



Parent News

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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).

When the fullness of time had come . . .

I once heard a Christmas sermon preached on this passage, and it explained that this phrase “the fullness of time” means “at exactly the right time.” God sent Jesus at exactly the right time.

At the time of Jesus’ birth, the brutal Roman Empire ruled most of the known world. For God’s people, that rule came at a heavy price. They were taxed mercilessly. They were forbidden to pledge their allegiance to anyone but Caesar—a crime punishable by crucifixion. Jews caught reading Torah could be flayed. Keeping the Sabbath could get you burned alive. Mothers were forced to watch their children tortured in front of them.

It was horrific in every sense of the word.

And it was at this exact moment that God chose to send His son into the world. The contrast couldn’t have been sharper. On the one hand, you had an empire built on power, violence, blood, and destruction. On the other hand, you had Jesus, preaching and modeling a Kingdom of peace, love for our enemies, lifting up the marginalized, and a willingness to lay down our lives for others.

Christ’s deliverance comes in the middle of Chaos. “A light shines in the darkness,” says John.

Perhaps you are in the midst of darkness right now. Maybe you have a friend or a family member who is battling Chaos and demons at every turn. When everything feels horrific . . . when we’re at the lowest depths of human experience . . . that’s when Christ shows up.

In the fullness of time, He came for His people.

And in the fullness of time, He comes for you and for me. Let that light shine in the midst of our darkness this Christmas season, and may we see and hear clearly the invitation into the beautiful Kingdom of God.

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **Saturday, December 14** - HS Christmas Concert 4:00pm @ United Methodist Church
- **Friday, December 20 - Friday, January 3** - Christmas Break

All School Announcements

From the Business office:

Reminder: Tuition for the first semester needs to be paid by the *end of December*. Please contact the business office for possible options if you need further financial assistance. If you have questions about FACTS or delinquent payments, please email Celine Bia at cbia@rcsnm.org.

Parent Volunteer Hours

Please check your email *this week* as we will be sending out a letter with the balance of your service hours completed. 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. 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.

HS Choir Christmas Concert:

Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Refreshments in fellowship hall to follow

Elementary News

Important Dates:

- Wednesday, Dec. 18- 4th and 5th grade Christmas program, 6:30pm
- Thursday, Dec. 19- Last day of school for the semester, report cards will be mailed home

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

Delays, difficulties and annoyances are part of life. It is difficult to be patient and wait calmly and peacefully. The **Patience Tool** helps us accept that these situations are out of our control and we can be "strong enough to wait." Thankfully, God gave us the fruit of patience so we can ask him to grow our ability to be patient.

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

Christmas Baskets:

Today, with their Advisory class, students prepared lists and went shopping at Walmart for families in need. This activity blesses our whole community, not only the recipients of baskets. Students tap into their empathy, are thoughtful and creative, and have the opportunity to also be great witnesses and representatives of Christ and our school while shopping.

“Water Unit” Presentation Night

Come join us **tonight** to celebrate all that 7th and 8th graders have learned during the cross-curricular Water Unit. Presentations will be from **6-7:30 PM**. It is mandatory that 7th and 8th grade students attend to present their own work, and support three of their peers in their presentations. See flier at end of parent news.

Last day to turn in assignments

The end is near! The last day for middle school students to turn in their assignments and missing work is **Monday, Dec. 16**. Please check in with your students about their grades and missing assignments. All of our students are able to access their grades if they have a device with internet/cellular access. Ask them!

Access the [Finals Week Schedule here](#):

Christmas Chapel

You are also welcome to join us for our end of semester chapel on **Thursday, December 19 at 12:25** and are welcome to have your student accompany you home whenever the chapel is finished.

MS Basketball Season

Basketball season has begun! Practices will always take place during our exploratory class period on B Days. There are no after-school practices.

Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Dec 12- Water Unit Celebration of Learning presentations (mandatory for 7th/8th graders)
- Dec 19, Christmas chapel at 12:25, last day of semester

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Snow and Cold Weather

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High School Highlights

In this my first semester as principal I received enormous amounts of support and encouragement from parents and families, and I want to thank you for it. There has been much to learn this semester, and I am still trying to learn about this job and how to do it well, so thank you for your patience with me as well as your support. Here is to many more semesters working together.

This week I have asked students to turn in their phones at the beginning of the day. We as a staff thought it would be a great opportunity for our students to free themselves and their attention from the constant distractions that come from phones. Many students attempted this with many different results, and you should ask your students about this week. Did they participate? And what did they notice about their attention and day in general if they did? If they did not participate, what did they notice about the students who did? And what would a day without a phone look like to them in their imaginings. Even the smallest conversations will get your student thinking.

Next week is exam week, and teachers and students are eagerly (or fearfully) preparing for those exams and end of the semester projects. Please ask your students what is due and when, and what they still need to turn in that is past due. This way we can have an exam week that is much less fearful and stressful and much more productive.

