



Parent News

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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

The Christmas story is good news for everyone, everywhere. I'm guessing you will hear a reading of Luke 2 at some point over the next week—whether that's in church, online, or maybe even as part of the Charlie Brown Christmas special. There's something about those sacred words that makes them stick in our hearts and minds.

But I also have a real appreciation for seeing time-honored Biblical truths from a new perspective. A few years ago, a group of Native American Bible scholars came together to create *The First Nations Version—An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament*. They weren't out to correct the Bible. Rather, they wanted to hear the words of God with a special voice—an Indigenous voice. As you read the excerpt from Luke 2 below, I pray that it allows you to hear the story with fresh ears and experience it with fresh impact:

The time for Bitter Tears (Mary) to have her child was upon her! But no place could be found in the lodging house, so He Gives Sons (Joseph) found a sheep cave where it was warm and dry. There she gave birth to her son. They wrapped him in a soft, warm blanket and laid him on a baby board. Then they placed him on a bed of straw in a feeding trough.

That night, in the fields nearby, shepherds were keeping watch over their sheep. Suddenly a great light from above was shining all around them. A spirit-messenger from Creator appeared to them. They shook with fear and trembled as the messenger said to them, "Do not fear! I bring you the good story that will be told to all nations. Today in the village of Much Loved One (David) an Honored Chief has been born who will set his people free. He is the Chosen One!"

The spirit-messenger continued, "This is how you will know him—you will find the child wrapped in a blanket and lying in a feeding trough."

Suddenly, next to the messenger, a great number of spirit-warriors from the spirit-world above appeared giving thanks to Creator, saying, "All honor to the One Above Us All, and let peace and good will follow all who walk upon the earth."

When the messengers returned to the spirit-world above, the shepherds said to each other, "Let us go and see this great thing Creator has told to us." So they hurried to the village of Chief Much Loved One (David) and found Bitter Tears (Mary), He Gives Sons (Joseph), and the child, who, just as they were told, was lying in a feeding trough!

The shepherds began to tell everyone what they had seen and heard about this child, and all who heard their story were amazed.

Merry Christmas to all of you,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **Friday, December 20 - Friday, January 3** - Christmas Break
- **Monday, January 6** - Classes Resume

All School Announcements

Administration Hours over Christmas Break

The administration office will be closed Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1.

If you need to speak with someone please call 505-863-4412 to leave a message, or if it is regarding tuition please email cbia@rcsnm.org to make an appointment to come.

You can drop off payments through the slot in the front door and they will be picked up.

The office will be *open* Thursday, January 2 and Friday, January 3 to make payments for tuition and after school care.

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

An email has been sent out with the balance of your service hours completed. If you have served some hours and they are not accounted for then you need to go in and submit them (The teachers and staff cannot do that for you.)

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.

Elementary News

Winter Break!

Quarter 2 Report Cards will be mailed out next week. Please be on the lookout. The Elementary/Middle School office will be closed during the duration of break. School starts back up on January 6th. See you all then!

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

Christmas Break is starting tomorrow! We are all eager for some down time as well as time celebrating Jesus' birth with our families and friends. Our Toolbox Tools can help this time to be more JOYOUS. We have heard many students using several tools to help them through difficult times during this last week of school: Breathing Tool, Garbage Can Tool, Using Your Words Tool and the Patience Tool.

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

Brian Young, author of *Healer of the Water Monster*

Our 7th and 8th graders had the chance to meet and hear from Mr. Young during a virtual Q&A session this morning. Students prepared questions beforehand to ask. The author shared about growing up in the Ft. Defiance/Sawmill area and spending summers with his grandparents. He shared his inspiration for the book, how many times it was drafted, and how much research was put into the book. It was very engaging and wonderful for this author to celebrate the students' integrated Water Unit!

Monday, January 6, first day back, A Day

The Elementary/Middle School office will be closed during the duration of break. School starts back up on January 6th. See you all then!

Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Jan 13 - MS Bball Home -vs- Shiprock NW - Girls A 4pm, Boys A 5pm
- Jan 16 - MS Bball Away @ Hozho - Girls B 4pm, 6th Boys 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm
- Jan 20 - MLK Day - NO SCHOOL - Staff Retreat
- Jan 23 - MS Bball Home -vs- Pine Hill - Girls B 4pm, Boys B 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm
- Jan 30 - MS Bball Home -vs- Ch'ooshgai - Girls B 4pm, Boys B 5pm, Girls A 6pm, Boys A 7pm

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Snow and Cold Weather

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High School Highlights

What a semester? I think we are all glad that this semester has finished. Looking back at the semester, so much was learned, accomplished, and struggled with. I appreciate all that has happened; all the hard work your students have done makes me so very proud. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your students this semester, and now it is time to get some much needed rest so that we can come back next semester rested and ready. The first week we come back in January will be filled with basketball games and music festivals so be ready to hit next semester at full speed. Have a great break.

