



Parent News

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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

Yesterday was my wife's birthday.

We took her out to dinner when we were home from school and basketball practice, and it was a nice meal at Anthony's here in Gallup. We picked up some dessert to enjoy on the way home, and when we got back to the house, there was a surprise waiting. My wife had ordered three sweatshirts for herself and our two kids from a company called the [Happiness Project](#). Betsy believes deeply in their mission to help erase the stigma surrounding mental health issues and to equip people with knowledge and tools to improve their mental health.

Their work is creative, fun, and important. Check them out if you have time.

But if I'm honest, part of me is sad that a company like the Happiness Project even has to exist. The fact is, mental health needs amongst all people in this country . . . but especially amongst young people . . . are higher and greater than they've ever been. That's hard, but it's reality.

One of Rehoboth's throughlines is *Justice Warriors*. Justice Warriors are people who recognize when things aren't right—when personal, organizational, or societal circumstances hurt people that the Lord intends to have flourish. And then, Justice Warriors do something about it.

Later this month, we're going to have our first of two parent information nights about some of the increased mental health challenges tied to the way we as adults and as young people interact with technology. You can find the dates and times here in the Parent News, but we'll be communicating in further detail about them in the days and weeks ahead too.

I hope you can attend one of the evenings. I know I speak for all of us at Rehoboth when I say that we absolutely love your kids. We want them to flourish as the Lord intended. They motivate us to get up every morning and give our very best effort in our work. We cheer on their successes with you, and we hurt when they hurt—just like you. Your partnership and trust in the education of your children means the world to me, and I look forward to speaking with you at our upcoming events.

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

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 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 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

Welcome Back

As we embark on a new year and semester, we extend a heartfelt welcome back to all our students and families! We are filled with gratitude for the blessings of our vibrant community and the support we receive from each of you. It is through our collective efforts and shared values that we create an enriching environment for our children to learn and grow. We are so grateful to serve a God who provides us with the strength and guidance needed to navigate the challenges and triumphs of the academic semester ahead. Together, let us foster a spirit of collaboration, encouragement, and faith as we strive for excellence in all that we do. Here's to a successful and fulfilling semester ahead!

World's Finest Chocolate for Sale!

The 4th Grade Class is fundraising right now. They have begun selling chocolate bars for \$1 each. They are selling before and after school. Please help spread the word! It would be much appreciated. The fundraising helps pay for the cost of their field trip to Santa Fe and Glorieta Christian Camp.

Toolbox Thursday

Happy New Year! **Taking Time Tool** is our focus this week. Focusing on Taking Time- In order to reflect on how our body, mind and heart is feeling. As we take this time we will also calm down and make a plan for continued success in our learning and our friendships. 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will learn to use the 5 Senses Grounding Technique. A handout will be sent home for your use as well.

Leanne Gillson

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.

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.

Middle School Matters

Welcome Back

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Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Jan 13 - MS Bball Home -vs- Shiprock NW - Girls A 4pm, Boys A 5pm
- Jan 16 - MS Bball Away @ Hozho - Girls B 4pm, 6th Boys 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm
- Jan 20 - MLK Day - **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Retreat
- Jan 23 - MS Bball Home -vs- Pine Hill - Girls B 4pm, Boys B 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm
- Jan 30 - MS Bball Home -vs- Ch'ooshgai - Girls B 4pm, Boys B 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm

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Snow and Cold Weather

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High School Highlights

Unlike the first semester, the second semester starts with a number of events happening in the first week. This week there are several basketball games and All State Festivals for choir and band. All this activity reflects the many talents our students have, and the hard work they have shown, so the busyness brings out a great amount of pride too. Not far off is homecoming and the busyness that goes along with that.

To add to the events that are going on, I would like to invite you to an event to discuss and think about the use of smartphones, screens, and all types of technology and how RCS would like to work with you to establish healthy habits for your students. We will be having the same event two nights in the future, and those nights are Tuesday, January 21 and Monday, February 3 at 7PM. Please make an effort to attend one of these two evenings; you can count your attendance toward your parent volunteer hours too.

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

Congratulations to all of these band students that were selected for various honor bands!

Lawrence Andrade, Diya Krygsheld, Chloe Frederiksen, Kaity Thomas, Chase Lynch, Ellen Zwiers, Molly Aresenault, Meg Zwiers, Katelynn Mike, Deiyanera Franklin, Thijs Meester, Simon Frederiksen, Sam Newell, Jonah Jones, Chris Armstrong, Jayden Jensen, Katron Birky, Evie DeYoung, Anaya Ippel, Jude Cavanaugh, Aliyah Sanchez, Janelle Etsitty, Jase Woody, Lalayna Halona, Olivia Null, Jonathan Feddes, Malachi Nez, Nico Cousens, Joel Zwiers.

