

PARENT NEWS

December 11, 2025

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All School Announcements & Events

- Saturday, December 13, HS Choir Christmas Concert 4:00pm United Methodist Church
- Friday, December 19 Friday January 2 NO SCHOOL, Christmas Break
- Monday, December 22 Friday, January 2 <u>Administration Office CLOSED</u>
- Monday, January 5 Classes resume

Rehoboth Christmas Choir Concert

The Rehoboth Annual Christmas Choir concert will be Saturday, December 13 at 4:00pm. It will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1800 Red Rock Drive, Gallup. Please come and enjoy the concert "Viva! Long live the gift of heaven most dear to our hearts." There will be refreshments after the concert.

From the Business Office:

We are at the end of the first semester and half of your tuition should be paid by the end of the month. As the administration office will be closed over the Christmas Break please make payments next week, or during the break you can drop a payment off through the mail drop or go to your FACTS account and make an online payment. Please do not call as there will not be anyone taking phone calls. Thank you. Have a wonderful Christmas break.

Job Openings

We are taking applications for substitute bus drivers and substitute teachers.

Please go **HERE** for more information and an application. Thank you.

Food Help for Families & Students

We still have some grocery gift cards at the main admin office for anyone who needs some extra funds to use for groceries as needed. Please feel free to stop by if you need some extra assistance.

Table Talk

By Dan Meester, Executive Director 505-726-9623, dmeester@rcsnm.org

I've always enjoyed the Christmas season.

For me, this time of year is a call to personal reflection and renewed connection with people who are dear to me and my family. In my role as executive director here at Rehoboth, it has come to be associated with something else.

Writer's cramp.

Over the last weeks, I've written hundreds of Christmas cards and thank you notes to the wonderful people who love and support Rehoboth Christian School with their time, talents, and treasure. As I'm getting to know more and more of them on a personal level, each note becomes more personal as well; and that makes for sore hands after a while!

But my writer's cramp is actually a cause for celebration and thanksgiving because it reminds me just how many people care about our students . . . and you, their families. These friends of our school understand the challenges that you face and the sacrifices you make to send your children to Rehoboth, and their gifts are a way of saying, "I've got your back. You're not in this alone!"

I don't know about you, but I find that incredibly inspiring.

It drives me to work hard and try to make sure that Rehoboth is an outstanding school today and on into the future. It drives our board members to guide our school wisely. And it drives our faculty and staff to pour themselves into each aspect of their work to ensure that your children are filled with love and learning every day.

Your children deserve our very best and *your* very best . . . but that doesn't mean it's always easy to provide that for them. We all have our own hangups and challenges, and sometimes those are felt even more keenly during this time of year.

In those moments, remember.

You. Are. Not. Alone.

You are part of a body of people—a family—rooted in faith and bound together by a common purpose and passion for sharing the light and hope of the gospel with your children. It's the work of God's Kingdom in this world, and God cannot be kept out.

I'll write that over and over until my hands fall off.

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

Elementary News

Office: 505-726-9675 Principal: Tara DeYoung, tdeyoung@rcsnm.org

Dec 18 - Last Day of School for the Semester Dec 19 - Jan 2 - Christmas Break (NO SCHOOL) Jan 5 - 1st Day of 2nd Semester

Chocolate Bar Sale!

The 4th grade class has begun selling chocolate bars. They are \$1 a bar with multiple flavors.

Support our 4th graders by purchasing chocolate bars from them. They will be selling at school before and after the day. The proceeds of this fundraising event will go toward the 4th grade's annual class trip to Santa Fe.

Last Week of School:

Next week will be full with holiday parties, end of semester assessments, and other things. The last day of school for Semester 1 is Thursday, December 18th. Please make every effort to have your student be present at school. Let's finish this semester strong!

Mid School Matters

Office: 505-726-9675 Principal: Tara DeYoung, tdeyoung@rcsnm.org

Upcoming Events (MS only)

Dec 11 - MS Bball Away -vs- Crownpoint Community - time TBD
Dec 17 - MS Bball Home -vs- Thoreau - times TBD

December 18 - 7th/8th Field Trip - Mariachi Performance in ABQ
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This Coming Week's Schedule:

Monday- B day Tuesday- A day Wednesday- B day Thursday- A day

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Christmas Basket Shopping

Thank you to our students, staff, families and community for your monetary donations! Our middle school students had the opportunity to shop and put together baskets for eleven families. We pray that these baskets will be a blessing and that God's love will be known through them.