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

RCHS First Semester Exam Schedule — December 2024

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 12/19 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. 16		
8:05am - 10:05am		Period 6 Exam
10:05am - 10:15am		Break
10:15am - 12:15pm		Period 3 Exam
12:15pm - 1:00pm		Lunch
1:05pm - 3:05pm		Period 5 Exam
Tuesday, Dec. 17		
8:05am - 10:05am		Period 2 Exam
10:05am - 10:15am		Break
10:15am - 12:15pm		Period 7 Exam
12:15pm - 1:00pm		Lunch
1:05pm - 3:05pm		Period 8 Exam
Wednesday, Dec. 18		
8:05am – 10:05am		Period 1 Exam
10:05am - 10:15am		Break
10:15am - 12:15pm		Period 4 Exam
12:15pm - 1:00pm		Lunch
1:05pm - 3:05pm		Supervision in the LC for students needing to take the bus home.
Thursday, Dec. 19		
9:05am - 3:05pm		Make Up Exams: <u>Only students who have missed an exam</u> are required to report to school. Set up a time with your teacher for your exam.

High School Counselor's Corner

We had some great presentations the last couple of nights. It has been a great semester in our senior seminar class. Thank you parents, family, and friends that came out to show your support by attending the senior presentation nights. It has been a blessing to see each student learn and grow during this time. Keep the senior class in your prayers as they make decisions toward their future.

This semester I have had many conversations with students in reference to their academics, using their resources, and asking questions when they are not sure about something. If you have any questions during the school year, please feel free to stop by my office.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

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.

Donor Scholarships

Thank you to all the students who applied for the donor scholarships. This year we had over 60 applicants and \$23,600 was awarded in total to 55 students. Below are all the recipients. Congratulations to those students! Great work!

Polinder

Andre Saucedo
Clayton/Campbell Van Slooten
Aaliyah Vijil
Rey Clauschee
Carla Carviso
Urijah White
Josiah Harper
Abryann/Ayden Martine
Sophie Frank
Ava/Dominic Giron
Laila/Cayden Kenny
Arturo Loera
Jacey/Melanie Becenti
Allyson Sanders-Jim
Colt House/Tahnibah Sanchez
Ellen/Joel Zwiers

Top

Danielle Lincoln
Jacob Toledo

Jayceon Salcido

Marvah Toddy
LeBron Bitsilly
Taytum Yazzie
Owen Hunter
Lauren Charley
Seaneci Denny
Mazey Day

Maria Hoelscher

Christopher Armstrong
Mason Johnson
Mariah Johnson
Hailey James
Kyra Begay
Zoe Claw

Lauber Memorial

Hailey James
Jeremiah Charles
Samuel Toledo

Zacharias Bell

Olson

Alexandria Tom
Connor Willden
Jaxon Curnutt
Karley Kellum
Mykal Tom

Harvey Dine

Chase Lynch
Joshua Lytle
Amara Larson

Christian Ed for Young Children

Jaxon Curnutt
Alexandria Tom
Mykal Tom

Visscher

Adonijah Bell

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.



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. 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!

Marlinda & Myles Lytle
Alwood Curley & Sonja Smith
Alfred & Leranda Johnson
Cornelius & Natasha Kenny
Christopher & Monica Roanhorse
Shania & Rodney Curnutt

Food Service

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR,

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!

1 John 5:3 – **“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.”**

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!



Menu Week of Dec. 16,25 2024 to Dec. 20, 2024

Monday Dec 16, 2024	Tuesday Dec 17, 2024	Wednesday Dec 18, 2024	Thursday Dec 19, 2024	Friday Dec 20, 2024
French Toast w/ syrup, Fruit and Milk	Bagels w/ cream cheese, Fruit and Milk	Sausage , Cheese Croissant , Hash brown, fruit and Milk	Cold Cereal , fruit and Milk	NO SCHOOL ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS BREAK
Hamburger w/ bun , tomato, lettuce, Cheese (optional) Spiral Fries, Fruit and Milk	Roast beef w/ Mashed potato, Gravy, Roll, Hot Veggies, Fruit and Milk	Orange chicken w/ Noodles , Mixed Veggies, Fortune Cookie, Fruit and Milk	All American Hot Dog w/chips, Veggie Dippers, Fruit and Milk	SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR. BE SAFE . “ Merry Christmas “

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 from our Transportation Department, as we are nearing our Christmas Break we look forward to the rest and we are excited to return in January of 2025!

