



Parent News

November 7, 2024



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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

Last weekend, my wife and I were driving back home from Roswell after watching our boys soccer team in the state quarterfinals. Looking out the window, we saw what we first thought were a herd of deer, but after looking more closely, we realized they were pronghorns—beautiful animals indeed!

Seeing those pronghorns reminded me of our trips to Israel—one of them with Rehoboth staff in the summer of 2022. On that trip, we spent a day at Ein Gedi, an Israeli national park centered around an oasis in the middle of the Judean desert right next to the Dead Sea. Ein Gedi is a place full of waterfalls, plant life, and abundant animals. When we first entered the park, our eyes were drawn to the cliffs above where we saw deer-like animals called ibex bounding along the cliffs in places where it looked like they had no business being.



“He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the mountain heights.” - Psalm 18:3

David wrote Psalm 18 as a declaration of praise to God for delivering him from his enemies, enemies like Saul who was searching out David to kill him and wipe out this rival to his throne. During those days, David spent a lot of time hiding in the caves at Ein Gedi, and he would have undoubtedly seen ibex picking their way over the impossible terrain. The animal that the translators call “deer” in Psalm 18 and other places is almost surely one of these ibex.

David’s praise in Psalm 18 gives us insight into the perspective of God’s people. On our trip, our teacher told us that David praised God for giving him ibex-like feet that could stay safe on the dangerous paths through the mountains—a metaphor for the rough, painful, trying experiences he was going through. And that’s just it. Putting our faith in God doesn’t mean praying for a smooth and easy path. It means trusting that when things get rough (which we all know they will), God will give us the feet to persevere and make it through those moments.

As we gear up for Thanksgiving, one of my prayers is that we become a lot better at recognizing the gift of ibex feet, rather than wishing for an easier life. The Lord loves us enough to walk with us in the tough times, and that’s our commitment to you and your children at Rehoboth as well.

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **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
- **Thursday, November 21** - HS Drama Performance - *Anne of Green Gables* @ 6:30pm
- **Friday, November 22** - HS Drama Performance - *Anne of Green Gables* @ 6:30pm
- **Saturday, November 23** - HS Drama Performance - *Anne of Green Gables* @ 1:00pm
- **Tuesday, November 26** - Clan T-shirt day
- **Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29** - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

All School Announcements

Veteran's Day, Monday , November 11

NO SCHOOL, Administration Office will be closed.

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 next week Tuesday, 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.

High School Play - *Anne of Green Gables*

Come see this year's RCHS drama production, *Anne of Green Gables*, on Thursday-Saturday, November 21-23. The Thursday and Friday shows will be at 6:30pm, and the Saturday show will be a 1:00pm matinee. Our directors and students always do a fantastic job, and you won't want to miss this! Tickets go on sale next week in the high school or the administration building.

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.

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

NOV. 5 - NATIVE T-SHIRT DAY

NOV. 12 - SALUTE TO SERVICE T-SHIRT DAY

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NOV. 26 - CLAN T-SHIRT DAY

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!

How beautiful is the 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

"The words of thoughtless people cut like swords; but the tongue of wise people brings healing." Proverbs 12:18.

This verse became more real to us as we acted out skits involving hurting words being spoken and then pausing/rewinding and acting out the skit again using healing words.

We learned that using the right words at the right time and in the right way strengthens our relationships.

Leanne Gillson

All- State Choirs

Congratulations to the following students who made All-State choir this year:

Elementary Choir

Annaliese Kass

Mateo Lebeck

Youth Treble Choir

Josa Blystra

Jelome Gandia

Anaya Ippel

Youth Mixed Choir

Evie DeYoung

Malakai Nez

Elliot Kass

Isaiah Delgado

Myn Leggett

Joel Zwiers

Aliyah Sanchez

Jude Cavanaugh

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

Snow and Cold Weather

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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
- Dec. 5- MS Choir concert at 6:30pm

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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

This week our choir received word about which students will represent our school in the All State Choir Festival, and there were several chosen. This is a great accomplishment for these students. The students who are in the drama “Anne of Green Gables” are nearing their final rehearsals, and performances are set for November 21, 22, and 23. The performances should be great, and you should make plans to attend one of them. The Senior class is also finishing their presentations about themselves that will be held in December. The Band and Choir are also nearing the final steps of preparation for their Christmas concerts. These events signify that the end of the semester is closing in; it has been a great semester. Another event to add to the events that lead to the end of the semester is an optional phone free week in December. There will be more details about this coming soon, but hopefully it will be eye opening and helpful.

