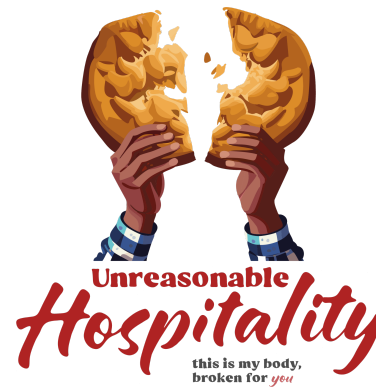




# Parent News

## OCTOBER 3, 2024



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## Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

I was recently talking with Ron Polinder, former Rehoboth Executive Director, about Parent-Teacher Conferences coming up. He had a great story about how they began here, and I'd like to share it with you this week:

In 1974, I was appointed part-time Elementary Principal at age 27. Our little staff consisted of four young teachers and two veterans. We were concerned by our lack of contact with parents, so we naively decided to have Parent-Teacher Conferences—never done before at Rehoboth. Some of the campus veterans were quick to offer their skepticism. Most kids were still boarding students, and parents were reluctant to come into the school—that was white man's territory.

But we thought if we could get the kids on our side, we could make this happen, so we promised the students some different rewards. For 50% of the parents coming, we'd give an afternoon off to watch a movie. For 60%, we'd add popcorn; and for 70%, the students could have coke. The kids enthusiastically bought into it.

But what if parents stayed in their pick-ups, hesitant to come into the building? I told the teachers I would keep an eye on the parking lot, and if parents were just sitting there, I wanted the staff to go out and knock on their windows, hand them the report card, and try to engage them in conversation. They were reluctant, but they did it!

Sure enough, our first effort yielded a 70% turnout—thrilling us and our students. The bigger victory was the start of a practice of involving parents in the education of their children. Over the next few years, the parents began to feel comfortable coming into "their" school. It wasn't long before we had 90%, and then a 100%. The high school also started P-T Conferences, never getting quite the high percentages, but still very worthwhile.

There was one other part to those conferences: the tradition of Navajo Taco Suppers. The dining hall and kitchen were viewed as white man's territory, but we began to break that down. White folks couldn't make frybread, so we needed those Native moms and grandmas. The white ladies would cut up the lettuce and tomatoes, but the beauty was all the people working together in the kitchen, laughing, sharing, and becoming friends.

Today the campus is full of parents, interacting, volunteering, and participating in their children's education. From a humble beginning, Rehoboth parents can now be fully engaged with teachers. In two weeks, they'll be looking forward to a campus teeming and teaming, (100%?) in the education of Rehoboth students. That is what we do around here!

Ron Polinder, Retired Principal and Superintendent

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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## **Upcoming All School Events**

- **Friday, October 4** - Fall Carnival 4:00-7:30 pm SFC, Navajo Taco Dinner in Fellowship Hall 5-7pm
- **Monday, October 14** - Indigenous Day
- **Monday, October 14-16** - Indigenous Spirit Week
- **Tuesday, October 15- Wednesday, October 16** - Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- **Thursday, October 17 - Friday, October 18** - NO SCHOOL Fall Break

## **All School Announcements**

### **Fall Carnival, October 4**

Rehoboth's Fall Carnival is on Friday, October 4! The annual fall carnival includes games, a bake sale, and a Navajo taco dinner and will take place at the Rehoboth Christian School's Sports and Fitness Center and Fellowship Hall. Tickets for games will be 4 for \$1.00. The Navajo taco dinner will be \$10.00 for a meal. The carnival will go from 4-7:30pm and the dinner will be from 5-7 pm. All proceeds from the carnival will benefit the bands and choirs of Rehoboth Christian School. Spread the word and come on out to Rehoboth and enjoy a night of great fun with your family!

### **High School Band Concert**

The Rehoboth Christian High School Band will present their fall concert on Monday, October 7 at 7pm. The concert will take place in the LC of the high school. Come enjoy an evening of music!

### **Immediate Opening for a High School English Teacher**

We are sad to announce that Ms. DeLyssa Begay will be leaving Rehoboth to take care of an important family matter as soon as possible. She has graciously agreed to stay on in her position until the end of the semester, but it would be preferable to leave earlier if we can find someone sooner. Please share this need with anyone you know who might be interested and have them contact Mr. Meester at [dmeester@rcsnm.org](mailto:dmeester@rcsnm.org) or (505) 726-9623.