- A friendly reminder to please be EARLY to your designated Bus Stop. Being late means that we are setting back the other scheduled stops for the remainder of the Route. If you are late to your AM Stop, please do not try to stop the bus on the road. You can meet the bus at the next scheduled stop (*please see link below for a complete listing*)

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

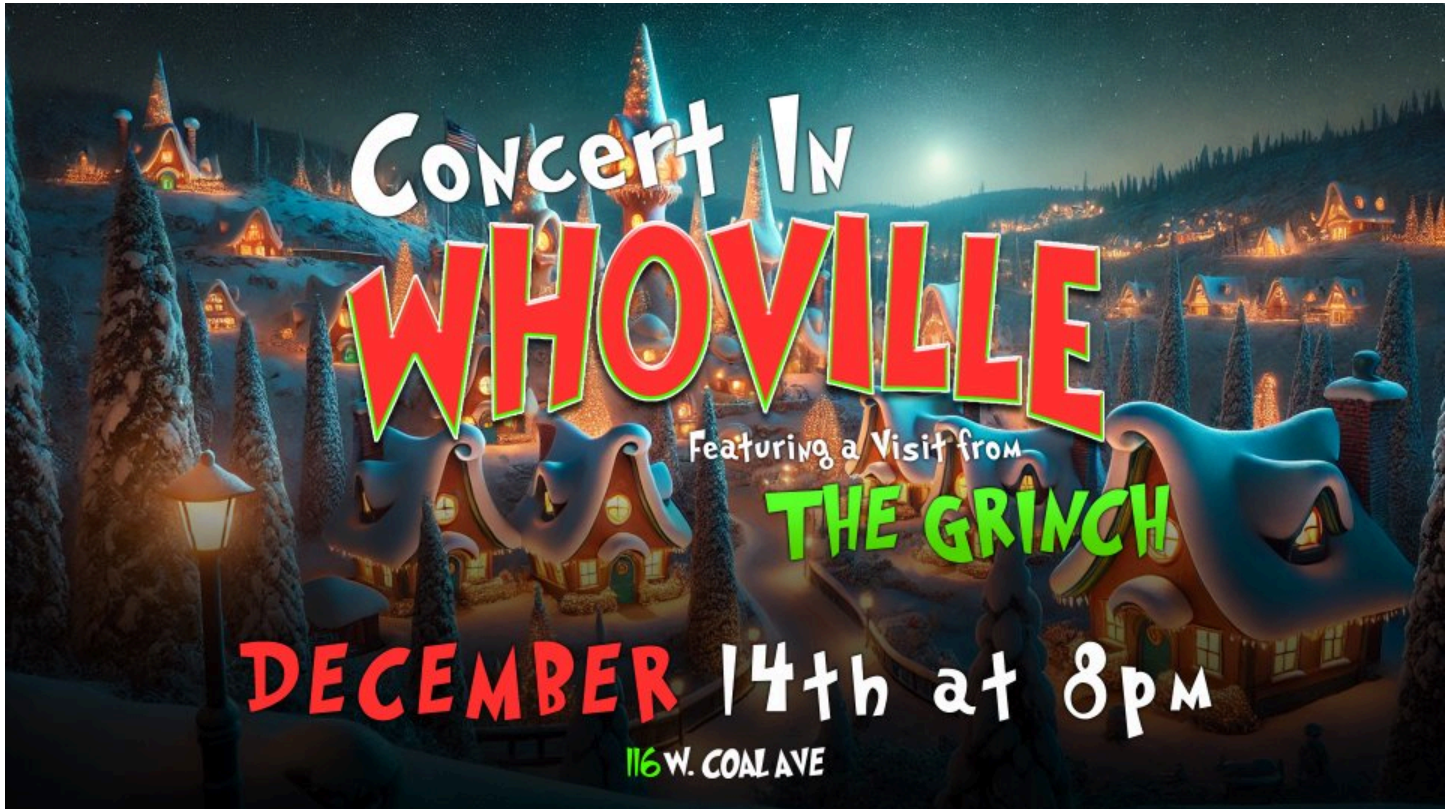
Devotionals for athletes: <https://www.fca.org/resources/personal-growth>

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

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, December 12	4:30 pm- HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Coronado (V) 5:00 pm / 6:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Crownpoint(JV,V)	
Friday, December 13	3:30 / 5:00 pm - HS Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Socorro (JV,V) 5:00 / 6:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Thoreau (JV,V)	
Thursday, December 19	HS Girls Varsity Basketball AWAY @ Chinle Tournament 5:00 / 6:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Grants(JV,V)	MS Basketball HOME vs. St. Bonaventure 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A
Friday, December 20	HS Girls Varsity Basketball AWAY @ Chinle Tournament	
Saturday, December 21	HS Girls Varsity Basketball AWAY @ Chinle Tournament 1:00 / 2:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Montezuma Cortez(CO) (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.



7th and 8th Grade Students invite you to attend their

WATER PRESENTATION NIGHT



Thursday, December 12
6:00pm - 7:30pm

with 8th grade presentations beginning at 6:00, 6:30 and 7:00pm



Rehoboth Christian High School Choir presents

Comfort

AND

Joy

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 14

Time: 4:00 pm

Location:

First United Methodist Church
1800 Redrock Drive
Gallup, New Mexico