Mariachi Christmas at Pope Joy

We have tickets for our 7th and 8th graders (6th graders will be attending a different performance in February) to attend the Mariachi Christmas performance at Pope Joy at 10:00am on Thursday, December 18th. Look for an email with more detailed information!

High School Highlights

Office: 505-726-9632 Principal: Seth Weidenaar, sweidenaar@rcsnm.org

High School Events

December 15-18: Exam Week

Exam Week Schedule

As a reminder and for those who are taking high school exams for the first time: Students do not need to be at school if they do not have a scheduled exam for a given time slot. However, if they are in school, they must report to their scheduled class and teacher. Students will take their exams during the scheduled time for their class period, unless authorized by their teacher. Students must report on time for their exams, and late arriving students will not be admitted to their exams.

When finished with exams for the day, students may sign out with parent permission if they have transportation home. Students must stay in their designated rooms or study spaces both before and during exam periods. If students miss an exam period, they can make it up on Thursday 12/18 or during another exam period when they are not already taking a test. If you have any questions about the schedule, please contact Ms. Begay in the HS Office at (505) 726-9632 or sbegay@rcsnm.org.

Monday, Dec. 15	
8:05am - 10:05am	Period 1 Exam
10:05am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 12:15pm	Period 5 Exam
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:05pm - 3:05pm	Period 7 Exam
Tuesday, Dec. 16	
8:05am - 10:05am	Period 2 Exam
10:05am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 12:15pm	Period 6 Exam
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:05pm - 3:05pm	Period 8 Exam
Wednesday, Dec. 17	
8:05am – 10:05am	Period 4 Exam
10:05am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 12:15pm	Period 3 Exam
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Lunch

1:05pm - 3:05pm		Supervision in the LC for students needing to take the bus home.	
Thursday, Dec. 18			
9:05am - 3:05pm		Make Up Exams: Only students who have missed an exam are required to report to school. Set up a time with your teacher for your exam.	

Essay Contest Winners

Three Rehoboth students were recognized for their essays by the New Mexico Association of Non-Public Schools. (NMANS). The essays are about school culture and how it has shaped the students. These essays are a joy to read, and I encourage you to do so (the names of the students are links to their essays). Congratulations to <u>Lily Cavanaugh</u>, the first place winner; <u>Chloe Frederiksen</u>, the second place finisher, and <u>Simon Frederiksen</u>, the third place finisher. Thank you for representing our school well, and thank you for reminding us the value of our school culture.

<u>High School Choir Families</u>: We will host cookies and juice after the Christmas choir concert on Dec. 13th, right after the concert at First United Methodist Church. This will be a great time of fellowship and pictures while our choir is dressed in their best!

We are asking each student to bring the following:

If you are a Soprano or Alto - bring 1 dozen cookies (per singer)
If you are a Bass - bring one jug of cider or fruit punch/juice
If you are a Tenor, you will bring cups (a pack of 12-oz or so cups)

The kids have to warm up before the choir concert on the 13th, so they can just bring their cookies, juice or cups with them on the 13th.

Thanks!!!

High School Counselor's Corner

Camilla Lynch, camillalynch@rcsnm.org Office: (505) 726-9662

Dear Parents and Families of the Senior Class of 2026,

Thank you so much for supporting your students during our Senior Presentation Nights. Your presence and encouragement meant a great deal and helped make the evenings truly special for them.

I'm very grateful for the chance to get to know your children this year. Working with them as they applied to college and prepared for life after high school has been an honor, and I've learned just as much from them as I hope they've learned from me.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in me and for all you do behind the scenes to support your students. I feel fortunate to have been part of their journey.

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

Inside Scoop: Admissions & Community Life

Admissions Coordinator: Kristen Rousseau 505-726-9628, krousseau@rcsnm.org

Admission Resources & Links:

- Family Portal: https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/
- District code in Family Portal is: RE-NM
- Parent Volunteer Hour Form
- Back to School Packet



Admissions has opened applications for the 2nd semester that starts on January 5th, 2026. 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 at 505-726-9628 and speak with Kristen Rousseau, Admissions Coordinator. We are able to give quotes for tuition, campus tours and additional information. Thank youl

Office of Dine Youth Scholarship: The ODY Scholarship for the Spring 2026 semester is available now! The deadline for applications for RCS to take and submit on your behalf is Wednesday, January 21st, 2026 at 4pm. Thereafter, it will be the responsibility of the student and parent. Applications are available on our website: 2026 Spring ODY Applications. They will also be available at the High School with Ms. Begay and the Administration Building. Please return to either location!

<u>Donor Scholarships Update:</u> Thank you to all of our students who have applied. Here are the final selections for our donor scholarships.