# Elementary News

## Carnival Expectations

Please make sure to communicate with your students that we expect them to be picked up after school at the normal time, or ride the bus home. Students will not be allowed to hang out unsupervised after school until the carnival starts.

## Toolbox Thursday

Today we practiced empathy by playing an Empathy Game. We acted out different feelings with our bodies. We showed empathy for others by asking, "Do you feel (sad, nervous, scared, mad, etc.)? ALL FEELINGS ARE OK! So we didn't try to fix any feelings. We did ask which coping mechanisms might help the student continue learning and loving. Check your child (ren)'s school folders for coping strategies/skills that might be helpful when big feelings occur.

***Leanne Gillson***

## Wax Museum!

Our fourth and fifth grade students have been working hard researching, writing, and preparing their costumes for their presentations. They are planning to share with their elementary peers during school **Tuesday, October 8th** and again for families later that evening **at 6:30 PM**. Please come and show your support for this fun family event!

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be Oct. 15th and 16th from 4-8pm each day. Both days will be full school days; Thursday and Friday, Oct. 17 and 18 there will be no school. A Google Form will be sent out next week so that you can sign up for a specific time slot to meet with your student's teacher.

## 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.

## Early Release

Just a reminder that our bell for dismissal rings at 1:35pm on Thursdays.

## Elementary and Middle school Drop-off/pickup

If you are dropping off or picking up elementary and middle school students, please use the parent loop past the church and behind our building. This is where our person on duty monitors students and ensures that all students are picked up.

For the afternoon, students who are not picked up within 15 minutes are brought back inside to Mrs. Pewya, who then begins calling the student's pick-up contacts. Students may not wait at the Elementary Playground.

# Middle School Matters

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## Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Oct 5 - MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Gallup
- Oct 7 - MS Volleyball Home -vs- Crownpoint Comm - Games @ 5pm and 6pm
- Oct 11 - MS Volleyball Tournament (A Team only) - More details TBA
- Oct 12 - MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Zuni

## After School Friday Detentions

According to the handbook, after 5 tardies in a quarter a student will receive detention, and every 3 tardies after that (8, 11, 14, etc). Students may also receive a Friday detention for minor disciplinary infractions. Dan Arendsen, our lead teacher, will communicate with the students and families of those on the list for the week.

# HABITUDES

This week Middle School had small group discussions on “Root and Fruit” by discussing the value of “Accurate Self-Perception.” This value explores the competencies of **Self-Awareness**: The ability to accurately recognize one’s emotions and thoughts and their influence on behavior. This includes accurately assessing one’s strengths and limitations and possessing a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism. It also looks at self perception: **Accurate self-perception** is not only seeing yourself for who you really are, but also embracing your unique characteristics, abilities, and shortcomings in order to build confidence in yourself and maintain an optimistic outlook on life.

Think of a beautiful tree, especially one that bears fruit like apples, oranges, or some sort of flower. When you do, it’s easy to skip to the best part, the fruit. But what you probably already know is that the fruit on that tree was the last thing to grow. Trees put down roots first, then they grow a tall, sturdy trunk, and finally, when the time is right, the fruit shows up. The fruit is a result of the growth that has occurred before.

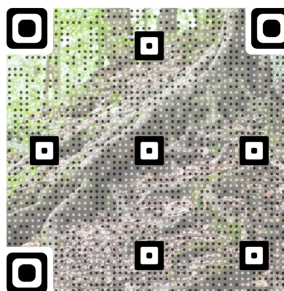
Leaders must grow the same way. They prioritize putting down stable roots (setting their values), growing a tall trunk (your strengths and talents), and then bearing fruit (results of their work and growth).

The root must come before the fruit. Let’s learn more about the power of priorities.

See the [parent card](#), and ask your student about it! Students can also access their [digital flash cards here](#) or scan this QR code.

Scan and  
Take This  
Lesson with  
You

QR CODE



# High School Highlights

My job offers me the wonderful opportunity to visit classes in the high school. I am almost always drawn into the learning, discussions, assignments, and projects that are happening in these classes. This week I visited a Bible class that was celebrating their version of *Rosh Hashanah*. *Rosh Hashanah* is the Jewish New Year celebration; in this celebration people would traditionally get together to recite prayers and songs, and they would ponder the things within themselves and their relationships that needed to be worked on. Those things that needed to be worked on would be written upon papers and then cast off into water; the sins and hard feelings would disappear into the water in a symbolic representation of the wonderful words of Micah 7: 18-19. The Bible class did this! They threw their iniquities into a bucket of water and watched as the ink and paper slowly faded and disintegrated. As God has promised to do, let us do in our families and communities.

