



Parent News

December 5, 2024



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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

I like crossing things off lists. Almost every day, when I get to my office in the morning, I make a list of all of the things I hope to accomplish that day. Sometimes, I even pad it with extra things that I know will be easy to do so that I get some positive momentum to carry me through the tougher tasks.

At this time of year, things are busy at school and at home, meaning that my lists get longer and longer. We're beginning the budget cycle for next school year. Basketball season has started, where I help coach the boys high school team. There are concerts and senior presentations, parties and final exams, decorating around the house and shopping for gifts, hosting guests and planning for travel. The list can get overwhelming at times.

And then I remember one of the lessons we learned in Israel about sheep and shepherds. For those of you who work with sheep or have family members who do, I think this will resonate with you. Herding sheep in the desert and guiding them to food is not an easy task. Often, the menu consists of small clumps of grass fed by some of the scarce rain or dew that comes through the region. Those small clumps are the "green pastures" David writes about in Psalm 23. There aren't any meadows of waist high alfalfa in the Judean wilderness.

As the sheep munch on their meager clumps of grass, they get just enough energy to make the trek to the next clump of grass, and so on and so on throughout the day. Desert life is challenging. Rarely is there anything extra. But every day, the shepherd leads the sheep to just enough food and just enough water to make it through the day.

Just enough.

As my list looms large, it's a great reminder that the Lord will give me just enough energy, just enough empathy, just enough determination to make it through the task in front of me. I don't need to worry about everything all at once. My shepherd leads me exactly where I need to go and gives me exactly what I need for the moment.

He's your shepherd too.

I pray these thoughts give you strength and peace as we embark on this Advent season and anticipate anew the birth of our Messiah, Jesus. I love walking this journey with each of you!

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **Saturday, December 7** - Pyramid Rock Trail Run @ 9:00am Red Rock Park
- **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.

Pyramid Rock 7K Trail Run

The annual Pyramid Rock 7K Trail Run to support the Rehoboth track team will take place on Saturday, December 7 at Red Rock State Park. Packet pick-up is 8:00am and the race begins at 9:00am. See the attached flier for details for signing up. If you sign up by November 22 the entry fee is \$30, after that date it will be \$42.

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.

Christmas Band Concert

The Rehoboth Christian School bands invite you to their Christmas Band concert on Monday December 9. The concert will include the 6th, 7th, 8th, and high school bands. We will be performing in the main gym of the Sports and Fitness Center and the concert begins at 7pm. Come kick off your Christmas season with us!

HS Choir Christmas Concert:

Saturday, December 14

4:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church

Refreshments in fellowship hall to follow

Elementary News

4th and 5th grade Christmas program

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 6:30pm.

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

Patience = Waiting with a happy heart and calm body. December is full of waiting so the tool of patience will be a useful tool for all of us.

As we practice patience we will learn to listen to each other and encourage each other and ourselves by saying positive things (I am strong enough to wait. This won't last forever. I can do this.)!

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.

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

Christmas Choir Concert Tonight

Concert will begin @ 6:30 PM. Students report to MS at 6pm.

Christmas Basket Fundraiser:

This is one of the great traditions here at RCMS! The students are currently fundraising to purchase Christmas baskets for families in the community. Please ask your student about the fundraiser and consider donating. All eligible students will go to Walmart on **Thursday, December 12** to purchase items to fill these baskets with the money we raise. The baskets will then be distributed to nominated families the following week before Christmas Break

“Water Unit” Presentation Night

Come join us for a night celebrating all that 7th and 8th graders have learned during the cross-curricular Water Unit. Presentations will be held on **Thursday, December 12 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 9- Band Concert @ 7:00pm
- Dec 10 - MS Bball Home -vs- Crownpoint Mid
- Dec 12- Water Unit Celebration of Learning presentations (mandatory for 7th/8th graders)
- Dec 19, Xmas chapel at 12:25, last day of semester

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High School Highlights

This semester's exam schedule can be found below this message. Please take a few moments to look over the exam schedule with your student. Ask about what exams will be in what spots. Ask what exams will require time to study for tests and which exams will be written essays and projects. Also, please ask your students what is happening in classes in the run up to exams, often there are assignments and tests to complete and finish before the exam as well. Communication and planning will make for a successful exam week and end of semester.

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

The RCS Class of 2025 will be presenting their senior projects. We look forward to your attendance next week Tuesday and Wednesday!