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

All-State Choir

Congratulations to the following choir members who were selected for the

All-State Mixed Choir:

Christopher Armstrong
Lillith Briggs
Lily Cavanaugh
Rey Clauschee
Irelynn Delgado
Elijah Moses
Angela Sowers
Landon Watts

All-State Youth Mixed:

Ellen Zwiers

High School Counselor's Corner

Hello Families,

Senior Information

SAT Test

SAT test scores are now available. Log into your college board account to view your scores.

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.

Camilla Lynch

Inside Scoop

Community Life & Admissions

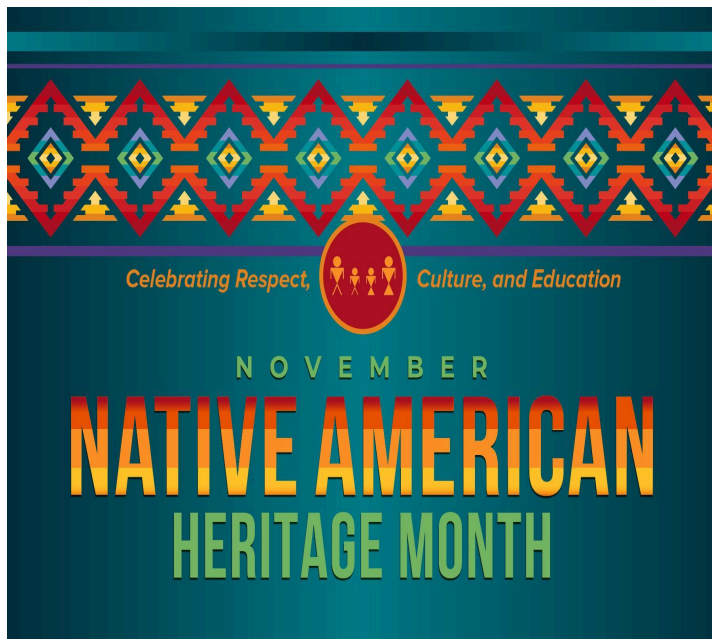
District code in Family Portal is: **RE-NM**
Family Portal: <https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/>

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.

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.

- Brendan and Elena Morley
- Loren and Crystal Thomas
- Solomon and Sarah Sun

Food Service

It is Native Heritage Month on Wednesday the Nov. 13th we will be serving Navajo burritos for Lunch to celebrate our Heritage . We will be having our Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 20th., Make sure to Mark your Calendar and join us for Lunch . We also have jackets and hats in the fellowship hall that were left behind so please have the students look through them if they are missing their jackets or sweaters .

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!

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 Nov. 11, 2024 to Nov. 15, 2024

Monday Nov 11, 2024	Tuesday Nov 12, 2024	Wednesday Nov 13, 2024	Thursday Nov 14, 2024	Friday Nov 15, 2024
No School	Cinnamon Rolls , Boiled eggs, fruit and milk	Blue Corn Mush with ,Berries, and Milk	Cooks Choice , Fruit and Milk	Breakfast Pizza , Fruit and milk
	Chicken Fajitas w/ Tortillas, Rice , Veggie Dippers, Fruit and milk	Beef and Potato Burritos w/ Green Chili, Corn , fruit and milk	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast , w/Green Beans , Fruit and Milk	Chicken Sandwich w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Cookie, , 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.

Winter Weather is upon us! As much as we are thankful for the moisture, we must consider the safety of everyone on the road. Please review the [RCS Snow Delay/Cancellation Procedure](#).

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 friendly 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
- 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