High School Counselor's Corner

The Fidelity Scholars Program is for historically underrepresented students from New Mexico, and a few other states. It is a last dollar scholarship that covers the remaining need after financial aid has been disbursed to the student. It can be used at any institution in the state (public or private) where the student resides and is for students with GPAs that are between 2.5-3.5. The application deadline is January 30.

NMAA Foundation Scholarships for athletics and activities. Applications are due February 1.

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.

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 20th 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 Student Application for 2nd Semester: Applications for the second semester at Rehoboth are now open. If you are interested in adding a new sibling you can apply within your Family Portal account (link above). If you know anyone interested in transferring, please have them contact the Admissions Office and speak with Deanna Benson, the Admissions Coordinator. We are also giving campus tours.

Advance Notice:

We plan to open up re-enrollment for the 25-26 school year at 5:00pm on January 17, 2025. 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.



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.

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1. Basketball season has begun please sign up to help with the admission gate.
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](#)

Thank you for completing your parent volunteer hours:

Peter and Kari Ippel
Dariquetta Chavez
Sharmayne Holman
Severan and Carmalleta Lee
Yolanda Epaloose
Beulah Vaz and Daniel Krygsheld
Kristopher and Kelly Touchine
Jotham and Marie Ippel
Terrance and Brenda Mike
Anthalina Lincoln and Chance Sherman
Esperanza Sanchez and Ronal Milachay

Food Service

Happy New Year ! The kitchen staff and I are looking forward to serving you delicious wholesome meals this 2nd semester of the school year.

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!

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

Menu Week of Jan. 13 2025 to Jan. 17, 2025

Monday Jan 13, 2025	Tuesday Jan 14, 2025	Wednesday Jan 15, 2025	Thursday Jan 16, 2025	Friday Jan 17, 2025
Oatmeal w/ raisins Fruit and Milk	Tortilla w/ Eggs, Potato , fruit and milk	Cream of Wheat w/ Berries , Milk	Bagels w/ Cream Cheese, Applesauce , Milk	Yogurt w/ Muffins Fruit and Milk
Spaghetti w Meat Sauce , Cheese Bites, Green Beans Fruit and Milk	Pinto Beans w/ Cornbread , Salad , Fruit and Milk	Chicken patty on Croissant w/ Corn on cob , Fruit and Milk	Teriyaki Chicken w/ Fried rice , Veggies, fruit and Milk	Hamburger on buns w/ Cheese, lettuce, tomato, Spiral fries, 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 and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 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 or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager



I Believe: Athletics

WINTER SPORTS are here:

Coaches Email

- Kevin Zwiers kzwiers@rcsnm.org - Boys Basketball
- Adrian Pete adrianpete@rcsnm.org - Girls Basketball
- Todd Perkins tperkins@rcsnm.org - MS Boys Basketball (A team)
- TJ Rousseau trousseau@rcsnm.org - 6th/MS Boys Basketball
- Keith Blystra 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 9	GAME CANCELLED: HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Alamo Navajo (JV,V)	
Friday, January 10		MS Basketball HOME vs. Hozho Academy 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A 7:00pm - Boys A
Monday, January 13		MS Basketball HOME vs. Shiprock NW 4:00pm - Girls A 5:00pm - Boys A
Tuesday, January 14	3:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Tohajiilee (V) 5:00 / 6:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Zuni (JV,V)	
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	MS Basketball AWAY vs. Hozho Academy 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A 7:00pm - Boys A

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.

Advanced Notice:

The Sound of Music

Have you seen The Sound of Music? Do some of the songs of that classic still run through your head? Well, whether you have seen it or not, you are invited to a celebration at Rehoboth Church on Friday, January 17 where we will watch and sing along with the movie, enjoy food together and even have a Sound of Music costume contest.

Appetizers will be at 5:30 with the dinner and movie beginning at 6:00 pm. The winners of the costume contest will be announced during an intermission in case you can't stay for the whole movie. We hope you will join us. To help us plan for food, please text Beth Kuiper at 616-634-9400 or email Bob Ippel at bippel@gmail.com. Please RSVP by January 12. The hills are alive with the sound of music! And so will be the walls of Rehoboth Church on January 17.

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.

Rehoboth Christian High School Girls Basketball Tournament 2025						
			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		Top Team - HOME	1/18		3rd Place
			Bottom Team - AWAY			
			\$6.00 PER PERSON (Adults/Seniors and Students)			
			January 16-18, 2025			

2025 MIGHTY LION BASKETBALL CLASSIC



18th ANNUAL
JANUARY 16-18, 2025

