sense of how other families are dealing with the issue. Please consider attending.

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

Congratulations to Tyler Bonaguidi who has been announced a finalist for the 2025 Daniels Scholarship! Please encourage and pray for Tyler as he prepares for the final round of the scholarship process.

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**.

Abbott and Fenner business consultants are pleased to be able to continue with our scholarship program for the 19th year. WE will be awarding \$1,000 to the winner(s) this year. Please see our website for full details. <https://abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.php>

STEM Opportunities

The University of Arizona Native American Science & Engineering Program application is now available. The Native American Science & Engineering Program (NASEP) is a FREE year-long program (summer program & year-long engagement) designed to provide Native American, Alaskan Native, and Hawaiian Native high school students with the necessary resources to enroll in college and pursue a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Please see the flyer attached for more information.

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

Junior and seniors interested in taking the SAT, please stop by my office to sign up by Friday, February 7, 2025.

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/>

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.

New Students for the 25-26 school year:

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 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 began on January 17th. A parent should have received an email.

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.

Re-enrollment Assistance Opportunities:

We plan to set up at a few high school & middle school basketball games to give parents the opportunity to re-enroll their child(ren). Look out for us!

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

Our Top 3 classes who are currently in the running to win the reenrollment competition.

1. *Kindergarten*
2. *3rd grade*
3. *1st grade*



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 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 still need some volunteers to sign up to help with the admission gate. Sign up here [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](#)

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 or 505-726-9616. Here's to a wonderful school year!

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing “ Psalm 23:1

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

Menu Week of Jan. 27 2025 to Jan. 31, 2025

Monday Jan 27, 2025	Tuesday Jan 28, 2025	Wednesday Jan 29, 2025	Thursday Jan 30, 2025	Friday Jan 31, 2025
Pancake Wrap , Syrup and Fruit and milk	Ham ,Egg and cheese croissant , Fruit and Milk	Cream of Wheat w/ berries, Milk	Breakfast Burrito, Tortillas, sausage crumbles, scramble eggs , fruit and milk	Bagels and Cream and Cheese, Fruit and milk
Chicken fajitas, Spanish Rice, Corn w/ pimientos, Fruit , and milk	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce , garlic bread, green beans , Fruit and Choc and white Milk	Tomato Soup with Grilled Cheese , Veggie Dippers, Fruit and Choc and White Milk	Sloppy Joe, on bun, w/ Cole slaw, Fruit and Milk	Corn dogs, w/ Seasoned Fries , Veggie Dippers, Cookies, Fruit Choc and Reg 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:

It has been a cold week for us in the Transportation Dept! Please pray for our drivers as they are coming in as early as 4:45 AM to get their bus warmed up and ready for the day's routes. Rest assured that all heaters are working in all buses. Please encourage your child to dress warm, especially if they are walking home from a bus stop.

- As always, please keep your phone numbers updated in RENWEB. Delays or cancellations are announced through our RENWEB system by a text message and by email.
- Reminder that there is no FOOD or DRINK allowed on the bus. Water bottles must have lids secure so no spill will occur while the bus is in enroute.
- Please continue to be 10-15 minutes EARLY to your AM and PM Bus Stop! There may be times when buses arrive earlier than usual.

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 or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager



I Believe: Athletics

SPRING SPORTS:

Is your son or daughter interested in joining Spring Sports? If so, please make sure they have a completed Athletic Packet turned in. Please also contact these coaches. Middle School Spring Sports will sign up with Mr. Arendsen during the new exploratory session.

HS Baseball - Ken Zylstra kzylstra@rcsnm.org Phone Number 505-726-9683

HS Softball - Crystal Pablo ccpablo21@gmail.com

HS Track - Chad Meekhof cmeekhof@rcsnm.org

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

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

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Friday, January 24	4:00 / 5:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME 4:00 pm -JV team vs. Miyamura JV 5:30 pm -V team vs. Tse Yi Gai V	
Saturday, January 25	11:00am / 12:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Bosque (JV, V)	
Tuesday, January 28	3:00 / 6:00 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Laguna Acoma (JV,V) 4:30pm / 7:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Laguna Acoma	
Wednesday, January 29	5:00 / 6:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME vs St Michaels (AZ) (JV,V)	
Thursday, January 30	4:00 pm - HS Girls Basketball (JV) AWAY vs. Gallup HS	MS Basketball HOME vs. Ch'ooshgai 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A 7:00pm - Boys A

Friday, January 31	<u>HOMECOMING VS. DULCE</u> 3:00 PM - Girls JV 4:30 pm - Boys JV 6:00pm - Girls Varsity 7:45 pm Boys Varsity	
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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 by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.