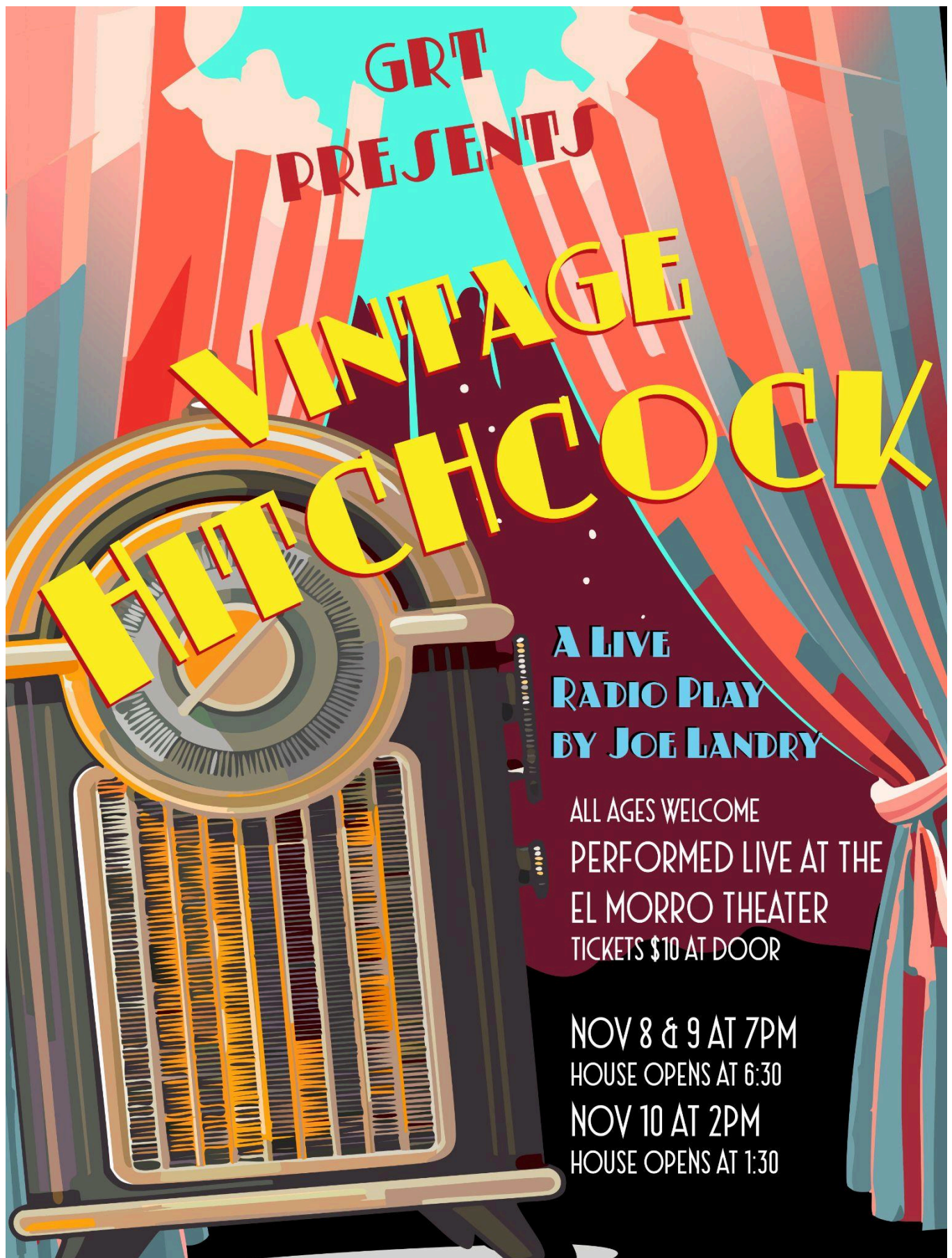
Devotionals for athletes: <https://www.fca.org/resources/personal-growth>

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

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Friday, November 8	5/ 6PM - Volleyball AWAY vs. Ramah (JV,V)	
Saturday, November 9	2:00pm - NMAA State Cross Country Meet Albuquerque 2:30pm - Girls A-2A 3:15pm - Boys A-2A	

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.





YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Holiday Craft and Baked Goods Sale

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9 AM - 2 PM

BETHANY CHURCH

1110 SOUTH STRONG DR.

(CORNER OF STRONG AND PHILIPINA)



Get ready to do your
Christmas shopping
and stock your freezer
with goodies for the
holiday!

Delicious baked
goods, breakfast, and
lunch items will be
available at the
concession stand.



Thank you, Coca-Cola Durango for your continued sponsorship of “Seats for Students”

FREE “Coca-Cola Student Tickets” are available on a first-come, first-served basis for each San Juan Symphony performance in Durango and Farmington.

**Reserve your tickets by calling the box office today!
Ask for a FREE “Coca-Cola Student Ticket”**

Henderson Performing Arts Center in Farmington
(505) 566-3430
Community Concert Hall in Durango
(970) 247-7657

MODERN CLASSICAL STYLE
October 12-13, 2024

TIM FAIN AND BEETHOVEN FIVE
November 16-17, 2024

WORLD PREMIERE: WHAT MUSIC IS
February 22-23, 2025

PASSION MEETS PRECISION
April 5-6, 2025

Visit sanjuansymphony.org for details



RCS Thanksgiving Luncheon

Date : 11/20/2024

Time : 11:30

Cost \$8.00 Per Person

(RCS STUDENTS AT NORMAL COST)

MENU:

Turkey and dressing

Mashed potato with gravy

Green Beans

Dinner Rolls

Cranberry Sauce

Pumpkin bars

Loaded Yams

Regular and Choc Milk