Seth Weidenaar  
High School Principal

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## HABITUDES

This week the High School split into small groups to continue the value of “Stress Management and Self Care”.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

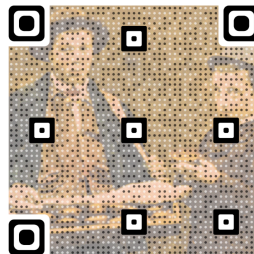
Using a dull ax requires great strength,  
so sharpen the blade.

That’s the value of wisdom;  
it helps you succeed.

**Take Action: What is one action step you can take in the next few days for your self-care or personal growth?**

See the “Habitudes at home” parent card [here](#). Students can also access their [digital flash cards](#) or scan this QR code.

Scan and  
Take This  
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# High School Counselor's Corner

Hello Families,

- **SAT Information**

- All seniors taking the SAT will need to pay \$35.00 by October 14, 2024. Payment can be made at the high school or administration offices.
- Khan Academy has some great resources to help you prepare for the upcoming SAT. See the link provided for more information. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

## **Scholarship Opportunities**

1. The Daniels Scholarship Application is now open until October 18, 2024. Please visit the [DanielsFund.org/scholarships](https://DanielsFund.org/scholarships) for more information.
- 2.

## **Career/College Fair**

We will have a career/college fair on October 16, 2024. We will have many guest speakers from different career backgrounds and we will also welcome 15 colleges from the surrounding areas.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly by email at [camillalynch@rcsnm.org](mailto:camillalynch@rcsnm.org) or call me at (505) 726-9662.

# Inside Scoop

Community Life & Admissions

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

**ACE Scholarship recipient(s):** If you received the ACE scholarship for the 24-25 school year you may have received a letter from ACE asking you to write a thank you card or letter. If you did please don't forget that your thank you card/letter is **due October 11th!** If you need any cards to write this thank you or help completing this please reach out to Deanna Benson [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) or (505) 726-9628 or stop by the administration office.

**Donor Scholarships:** Will be available soon and copies will be with Ms. Begay at the High School, and Ms. Peywa at the Elementary and Middle School. A link to our internal scholarship webpage will be provided if you would like to download. Please review the scholarship application to see if your child is eligible.

**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).

**FACTs tuition statement:** All tuition statements will now be sent by email through the FACTs system. If there are any adjustments made to your tuition account, you will receive an email.





## 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. **Baked goodies are needed for the Fall Carnival** this Friday October 4. If you would like to donate all items need to be dropped off at the high school office Friday October 4.
2. Serving in the **lunch line** any day Monday through Friday 11:15-12:30pm. Sign up below.  
[Fellowship Hall servers](#)
3. We have one more month of soccer and volleyball games. Please sign up to help with the admission gate.  
[2024/2025 Home Sports/Admission Gate Volunteer Schedule](#)
4. 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](#)
5. The **after school program** is in need of snacks for students. All items must be individually packaged. If you bring snacks you can count this towards your PVH. You can drop snacks off at the elementary school.
6. If you would like to help in the **concession stand** during a game. Please contact me for details.
7. Candy, small bags of chips, hotdogs, hotdog buns, bottle water and gatorade. These are all items that can be donated for the concession stand. All items donated can be counted towards your PVH.

# Food Service

Just a reminder ALL KIDS EAT FREE for both Breakfast and Lunch! Breakfast is available at 7:30AM at the HS Concession Stand and Lunch will continue to be in the Fellowship Hall.

Lost and Found ; Please encourage your kids to look where the coat rack is in the Fellowship Hall for their hat, coat or pullover if they are missing one.

We will continue 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, 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!

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

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ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

Menu Week of October 7, 2024 to Oct 11, 2024

Monday Oct 7, 2024	Tuesday Oct 8, 2024	Wednesday Oct 9, 2024	Thursday Oct 10, 2024	Friday Oct 11, 2024
<b>Boil Eggs, w/ Toast and Jam , Fruit and White Milk</b>	<b>French Toast w/ Syrup Fruit , White Milk</b>	<b>Ham, Egg, Cheese Croissant, Fruit, White Milk</b>	<b>Breakfast Pizza ,fruit and white Milk</b>	<b>Biscuit and Gravy Fruit,and white Milk</b>
<b>Hamburger on Bun, Oven Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese (option) Fruit , White/Choc Milk</b>	<b>Baked Chicken Drumsticks, Mac/Cheese, Mixed Veggies, Fruit, White and Choc Milk</b>	<b>Walking Tacos Doritos,Taco Meat Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Corn, Apple Empanadas, White and Choc Milk</b>	<b>Chicken Sandwich w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Chips, Fruit White and Choc Milk</b>	<b>Pizza with Rehoboth Salad, Tiger Bites, Fruit , White and Choc milk</b>

RCS is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change due to product availability.