HOMECOMING KICK OFF ALUMNI VS STAFF BASKETBALL GAME

Admission: \$5 or more donation



**All proceeds benefit
Strengthening Nations
Non-profit Organization**



27 JAN	Rehoboth Sports and Fitness Center	7 PM
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HOMECOMING WEEK BONFIRE AND TAILGATE PARTY

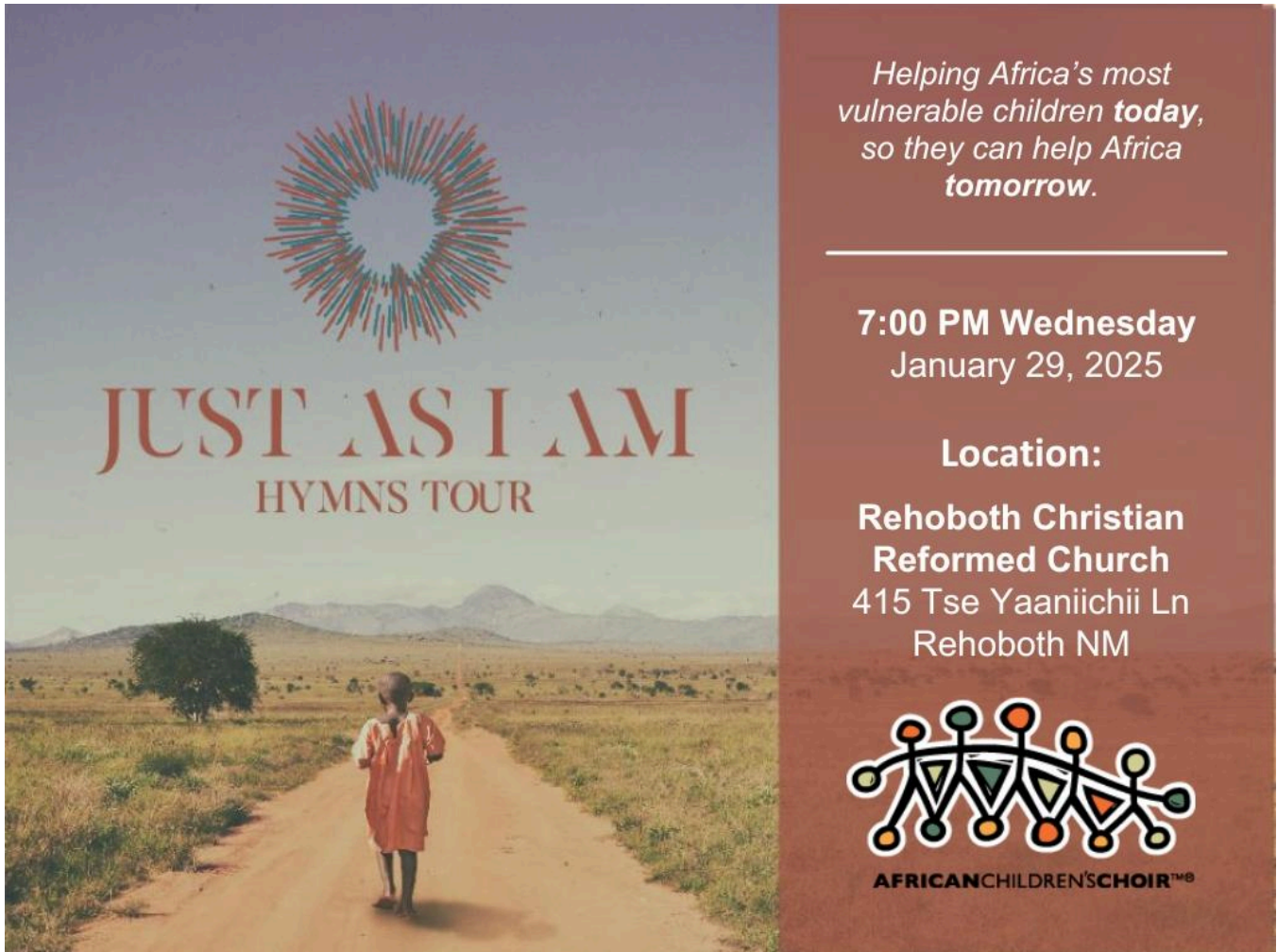


**Thursday, Jan. 30
6pm- 8 pm**

**ALUMNI, STAFF, CURRENT
STUDENTS & FAMILIES ARE ALL
WELCOME!**

Please bring your own S'mores and hot dogs


African Children's Choir

The poster features a photograph of a young child in a red dress walking away on a dirt road in a vast, open landscape with mountains in the distance. At the top center is a circular logo made of many thin, radiating lines in red and blue. Below the photo, the text 'JUST AS I AM' is written in large, red, serif capital letters, with 'HYMNS TOUR' in smaller, red, sans-serif capital letters underneath. On the right side, there is a dark red vertical panel containing white text. At the top of this panel is the mission statement: 'Helping Africa's most vulnerable children today, so they can help Africa tomorrow.' Below this is a horizontal line, followed by the date and time: '7:00 PM Wednesday January 29, 2025'. Then, the location is listed: 'Location: Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church 415 Tse Yaaniichii Ln Rehoboth NM'. At the bottom of the panel is the African Children's Choir logo, which consists of stylized human figures in various colors (red, green, yellow, blue) holding hands, with the text 'AFRICANCHILDREN'SCHOIR™' below it.

*Helping Africa's most vulnerable children **today**, so they can help Africa **tomorrow**.*

7:00 PM Wednesday
January 29, 2025

Location:
Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church
415 Tse Yaaniichii Ln
Rehoboth NM



AFRICANCHILDREN'SCHOIR™