Parent Volunteer Program (PVP):

All families are required to complete 10 hours of volunteering for each school year. When completed with each volunteer opportunity, remember to log in those hours. A quick reminder...volunteer hours are 10 per family.

Please be sure to log your volunteer hours. Staff members and teachers will not be able to do it for you. Here is the <u>PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM</u>. If you would like more information: <u>CLICK HERE</u> or check out our section (page 27) in the <u>Back to School Packet</u>.

Upcoming Parent Volunteer Opportunities:

- Lunch servers needed in the Fellowship Hall from 11:15am to 12:40 pm. Here is the LINK to sign up.
- Volunteers to run admissions for Middle School and High School basketball games. Here is the LINK to sign up.
- Snacks for afterschool program. Contact Sarah Marlowe for more details!
- Purchasing an item off our <u>RCS Staff Amazon Wish List</u>
- Providing Dinner for the monthly school board meeting. If interested, please give at least a week's notice to Kristen Rousseau. School board meetings are the last Monday of each month.

Thank you for completing your Parent Volunteer Hours:

Sarah & Solomon Sun



Food Service

Food Service Manager: Dru Anderson 505-726-9616, danderson@rcsnm.org

The Kitchen staff and I wish you a safe and prosperous New year. Keep God first in all you do. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Our new adjustment has allowed us to serve hot food to our High school students. Thank you to those Volunteers who serve our students, If you want to Volunteer or know of anyone to help serve, please don't hesitate to contact us and earn your Volunteer Hours

We are encouraging kids to drink their milk and eat the food on their plates. Please encourage your kids to eat what is on their plate. Remember they can speak up and turn down a food item as long as they have three items on their tray, one being a fruit or vegetable.

Just a reminder, we will be 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, their scan will be delete

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

"For nothing will be impossible with God." – Luke 1:37



Dec 15, 2025 to Dec 19, 2025

Dec. 15, 2025	Dec. 16, 2025	Dec.17, 2025	Dec.18, 2025	Dec. 19 , 2025
Breakfast Burritos,	Blue Mush , Muffins,	Waffles, Fruit and	Cream of Wheat ,	Merry
Fruit , Milk	Fruit and Milk	Mllk	Fruit and Milk	Christmas
Chicken Fajitas,	Chili Beans, Corn	Tomato Soup,	Pizza, Salad,	Happy New Year
Tortillas, Rice, Fruit	Bread, Fruit and	Grilled Cheese,	Cookie, Fruit and	
and Milk	Milk	Fruit and milk	Mllk	

In Gear: Transportation

Transportation Manager: Darius Yazzie 505-726-9622, dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org

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.

Please review the <u>Snow Delay/Cancellation Policy and Procedure</u>. It is important that you have all contact info updated so that you'll be notified of any delays or cancellations.

Transportation Updates:

- Please be on time or at least 5-10 minutes early to your bus stop, being late delays the bus for everyone else on the route.
- Please have contact information updated in renweb for contact information, this is the best way to communicate delays, cancellations, and any updates during the bus route that may occur.
- Any lost items on the bus will be turned over to the High School at the lost and found location.

For day of transportation changes, please contact the school before 2:15pm.

505-726-9675 for Elementary/Middle school 505-726-9632 for High School

For permanent transportation changes please contact Darius Yazzie at dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9622

Bus Schedule Links:

2025-2026 Bus Schedule

2025-2026 Early Dismissal (Thursday PM)



I Believe: Athletics

Athletic Director: Adrian Pete 505-726-9629, adrianpete@rcsnm.org



Devotionals for athletes:

https://www.fca.org/resources/personal-growt

HS Boys and Girls Basketball has started. We need for more HS Girls to come out and make a JV team. Please see Coach Pete for more information.

Girls Basketball - Adrian Pete -adrianpete@rcsnm.org

Boys Basketball - Kevin Zwiers - kzwiers@rcsnm.org

Middle School Basketball is in full swing, Any questions please contact Coaches

MS Girls Basketball Heather Jones- <a href="https://mx.org.nc.go/https:/

MS Boys Basketball Nate Feddes - nfeddes@rcsnm.org and Todd Perkins - tperkins@rcsnm.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at adrianpete@rcsnm.org. Thank you and GO LYNX!

