



Parent News

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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

We are a little over the halfway point of the first semester, and this time frame always reminds me of a story. In the late 1980's, there was an NFL team that spent the regular season dominating its competition. This team had highly skilled players who executed incredibly well, and they had one of the better coaches in the history of the league. In addition to his football wisdom, this coach was famous for his demeanor. He could joke and quip with the best of them, but if you screwed up, you were going to hear about it loudly in the kind of language that makes grown men blush. The team had earned the top seed for the playoffs, and all the pundits had them pretty much penciled in for the Super Bowl.

But then came their opening playoff game. During the first half, the team that was out on the field didn't look anything like the #1 seed. They were dropping passes, fumbling the ball, missing their blocking assignments, and tackling poorly. Before they knew it, they were down 21-0 at halftime. Heading to the locker room, the players knew exactly what they were in for during the break. No one dared move a muscle or say anything, because they didn't want to make it worse. Five minutes went by, but no coach. Then 10 minutes. The players started looking around anxiously at each other. Finally, they were about to just head back out on their own when the coach walked in. Everyone sat up a little straighter and prepared their ears for the profanity-riddled tirade that they knew was coming . . . But it didn't come.

Instead, the coach looked around into the eyes of each of his players and said calmly, quietly, and firmly: "Gentlemen, you've got a great second half inside of you." In his wisdom, this coach knew that what his team needed was grace. The kind of grace that gives a fresh start and wipes the slate clean. The team captain stood up with his fist in the air in the middle of the room, and soon every player swarmed into a circle with his fist held high as well. On the count of three, they simply bellowed the word, "TEAM!" and ran out onto the field—where they dominated the second half, won the game, and ended up taking home the Super Bowl trophy as well.

We serve a God of fresh starts. I John 4:7-8 tells us that we should love one another because God is love. Paul tells us in the famous passage in I Corinthians 13 that one of the defining characteristics of love is that it keeps no record of wrongs. In my very favorite Psalm—Psalm 103—we read, "He (the Lord) does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Everyone at Rehoboth knows what it's like to feel the way those players did as they reflected on their first half performance. We've messed up our relationships, our work, or our faith. But our God of fresh starts doesn't want us to wallow there. So just maybe, we need the same reminder the team got. Hear these words today as we look to the rest of the semester: you've got a great second half inside of you!

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **Tuesday, November 5** - Blood Drive from 9:00am - 1:00pm at the main gym.
- **Tuesday, November 5** - Native T-shirt day
- **Monday, November 11** - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL - teacher in-service day
- **Tuesday, November 12** - Salute to Service T-shirt Day: Wear your camo or service t-shirt in honor of the U.S. military
- **Monday, November 18 - Friday, November 22** - Native American Heritage Week (see All School Announcements).
- **Tuesday, November 19** - REZ slang T-shirt day
- **Tuesday, November 26** - Clan T-shirt day
- **Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29** - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

All School Announcements

Blood Drive

The National Honor Society will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, November 5 from 9:00am - 1:00pm in the main gym. Walk-ins are welcome.

Parent Volunteer Hours

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 8 for ways to volunteer and also for the link to submitting your completed hours. We will be sending out a letter in December with the balance of your service hours completed.

If you have any questions please contact Deanna Benson at dbenson@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9628.

Many thanks to the 33 families who have completed their hours.

Donor Scholarship Applications are Available

The donor scholarship applications are now available for students to fill out. There are several available for each age group. Please check the eligibility requirements as some are for specific schools or courses of study. Please bring them in as completed as the **deadline is November 12**. You can pick applications up at the school secretaries, admin building or print off of the website (under Admissions- tuition). Last year Rehoboth students were awarded over \$17,000 in donor scholarships.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

HS Choir Christmas Concert:

Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Refreshments in fellowship hall to follow



NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



T-SHIRT TUESDAYS

EVERY TUESDAY IS
NATIVE T-SHIRT DAY

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK NOV. 12-15

NOV. 11 VETERANS DAY - NO SCHOOL



NOV
12

SALUTE TO SERVICE T-SHIRT DAY

Wear your camo or a service t-shirt
in honor of the U.S. military



NOV
13

MMIP/RED DAY

Wear your red and help bring
awareness to thousands of Missing
and Murdered Indigenous People.