The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will be performing at Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 pm. The African Children's Choir is celebrating its 40th anniversary during their U.S. Tour, marking four decades of transforming lives through the power of music, education and hope. Comprised of children ages 8 to 11, the African Children's Choir will share their *Just As I Am Tour* which combines traditional hymns with African cultural sounds and a stunning visual story of God's faithfulness. Don't miss out on this uniquely immersive experience through song, dance and video storytelling. No tickets are required, though a free will offering will be taken to support the work of the choir.

Come and enjoy songs, dance and a celebration of God's creativity! We are excited that the African Children's Choir will also be able to share with some of the Rehoboth School classes on Thursday, January 30.

FYI - If this date doesn't work they will also be doing a concert at Grace Bible Church, 222 Boulder Rd., Gallup on Friday January 24th at 7:00pm.



Native American Science & Engineering Program



June 8-14, 2025
University of Arizona

Learn more at
nasep.arizona.edu

FREE year-long program (summer program & year-long engagement) designed to provide Native American high school students with the necessary resources to enroll in college and pursue a career in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).



Professional: Network with Indigenous professionals from Raytheon and IBM

Mental: Build a computer

Environmental: Visit the Biosphere II

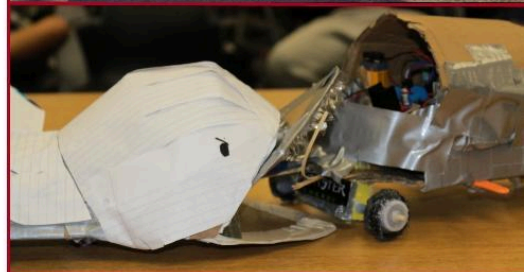
Emotional: Capture the experience through digital storytelling using the technology device gifted to participants

Physical: Play sports at the University Recreation Center

Cultural: Discuss Indigenous land stewardship and how this knowledge applies to STEM

Social: Team-build during a ropes course

Spiritual: Participate in an opening and closing blessing of the program



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