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

Thank you parents for your continued support during the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year. I pray that students have a restful Christmas break.

FAFSA/Scholarship Information

FAFSA is now open! Please take some time during the Christmas break to fill out the application for the Fall 2025-2026 school year.

The Fidelity Scholars Program is for historically underrepresented students from New Mexico, and a few other states. It is a last dollar scholarship that covers the remaining need after financial aid has been disbursed to the student. It can be used at any institution in the state (public or private) where the student resides and is for students with GPAs that are between 2.5-3.5. The application deadline is January 30.

NMAA Foundation Scholarships for athletics and activities. Applications are due February 1.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

Inside Scoop

Community Life & Admissions

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.

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 to all the parents, grandparents and families who completed their parent volunteer hours!

Food Service

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, SEE YOU ALL NEXT 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!

“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” Romans 12:10

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

Menu Week of Jan. 06 2025 to Jan. 10 2025

Monday Jan 6, 2025	Tuesday Jan 7, 2025	Wednesday Jan 8, 2025	Thursday Jan 9, 2025	Friday Jan 10, 2025
Mini Pancake w/ Syrup , Fruit and milk	Breakfast Burrito, w/ Fruit and Milk	Biscuit and Gravy Fruit and Milk	Oatmeal, berries and Milk	Fruit Smoothie w/ Granola, Milk
Goulash w/ meat Sauce, Garlic Sticks, Green Beans ,	Baked Chicken Drumstick, Lattice Fries, Veggies, Fruit and Milk	Frito Pie, Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Cookie and Milk	Popcorn Chicken, w/ Mac and Cheese, Veggie Dippers, Fruit and Milk	Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza , Rehoboth Salad , Fruit and Milk

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.

The Rehoboth Transportation Department would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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 19	2:00 pm -HS Girls Varsity Basketball AWAY @ Chinle Tournament vs. Pinon 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)	
Saturday, January 4	1:00 / 2:30 pm HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Shiprock (JV,V) 1:00 / 2:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Crownpoint (JV,V)	
Monday, January 6	3:30 / 6:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball AWAY vs. Legacy Academy (JV,V) (ABQ) 5:00 pm - HS Girls Basketball AWAY vs. Legacy Academy (V)	

Tuesday, January 7	4:30 pm - HS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Cottonwood Classical (V)	
Wednesday, January 8		MS Basketball AWAY vs. Pine Hill 4:00pm - Girls B 5:00pm - Boys B 6:00pm - Girls A 7:00pm - Boys A
Thursday, January 9	4:00 / 5:30 pm - HS Boys Basketball HOME vs. Alamo Navajo (JV,V)	

Community Action

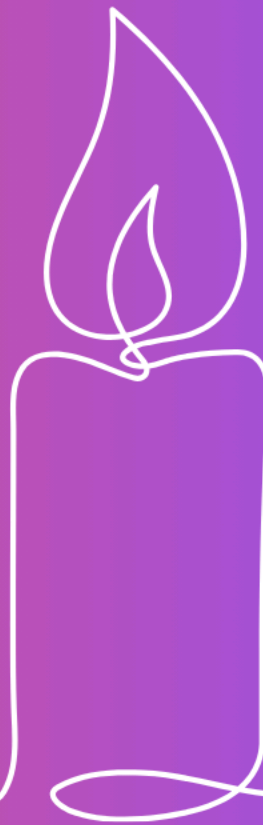
We like to support our community, so if you have any events that you would like to add to Parent News please email the information to adminsec@rcsnm.org by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



December 24
7pm - 8pm



Advanced Notice:

Rehoboth and Bethany Christian Reformed Churches invite you to the African Children's Choir on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00pm at Rehoboth Church.

Come and experience a performance that shows the beauty, dignity and potential of each African child! Admission will be free for all ages; a free-will offering will follow the Choir's concert. Come and enjoy songs, dance and a celebration of God's creativity!

We are excited that the African Childrens' Choir will also be able to share with some of the Rehoboth School classes on Thursday, January 30.