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Room 208 (6:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

Xavi Andrade
Tyler Bonaguidi
Owen Hunter
Dario Milachay
Angela Sowers
Karlin Yazzie

Room 119 (6:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

Michael Begay
Jeremiah Charles
Adain Larson
Sialim Benson
Rachel Tahy
Meg Zwiers

Room 208 (7:05 PM to 8:05 PM)

Nyommi Begay
Azariah Damon
Megan Livingston
Tom Rogers
Kristian Touchine

Room 119 (7:05 PM to 8:05 PM)

Sevi Birky
Mazey Day
CJ Mariano
Duvi Sanchez
Zach Van Drunen

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Room 208 (6:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

Jakob Alexander
John Bitsilly
Hailey Haven
Rocco Mike
Talan Shirley
Riley Yazzie

Room 119 (6:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

Morgan Arsenault
Lilly Briggs
Mariah Johnson
Matthew Olguin
Kadijah Staley

Room 208 (7:05 PM to 8:05 PM)

Katherine Baldonado
Zoe Claw
Charity Lincoln
Logan Otero
Liv Tutt

Room 119 (7:05 PM to 8:05 PM)

Michael Murrow
Rhianna Dawes
Arturo Loera
CJ Sherman
Clayton Van Slooten

Scholarship Update

Please congratulate Sialim Benson, Zoe Claw, Hailey Haven, and Talan Shirley for making it to the semifinal round of the Gates Scholarship. Continue to pray for them as they continue on in the selection process.

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 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. 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. If you would like to donate any food items for the upcoming basketball season concession stand. They can always use hotdogs, hotdog buns, 20 oz. gatorade (any flavor), full size candy bars and candy, small bags of chips and blow pop suckers. All items can be dropped off at the administration office or the high school office. Please make sure you fill out the link above to get your PVH logged.
4. 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!

Michael Owens and Laura Smith-Owens
Vonda Claw
Abe and Deanna Benson

Food Service

We thank the Lord for his goodness and faithfulness, I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends. It was a time of healing and encouragement, fun , laughter and good food with all .

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. 9,25 2024 to Dec. 13, 2024

Monday Dec 9, 2024	Tuesday Dec 10, 2024	Wednesday Dec 11, 2024	Thursday Dec 12, 2024	Friday Dec 13, 2024
Pancake on a stick w/ Syrup , fruit and milk	Cream of Wheat w/ blueberry muffins, fruit and milk	Cold Cereal w/ fruit and milk	Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola, fruit and milk	Breakfast Pizza, Fruit and milk
Bean Burritos, w/ Tortillas chips, Veggie, fruit, Cookies and milk	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Garlic Sticks, Green Beans, Fruit and Milk	Frito pie, Beans, cheese, lettuce, tomato, fruit and milk	Corn Dogs, tater tots , Veggie dippers, fruit and milk	Steak Fajitas , Spanish rice, Refried Beans, Tri Bell peppers, Tortillas , 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.

Hello Everyone, we hope you had a well rested Thanksgiving Break! A couple things to look out for in the Transportation Department.

We are in full session with Basketball Season and getting the athletes to and from their games. I can understand that this is the only time that some student-athletes ride a bus. All Bus Rules still apply as it would for a regular AM/PM Route. Bus Rules are posted inside the bus.

I want to give a 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:

Rehoboth Christian School requires a completed RCS sports packet with a physical form completed by a physician should be in. Packets will need to be reviewed by the Athletic Director to ensure everyone is cleared for participation for the 2024-25 school year.

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 5	RCS Boys Basketball Tournament 2:30 pm - RCS JV vs. Farmington C-team (KK gym) 4:30 pm - Girls Basketball C-team Miyamura Tournament vs. Crownpoint RCS Boys Basketball Tournament 6:00pm - RCS V vs. NACA/Evangel	
Friday, December 6	RCS Boys Basketball Tournament (JV,V) TBD Girls Basketball C-team Miyamura Tournament TBD	
Saturday, December 7	RCS Boys Basketball Tournament (JV,V) TBD Girls Basketball C-team Miyamura Tournament TBD	
Tuesday, December 10		MS Basketball HOME vs. Crownpoint (GMCS) 4:00pm - 6th grade boys 5:00pm - Girls A 6:00pm - Boys A

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	
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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.



REHOBOTH
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



PYRAMID ROCK 2024 7K RUN

DECEMBER 7- 9AM

EARLY REGISTRATION UNTIL NOV. 22ND: \$30
AFTER NOV. 22ND AND ONSITE: \$42

PACKET PICKUP @ 8AM
ONSITE REGISTRATION 7:00-8:30 AM

LOCATION
RED ROCK STATE PARK

REGISTER ONLINE
BY SCANNING QR CODE



skratch LABS

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

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Saturday, December 14

Time: 4:00 pm

Location:

First United Methodist Church
1800 Redrock Drive
Gallup, New Mexico

