

Parent News December 7, 2023



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Rehoboth Middle Schoolers have an annual opportunity to bless others through their Christmas Basket Program. After raising money, students go to Walmart and shop for families who would benefit from such a gift. Mid School head teacher Dan Arendsen wrote ,"I was reminded multiple times that this is such a good thing to do. Students did awesome overall, and while it is never perfect, it certainly gives a lot of students the opportunity to be selfless, generous, and take ownership of something. Many students took advantage of that opportunity today." Sixth grade teacher Tressa Weidenaar wrote, "My group was so great and definitely cared a lot about this activity. I'm so thankful we can do this at Rehoboth." This is education at its best. Head, heart and hands! Thank you to our Middle School staff, parents and students for blessing others through this project!

Bob Ippel

Rehoboth Christian School Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, December 7 Christmas Program for grades 1-3, 6:30pm Rehoboth Church
- Wednesday, December 13 HS Christmas Choir Concert 7:00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Friday, December 15 Tuesday, January 2, 2024 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break
- Wednesday, January 3, 2024 Classes resume (2nd semester)

All School Announcements

HS Christmas Choir Concert

Come and enjoy the annual HS Christmas Choir Concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00pm.

Enrollment for Semester Two

Please note the application for semester 2 enrollment is now open. We have limited seats available in the following grades: 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th. Please refer people to the Rehoboth website for the online application. We are available to give tours and answer questions. Please have them give us a call at 505-726-9609 or email <u>admissions@rcsnm.org</u>.

Spreading the Word about Rehoboth

There are so many events happening in the next months to which you can invite friends and family. This is a great way to share the word about the opportunities that Rehoboth offers. Now is the time for families to also be thinking about the 2024-25 school year. Bring them to one of our musical or athletic events. Invite them to the Middle School Mall to see how students apply academic learning to real life situations. Encourage them to set up a tour for their family or even to have their children shadow a Rehoboth student for a day! We are already excited about the 2024-25 school year. Online applications for NEW students for the 2024-25 school year will open on January 29.

High School Principal

Because Mr. Meester will be moving into the role of Executive Director in the 2024-25 school year, Rehoboth is looking for a High School principal for next year. Please spread the word! The job description and application can be found <u>HERE</u>. Please pray for this process. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Ippel or Dan Meester.

Business Office

Monthly statements for December will be sent out through Renweb by the end of the week, please check your email. Reminder that one half of the tuition should be paid by the start of the second semester. We are thankful for your support by paying your tuition promptly and for communicating with us concerning your situation. If you have any changing circumstances which would cause a delay of your monthly payment, please contact <u>adminsec@rcsnm.org</u> or call our office at 505-726-9635.



LAST DAY TO SAVE! FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th!!

15% off regular priced merchandise and an EXTRA 25% off Clearance and sale items!

Now is the perfect time to stock up on your gear and to get some Christmas gifts! We have sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, new campfire mugs and so much more!

You can stop by during our Administration Hours from 8 am-4 pm.

Elementary News

Christmas Program, Grades 1-3

Our lower elementary classes are busy learning songs and preparing for a short Christmas program! This program will be TONIGHT, 6:30 to about 7pm.

4th Grade Chocolate Sales

The 4th grade class is raising money for their trip to Santa Fe later this spring! At school, they are allowed to sell chocolate before and after school, but not during the school day. Thanks for your support!

Toolbox Thursday

Due to the snow day last week we will reschedule our Patience tool practice to this Thursday. **Patience** is such an important tool for this full, fun, Christmas season. The class that turns in the greatest number of Toolbox Activity pages by next Thursday, December 14, will have the opportunity to choose a prize from my Prize Box. **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.

Middle School Matters

Middle School

Middle school students will be taking their exams next week, ask them about their exam schedule! Teachers have also been encouraging students to learn and practice good study habits, such as:

- * Making flashcards
- * Quizzing yourself
- * Reading through notes and previous assignments
- * Drawing maps and diagrams
- * Make a list of steps in math, and try to apply those steps with another problem

Lessons & Carols Chapel

Next Thursday, December 14, we will have a lessons and carols chapel at Rehoboth church from 12:15-1:00pm. Friends and families are welcome to join us!

Perfume & Cologne

We have several people in our middle school community who have been experiencing allergic reactions to perfume and cologne sprayed in classrooms and restrooms. Please encourage your students to use their good smelling things at home before they get to school. Thank you!