NOV
14

TRADITIONAL DRESS DAY

Come in your best traditional
attire for the day.



NOV
15

ROCK YOUR MOCS

Wear your moccasins in
celebration and honor of the many
tribal nations in the U.S.



SHOWCASE TRADITIONAL JEWELRY & HAIR STYLES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH



Elementary News

Snow and Cold Weather

It looks like we may get some colder weather and maybe even some snow! 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.

Toolbox Thursday

Using Our Words tool is a great follow up to last week's Garbage Can Tool. When students have a minor incident with another student we often say **Toss it or Talk about it**. Today we talked about Helping Words and Hurting Words and realized that hurting words often negatively emphasize differences. We decided different is not good or bad, it is just different. Let's celebrate our differences and compliment our strengths. **Let's all pause and choose to speak helping and healing words.**

~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.

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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MS Basketball Season

Basketball practices for our 6th-8th grade teams will begin on Monday, November 4. Practices will always take place during our exploratory class period from 1:45pm-3:05pm on B Days. There are no after-school practices. The MS Basketball games schedule has not been finalized yet, but we will distribute it to parents and students as soon as it is available.

Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Nov. 1 - Native American Heritage Month begins
- Nov. 4- New Exploratory sessions begin
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day

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.

High School Highlights

Monday of this week started with a few Seniors asking me to write letters of recommendation for them; imagining and dreaming with these students was a great moment in my day. Plus, I enjoy writing a few letters of recommendation; this type of writing gives me a chance to think more deeply about students and how they have represented and developed themselves in their time in high school. Tuesday started with Ms. Lynch telling me of several students who reached the semifinal round for some enormous scholarships; the hope for the next step after high school was high and the feeling of maybe winning the scholarship was exhilarating. So the next step after high school is getting more clear for some, and we encourage all of our students to think about the next step after high school, regardless of where they are in high school. Ms. Lynch works tirelessly to make sure students have the best schedules to get them where they need to be, and if you have any questions about what the next step might be for your student, please reach out to us (me, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Ensign).

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

Hello Families,

The second quarter is off to a great start with so many different things happening. We have students seeking some great opportunities once they graduate. Continue to pray for our senior class as many students start to make choices and decisions toward their future. Orders for caps/gowns and diplomas will be placed in November so that we receive our orders in time for graduation.. Details will be provided below. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Mark your calendars Karin Admiraal, Ed.D will be joining the senior seminar class next week. She will also hold a parent information night for all seniors and parents on November 5, 2024 in the High School LC at 7:00 PM. There will be some important resources for you and your student. She will also talk about ways to support your student in college.

Senior Information

SAT Test

If you have not paid for your SAT, please do so as soon as possible. Scores will not be released until payment is received.

Senior Class Presentation Nights

Seniors will present their "Who Am I" projects on Tuesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 12. We will have 2 sessions of presentations each night. The first session will begin at 6:00 PM and the second session will begin at 7:05 PM. Please mark your calendars.

Caps/Gowns

The order for graduation caps and gowns will be placed in early November. There will be a \$25.00 charge for all caps and gowns. Payment can be made at the high school office, cash, check, or card payments accepted.

Diplomas

Diplomas will also be ordered in November. If you have not contacted me about how you would like your students name printed on their diploma, please contact me before November 8, 2024. The order will be placed on November 12, 2024 so that we receive diplomas by April 1, 2025.

Scholarships Update

Congratulations to Tyler Bonaguidi, Megan Livingston, and Chase Sherman who were selected as semi-finalists for the Bill Daniels Scholarship. Continue to encourage and pray for each of them as they prepare essays and request recommendations for the next step in the selection process.

Camilla Lynch

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

Donor scholarships: The Fall Donor scholarships are now available. You can find them [HERE on our webpage](#) or you can pick up an application at the administration office, or with either school's administrative assistant. All applications and pastor's report (some require) are **due Tuesday, November 12, 2024**.

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 will open on November 1st. 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.



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. Serving in the **lunch line** any day Monday through Friday 11:15-12:30pm. Sign up below.
[Fellowship Hall servers](#)
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](#)



Thank you to the families who completed their Parent Volunteer Hours.