# 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, a few reminders and updates to share;

- As the weather gets chillier in the morning, rest assured that all our bus heaters are working and keeping the students warm during their time on the bus.
- If there are any route changes you need to make for your child/student, please call Val Peywa or Shawna Begay to notify them. For long-term changes, you can contact the Transportation Office by email or by phone.
- Please be on time to your Bus Stop. It is best to be at your bus stop 5-10 minutes earlier than the posted time on the schedule.

**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

Here are our coaches contact information:

## CONTACTS:

Volleyball coach, Char Chapman: cchapman@rcsnm.org

Boys Soccer coach, Phil Frederickson: frederiksenphil@gmail.com

Girls Soccer coach - Neil Weeda: nweeda@rcsnm.org

HS and MS Cross Country coach, Autumn Newell: ajnewell@rcsnm.org

Middle School Volleyball coach, Candace Yazzie: cyazzie@rcsnm.org

## FALL SPORTS Reminders:

Rehoboth Christian School requires a completed RCS sports packet with a physical form completed by a physician before official practices start. Packets will need to be reviewed by the Athletic Director to ensure everyone is cleared for participation for the 2024-25 school year.

**Basketball Practice Starts:** - November 18, 2024

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

**A Biblical Approach to Parenting your Athlete:**

[https://www.fca.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/revised-biblical-approach-to-parenting-athletes.pdf?sfvrsn=7d41b07a\\_2](https://www.fca.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/revised-biblical-approach-to-parenting-athletes.pdf?sfvrsn=7d41b07a_2)

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, October 3	3/4/ 5pm - Volleyball HOME vs. Alamo Navajo(C,JV,V) 3:00pm - Girls Soccer AWAY vs. East Mountain 5:00pm - Boys Soccer AWAY vs. East Mountain	
Monday, October 7	HS Golf @ Grants	5 /6 pm MS Volleyball HOME vs. Crownpoint
Wednesday, October 9	3:00pm - Girls Soccer HOME vs. Sandia Prep 5:00pm - Boys Soccer HOME vs. Sandia Prep	
Thursday, October 10	4 / 5 / 6pm - Volleyball HOME vs. Laguna Acoma(C,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](mailto:adminsec@rcsnm.org) by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.*

## **Tonight October 3 - Community Pantry Fundraiser**

Come out for the annual soup and salad fundraiser dinner for the Community Pantry from 5 - 8pm at the Gallup Community Service Center (across the street from the Pantry). Adults \$15 and children \$10.



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Gallup, NM

For Students  
Age 3 - 8th Grade

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**WEDNESDAYS**

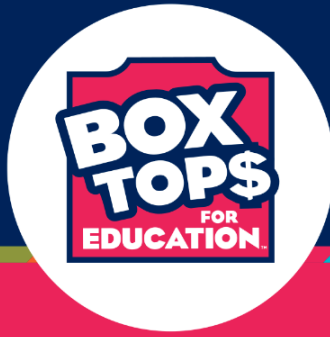
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**6:30 - 8:15**

For more info:

(505) 722 - 5114

[gracebiblegallup.org/ministries/children](http://gracebiblegallup.org/ministries/children)



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REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# FALL CARNIVAL



**WHEN:**  
**FRIDAY, OCT 4**  
**4:00-7:30 pm**



**LOCATION:**  
**Rehoboth High School SFC**



**TICKETS**  
**4 for \$1.00**



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April 5-6, 2025

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# Rehoboth Christian High School

## College and Career Day

Date: October 16, 2024

Time: 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: RCS LC



## Hear speakers from different career fields & attend a College Fair!

### What to Expect:

- Explore career fields by hearing experts in those professions discuss what they do everyday.
- Ask them questions about their profession.
- Talk one-on-one with them.
- Talk to colleges about specific programs, costs, schedules, etc.
- Set up appointments with colleges to visit the campus.

If you would like to be a guest speaker or if you would like to set up a booth please contact Camilla Lynch at [camillalynch@rcsnm.org](mailto:camillalynch@rcsnm.org) or call (505) 726-9662.