Christmas Baskets

Students shopped for families in our community yesterday. I heard great reports from teachers about how caring, generous, and selfless our students were! Not only did students shop for a family in need, but many were seen helping other Walmart shoppers as well. What a great opportunity for students to think of and serve others!

High School Highlights

First Semester Final Exams Next Week

See the next page for our exam schedule next week. High school students do not need to be on campus if they don't have an exam during a given period. However, if they *are* on campus, they must report to their assigned teacher. Parents, you can provide permission for your child to leave when they are finished with their finals by contacting Ms. Begay in the HS office at (505) 726-9632. Buses will run at their normal times next week.

Thursday is a make-up day for anyone who misses one or more exams earlier in the week. Students who have completed their exams should not come to school on Thursday 12/14.

New Mexico All-State Soccer Players

Congratulations to our boys and girls all-state soccer selections this year: Jordyn Holtsoi-Henry, Lauren Keedah, Alieda Zylstra, Morgan Arsenault, Liam Bia, and Garrett VanSlooten. Way to go, Lynx! We are proud of the way you represent our school.

Rehoboth Boys Basketball Tournament this Week

We will be hosting 8 Varsity teams and 8 JV teams Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for our annual Rehoboth boys basketball tournament. Schedules are available in the HS office or on Rehoboth social media. Come out and support the Lynx and help us show great hospitality to our guests!

Cathedral Choir Concert Next Week

The annual High School Choir Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Cathedral here in Gallup will be next week <u>Wednesday</u> evening at 7pm. What a great way to celebrate the end of the semester and prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Changing Your Schedule for Second Semester?

If you're wanting a change in your child's class schedule for second semester, make sure to contact our academic counselor, Mrs. Lynch, to set that up for you.

Christmas Break Dates

Students will be on Christmas Break starting Thursday, December 14 (unless they have to make up exams), and we will return to classes on <u>Wednesday January 3. 2024</u>.

Dan Meester, RCHS Principal

RCHS First Semester Exam Schedule — December 2023

As a reminder and for those who are taking high school exams for the first time: <u>Students do not need to be at</u> <u>school if they do not have a scheduled exam for a given time slot.</u> However, if they <u>are in school, they must report to</u> <u>their scheduled class and teacher</u>. 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 12/14 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. 11	
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 1 Exam
Tuesday, Dec. 12	
8:05am - 10:05am	Period 2 Exam
10:05am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 12:15pm	Period 4 Exam
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:05pm - 3:05pm	Period 8 Exam
Wednesday, Dec. 13	
8:05am – 10:05am	Period 5 Exam
10:05am - 10:15am	Break
10:15am - 12:15pm	Period 7 Exam
12:15pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:05pm - 3:05pm	Supervision in the LC for students needing to take the bus home.
Thursday, Dec. 14	
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

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The federal student aid application (FAFSA) will be open on December 31, 2023. Please look forward to an email or text message about a FAFSA night in January.

Senior Presentation

Thank you parents, family, and friends for coming out to support the senior class of 2024! It has been a blessing to work alongside each student this semester. I have seen the growth in each student as they start to make decisions toward their future. Please continue to keep the senior class in your prayers as they consider what colleges they will attend or what they will do once they graduate. We have many students that have been accepted to a 4 year college, some students have started the process to enlist into the military and will depart a couple of weeks after graduation. Please continue to keep these students in your prayers.

ODY Spring Scholarships

If you have not already submitted your scholarship application for the Spring semester please do so before the Christmas break. This will allow our administration some time to fill in their portion of the application and get them submitted in a timely manner.

Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor

Inside Scoop

Community Life & Admissions

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

Fall Donor Scholarship: Congratulations to the following students who received donor scholarships:

Harvey Dine Scholarship

- 1. Chase Sherman (11th)
- 2. Marvah Toddy (10th)

Lauber Scholarship

- 1. Mannix Yazzie (5th)
- 2. Mariah Johnson (11th)
- 3. Azariah Damon (11th)
- 4. Zacharias Bell (4th)

Hoelscher Scholarship

- 1. Llam Bia (12th)
- 2. Sialim Benson (11th)
- 3. Shandiin Benson (12th)
- 4. Owen Hunter (11th)

Top Scholarship

- 1. Ezekiel Bell (10th)
- 2. Nathanael Bell (12th)
- 3. Hailey James (10th)
- 4. Samuel Toledo (9th)
- 5. Sophie Frank (10th)
- 6. Taytum Yazzie (10th)