- Keith and Laura Blystra
- Tim and Michelle Becksvoort
- Michael and Roxie Singer
- Tara Slowman
- Jerry and Jennifer Brown
- Nicole Begay
- Charles and Camilla Lynch
- Clara Toledo
- Corine Woody
- Susan & Fran Palochak
- Gerald & Ursula Charlie
- Heather Dale
- Matthew and Andrea Davis
- Chandler and Juvie Villegas
- Cody and Desiree Billiman
- Kevin and Anna Zwiers
- Fannie Largo

Food Service

Now that the weather is getting cooler, remind your child to wear their jacket, and remember to change your clock one hour back this coming weekend.

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

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. - 1 Corinthians 16:1

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!



Menu Week of Nov. 4 2024 to Nov. 08, 2024

Monday Nov 4, 2024	Tuesday Nov 5, 2024	Wednesday Nov 6, 2024	Thursday Nov 7, 2024	Friday Nov 8, 2024
Breakfast on a stick w/ syrup, fruit and milk	Cream of Wheat w/ Toast, Fruit and milk	Cinnamon Roll w/ Fruit and Milk	Sausage Biscuit w/ Hash brown, Fruit and Milk	Mini Pancakes w syrup, Fruit and milk
Hamburger on bun w/lettuce, tomato, cheese, Curly Fries, fruit and milk	Pulled pork with Mac Cheese, corn on the cob, fruit and milk	Chicken Fajita, Tortilla, Rice, veggie dippers, fruit and milk	Taco Thursday, Taco meat,lettuce, tomato, cheese, refried beans, fruit and milk	Corn dog w/ potato wedges, veggie dippers, fruit and milk

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,

The Rehoboth Transportation Dept would like to welcome Emmanuel Denetdale to our team! Emmanuel will be driving the Gallup Central Bus Route in Bus #1, please make him feel welcome to our Rehoboth Family! The previous driver for the Gallup Route, Fred Thomas, is still part of our Transportation team and we are looking forward to what the future holds for Mr. Thomas and our department.

We would also like to send our gratitude and appreciation to Darryl Holtsoi. Darryl stepped into our department during a time of need and assisted us by getting behind the wheel constantly. We wish Mr. Holtsoi the best in his future endeavors and plans.

A few reminders to share:

- Please make sure your contact information is up to date in our RENWEB System, as the winter weather conditions are near, our main source of communication is through RENWEB to relay information such as cancellations and delays.
- A friend reminder to be at your bus stop at least **10 minutes before scheduled time**. Sometimes buses show up early due to not having to stop at certain bus stops in the PM Route.

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

Here are our coaches contact information:

CONTACTS:

- Volleyball coach, Char Chapman: cchapman@rcsnm.org
- Boys Soccer coach, Phil Frederickson: frederiksenphil@gmail.com
- HS Cross Country coach, Autumn Newell: ajnewell@rcsnm.org

WINTER SPORTS is almost here:

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: [CLICK HERE](#)

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Friday, November 1	3:30pm District Cross Country Meet @ Rehoboth 3:45pm - Girls Varsity 4:30pm - Boys Varsity	
Saturday, November 2	1:00pm - Boys Soccer State Quarterfinals - AWAY Rehoboth #5 vs. NM Military Academy #4 in Roswell	
Tuesday, November 5	5/ 6pm Volleyball HOME vs. Hozho Academy (JV,V) (TBD) Boys Soccer State Semifinals Game	
Thursday, November 7	5/ 6PM - Volleyball AWAY vs. Ramah (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.