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, December 11	5:30 pm -HS Girls Basketball AWAY @ Elida Tournament (V) RCS vs. Elida (see bracket)	MS Basketball AWAY vs. Crownpoint Community 4 pm Girls B 5 pm Boys B 6 pm Girls A 7 pm Boys A
Friday, December 12	HS Girls Basketball AWAY @ Elida Tournament (V) 4:30/ 6:00 pm - HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Montezuma Cortez	
Saturday, December 13	HS Girls Basketball AWAY @ Elida Tournament (V)	
Wednesday, December 17		MS Basketball HOME vs. Thoreau 4 pm Girls B 5 pm Boys B 6 pm Girls A 7 pm Boys A
Thursday, December 18	5 / 6 pm - HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Grants (JV,V)	
Saturday, December 20	11:00 am - HS Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Tse Yi Gai (V) 1:00pm /2:30 pm -HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Thoreau	

Community Events

To share an event, please email information to <u>adminsec@rcsnm.org</u> by Wednesday.



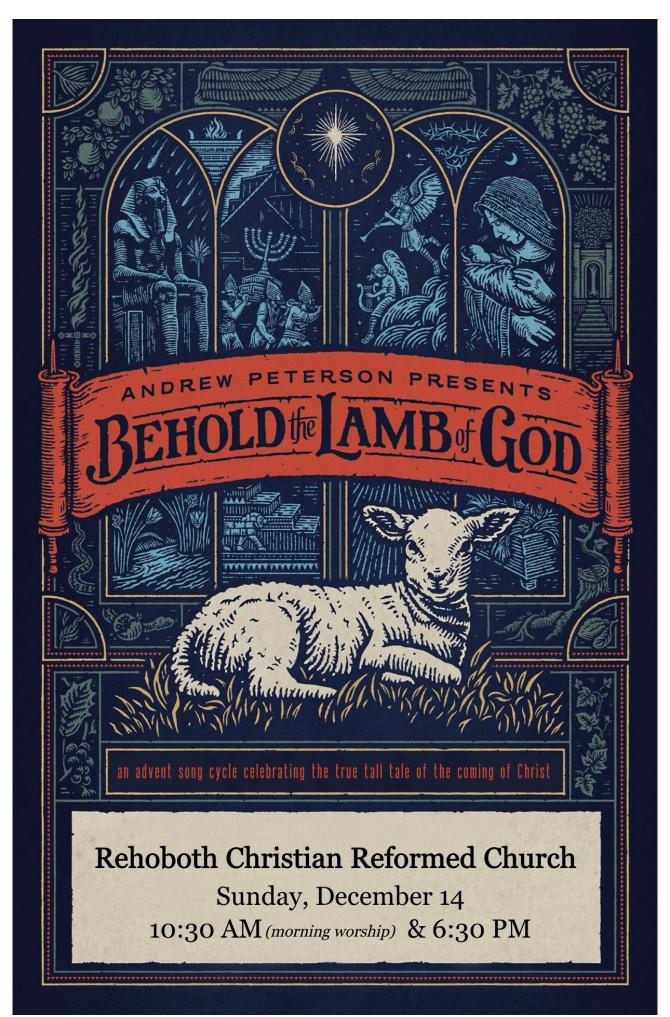


REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR PRESENTS



CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

Saturday, December 13th
4 pm
United Methodist Church
1800 Red Rock Dr.
Gallup, NM



FREE COMMUNITY TRAINING



Register with the QR code or go to aprinstitute.com/register

Use Code: QPR3248335804 or email instructor to register.

What IS QPR?

The Institute's mission is to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical, and proven suicide prevention training. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know.

WHAT IS A QPR GATEKEEPER?

A gatekeeper is someone in a position to recognize a crisis and the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide.

QPR Gatekeepers can be anyone, but include:

Parents

Doctors

Teachers

First Responders

Pastors

Mental Health Professionals

Youth

And YOU!

AS A CERTIFIED QPR GATEKEEPER YOU WILL LEARN TO

- 1. Recognize the warning signs of suicide
- 2. Increase awareness of stigma and understand suicide as a public health issue
- 3. Know how to offer hope
- 4 Know how to access local and national referral resources.
- 5. Know how to get help and save a life

Free to attend for anyone 16 and older. Maximum of 30 participants. Please register to secure your spot.

Location:

Rehoboth Christian High School

Date: Tuesday, December 16th

Time:5:30-7:30PM

Instructor:

RCS School Counselor Daniel Ensign, LMHC

Email: Densign@rcsnm.org Office Phone: 505-726-9651

This training session will have an emphasis on Native American statistics and strategies with a reformatted presentation by Sister Sky Inc.

Read a letter by the instructor for what cultural and age considerations are being made to make appropriate.



To contact the QPR Institute: Email: support@qprinstitute.com

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