Olson Memorial Scholarship

- 1. Riley Hosteen (1st)
- 2. Karley Kellum (K)
- 3. Alexandria Tom (2nd)

Visscher Donor Scholarship

- 1. Emily Garcia (12th)
- 2. Adonijah Bell (10th)
- 3. James Chimoni (11th)

Polinder Memorial Scholarship

- 1. Melanie Becenti (10th)
- 2. Andre Saucedo (7th)
- 3. Delali Asamoa-Tutu (4th)
- 4. Taytum Yazzie (10th)
- 5. Juliana Meester (12th)
- 6. Mason Johnson (8th)
- 7. Laila Kenny (3rd)
- 8. Ellen Zwiers (8th)
- 9. Chase Lynch (9th)
- 10. Owen Hunter (11th)
- 11. Luke Johnson (3rd)

Spring ODY Scholarship: Applications are available at the high school and at the administration building. Please return your completed application to either <u>Mrs. Lynch</u> at the high school or at the administration building. This is open to **high school students** who are enrolled with the Navajo Nation and have a GPA of 3.3 or higher.

Students are considered first time if they were not awarded for the Fall 2023 but are applying for the Spring. First time applicants will need to submit an essay and two teacher recommendations along with the application. The admissions office will be bringing the completed applications to Window Rock on Tuesday, January 9. Please turn them in before then as our business office needs to do the financial paperwork for the application.

Tuition payments & Scholarships: A reminder that every month, a tuition payment needs to be paid. You can make your payments by phone through credit (505-863-4412), at our administration building, mail in payment, or use our free service of <u>FACTS</u>. Every credit card payment has a fee.

If there are circumstances that are making it difficult for you to pay your tuition, you can apply for the <u>LYNX</u> <u>SCHOLARSHIPS</u>.

Verlena J. Livingston I Dir. of Community Life I vlivingston@rcsnm.org

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)

CLICK HERE TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Here are opportunities:

- Our winter sports season will begin this week. Please sign up to help with the admission gate. Sign up below.
 2023 Winter Sports Admission gate
- 2. Serve lunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11:15 am-1:00 pm each day. Any day Monday through Friday.
- 3. Anyone interested in providing a meal for a board meeting this school year. This would count for all 10 hours that you would need for the school year.



Please be sure to fill out the parent volunteer link to log your hours.

If hours are not reported through the link above, we cannot record the hours to your Family Portal for you to track. If you have any questions about volunteering please don't hesitate to contact me.

Deanna Benson I Volunteer Coordinator I dbenson@rcsnm.org I (505) 726-9603

Food Service Line

Greetings from the Kitchen have a Great Holiday Break spend with family and friends , make memorable memories . We will continue to strive to make meals that are nutritious and meet the requirements of our students .

Thank you staff and volunteers for the amazing job you all do here at the lunch line. Blessings from the Kitchen. If you have any questions, concerns, or any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>danderson@rcsnm.org</u>.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths STRAIGHT. Proverb 3: 5,6

We are in need of servers more than ever, please contact Deanna Benson at dbenson@rcsnm.org, if you can do your volunteer hours by serving lunch. It is the BEST job on campus, kids LOVE to be fed! This volunteer time can be put towards your Parent Volunteer Hours needed for the school year.

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, remembering they can speak up & turn down a food item, as long as they have 3 items on their tray, one being a fruit or vegetable!



Happy Holidays Menu Week of December 11 to December 14 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec. 15
Biscuit/gravy, Fruit, Milk	.	Oatmeal or cold cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk	Smoothie, Fruit Granola, Milk	Happy Holidays
Beans, cheesy	Beans, Spanish Rice,	Sloppy Joe , Baked Beans , Tater Tots , Fruit, Milk	Pizza Rehoboth salad Fruit, Milk	AAA MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BAPPY NEW YEAR

RCS is an equal opportunity provider. Menu subject to change due to product availability.

In Gear : Transportation

Deuteronomy 31:8

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Parents/Guardians,

Please read over the **Snow Delay/Cancellation Policy** in regards to weather conditions. Please make sure all phone numbers are current in the RENWEB system.