LYNX BLOOD DRIVE



Rehoboth Christian School

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#BESOMEONESHERO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

LOCATED IN THE GYM

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

- DRINK A LOT OF WATER
- EAT A GOOD MEAL
- BRING YOUR SCHOOL ID OR DRIVERS LICENSE

FOR AN APPOINTMENT
SCAN THE QR Code

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KEVIN ZWIERS, COORDINATOR



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PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Topics Covered:

- What to expect
- Important resources for you and your student
- Supporting your student in college
- Q&A

November 5

RCHS, Presentation 7pm

**Stop by for resources and Q&A
any time between 5:45 and 8pm**

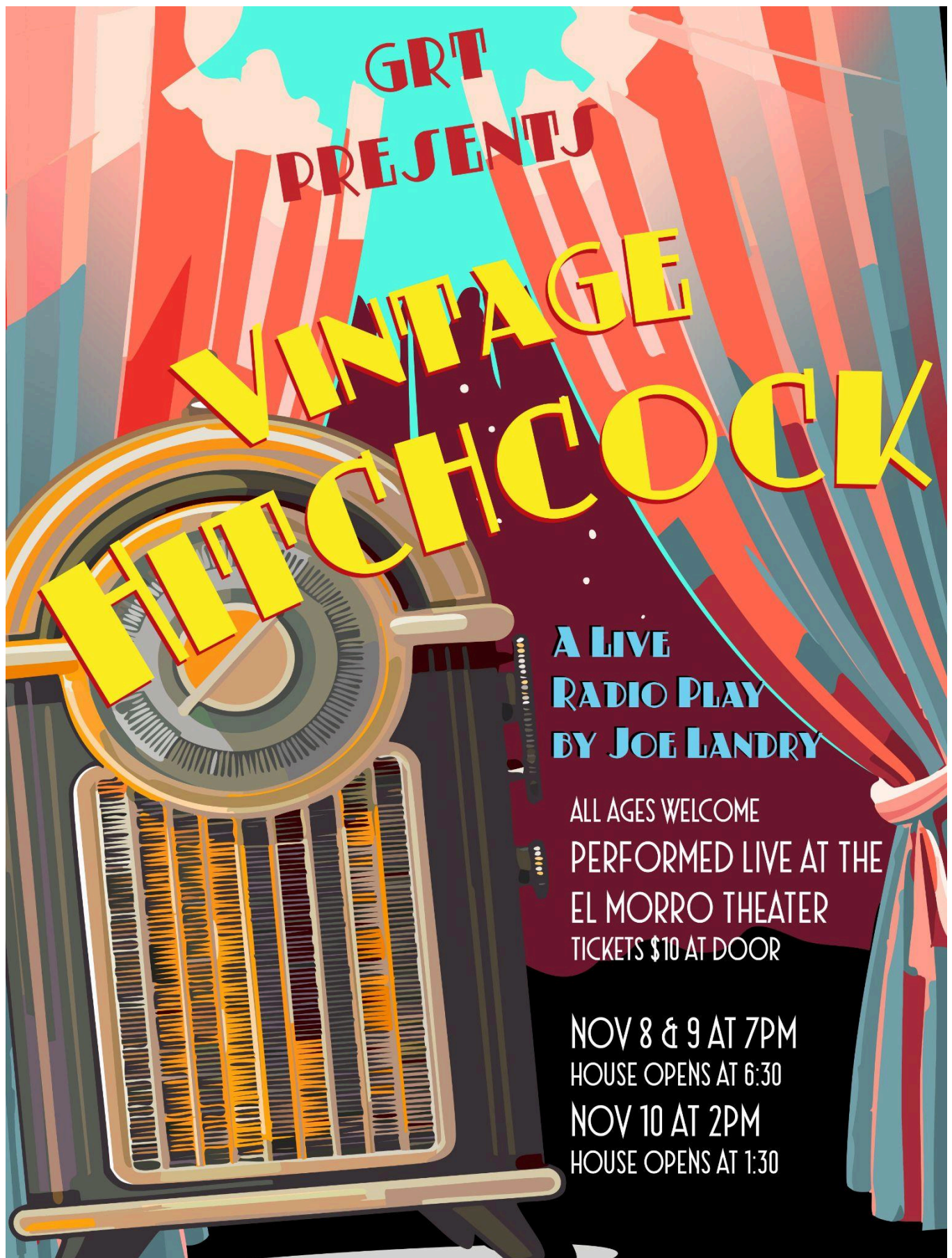
Snacks and drinks provided!

<https://wellorderedacademics.com>

Karin Admiraal, Ed.D.

Karin has been a college professor, first-year experience program director, academic advisor, success coach, and tutor. She also has seen her three children graduate from high school, transition to college, and earn a degree.







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