See link below for 2023-2024 Bus Route Times: <u>Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes</u> <u>Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes</u> (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 <u>dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org</u> or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager (505)726-9622 | <u>dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org</u>





I Believe: Athletics

For the Athlete: I do not trust in myself. I do not boast in my abilities or believe in my own strength. I rely solely on the power of God. I compete for the pleasure of my heavenly father, the honor of Christ, and the reputation of the Holy Spirit.

Devotionals: Here is a link for your son or daughter that pertains to student-athletes and their journey that comes with challenges and joys. If Devotions are new to you and your child, please see Mr. Pete, to assist and start that process and some easy steps in studying God's Word to grow and build a solid foundation. <u>RCS Student-Athletes Devotionals</u>



Prayer Request: Please see attached a Prayer Card to pray for our athletes and coaches every day. Reminder: "MORE PRAYER, MORE POWER, LESS PRAYER, LESS POWER." <u>fcaprayercard.pdf</u>

DATE	HS SPORTS	MS SPORTS
Thursday, December 7	 3:00 pm RCS Boys Basketball Tournament (JV,V) 4:30 pm Rehoboth vs. Thoreau (JV) KK gym 6:00 pm Rehoboth vs. Ramah (V) SFC See attached brackets 	
Friday, December 8	2:30 pm - Girls JV Shiprock Basketball Tournament AWAY vs. PV C team (see attached bracket) 3:00 pm RCS Boys Basketball Tournament (JV,V) See attached brackets	4:00 pm - MS Basketball AWAY vs. Ramah • 4;00 pm Girls B • 5:00 pm Boys B • 6:00 pm Girls A • 7:00 pm Boys A
Saturday, December 9	 10:00 am RCS Boys Basketball Tournament (JV,V) See attached brackets 10:00 am Girls JV Shiprock Basketball Tournament AWAY @ Shiprock (see attached bracket) 	 9:00 am- MS Basketball AWAY vs. Pine Hill 9:00 am, 6th grade boys Followed by 6th grade girls, and B teams No A teams
Thursday, December 14	Girls Basketball Questa Tournament AWAY (V)	 4:00 pm - MS Basketball HOME vs. Shiprock NW 4 pm Girls B team 5 pm Boys B team 6 pm Girls A team 7 pm Boys A team
Friday, December 15	Girls Basketball Questa Tournament AWAY (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 <u>adminsec@rcsnm.org</u> by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.





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On Sunday, December 10 at 6 PM, Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church is having an evening of Christmas music. We have a group that will be playing through the set of songs "Behold the Lamb of God" by Andrew Peterson, which draws the thread of the Christmas story through the Old Testament up through Jesus's birth. After that, we will sing Christmas carols. The whole thing will probably be about an hour and a half. All Rehoboth families who are interested are welcomed to attend. A flier image is attached.

BEHOLD

ETERSONS

a free musical celebration of the true tall tale of the coming of Christ

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 6 PM

carol singing to follow

REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

415 Tse Yaaniichii St. Rehoboth, NM



NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY DECEMBER 16, 2023

Wreaths Across America is a program which began in 1992 with the placing of wreaths on seldom visited veterans' graves in a remote section of Arlington National Cemetery. It has since grown to be simultaneous ceremonies which take place all across America and on certain foreign shores in order to **Remember** and **Honor** all those who have served in the military of this great country as well as to **Teach** our youth about the importance and cost of the individual freedoms which we hold dear. Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to **Remember, Honor** and **Teach** is carried out by coordinating wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National cemetery, as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Our goal is to remember and honor approximately 120 veterans whose final resting place is in the Rehoboth cemetery. The wreath laying ceremony will take place December 16, 2023 at 10:00 am, at the Gallup Courthouse Plaza after which families and volunteers will disburse to cemeteries in Gallup and at Rehoboth to place wreaths on Veteran's graves.

Wreath sponsors and Volunteers are essential in order for the Wreaths Across America program to succeed. Sponsors can pay for as many wreaths as they choose at a cost of \$17.00 each. Volunteers can serve by placing wreaths, after the ceremony, on the grave sites of veterans who do not have family available to place them. If you would like to serve by sponsoring and/or volunteering, please contact Angela Barker @ (575)779-4444 or Melvina Musket @ (505)879-0077.

Corporate Sponsors are also needed to sponsor additional wreaths for graves of veterans. If you would like to serve as a Corporate sponsor, please contact Janice Bradley at janiceb43@me.com.

The deadline to sponsor wreaths is November 28, 2023.

Wreaths Across America is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath laying ceremony begun at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.