



# Parent News

February 15, 2024



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## Table Talk

Darius Yazzie, Transportation Manager



**Alfredo Gutierrez**

1955-2024

Alfredo was hired with Rehoboth in 2015. He showed passion for his job on and off the school bus with his student passengers, colleagues, friends, and family. Rain, snow, or shine, Alfredo was always ready to get on the road to transport his passengers to and from school. Alfredo will be missed by all and we'll never forget the laughs and smiles we shared together as a team, family, and as a friend...Bus 1, Clear.

**RCS Transportation Dept**

Magdalene Begay- Bus 6

Curtis Long- Bus 3

Geraldine Anderson- Bus 2

Emmanuel Yazzie- Bus 5

Fred Thomas- Bus 4

Darius Yazzie- Transportation Manager

## 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.”

Darius Yazzie  
Transportation Manager

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## **Upcoming Events**

- **Monday, February 19** - NO SCHOOL- Presidents Day
- **Thursday, February 22** - All School Talent Show 7:00 pm in LC (note date change)
- **Friday, March 1** - End of Third Quarter
- **Monday, March 4** - Blood Drive in SFC from 11:30am -3:30pm
- **Thursday, March 7** - Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm
- **Friday, March 8** - NO SCHOOL - Parent- Teacher Conferences 9:00am -1:00pm
- **Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15** - NO SCHOOL Spring Break

# All School Announcements

## **Administration Office Closed**

The administration office will be closed Monday, February 19th for the President's Day Holiday.

## **Celine Bia/Director of Finance**

Please note that Celine Bia is our Director of Finance. If you have tuition payment or tuition contract questions, please contact her at [cbia@rcsnm.org](mailto:cbia@rcsnm.org) or call 505-726-9704. We appreciate your communication.

## **February 22nd Talent Show**

Next week on Thursday, February 22 we will have a big fundraising event for the Choir and Drama programs at Rehoboth: **The School-Wide Talent Show / Dessert Night / Silent Auction**. Please see the attached sign-up sheet to find a great place for you to donate time, baking skills, or silent auction items. Thank you for any way you can help out with this event. Sign up [HERE](#)

## **Blood Drive**

Rehoboth HS Honor Society will host a blood drive in the SFC from 11:30am -3:30pm on Monday, March 4. Please consider helping the community by donating. Please see attached flier for more information.

## **2024-25 School Calendar**

The RCS Board approved the 2024-25 school calendar. Please click [HERE](#).

# Elementary News

## **Toolbox Thursday- Forgiveness Tool**

It looks like we will have a 5 day school week! So we will learn and practice the forgiveness tool this week. Your child(ren) might come home singing a Forgiveness Song. See copies of the lyrics and/or song titles in this week's Toolbox home notes.

*Leanne Gillson*

## **End of Day Check-outs**

Please make sure that if you need to check your student out at the end of the day, that you are here at least one hour before the end of the school day. So, on Thursday check-out before 12:05, and other weekdays before 2:05. This helps our teachers and students finish their day strong without so many interruptions. Thank you!

## **Drop off/Pick up Loop**

As you drop off and pick up your students in the gravel loop, please use one single lane for your student to exit and enter your vehicle. It is unsafe for students to walk in front of vehicles to a second lane. Thank you for helping keep all our students safe!

# Middle School Matters

## **Phoenix Christian**

This week, 8th grade students from Phoenix Christian School shared at chapel ways that they see God working in their lives. How refreshing to hear from students outside of our own community the ways that God works. What strikes me is that many of the things they shared from their own lives are common to our students and community as well. Students shared about the amazing intricacies of God's creation of the world we live in and our own bodies. God provides for Christian education, teachers, family, and church. These things demonstrate our global connectedness through our amazing God!

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# High School Highlights

## Ash Wednesday and the Beginning of Lent

Yesterday (Ash Wednesday) was the beginning of Lent—a unique time. On Ash Wednesday, millions of people around the world attend church services where they have ashes smeared on their foreheads in the shape of a cross and thus walk around with the visual equivalent of a big old sign hanging around their necks declaring, “I am a Christian!” for all the world to see. The Lenten journey ends on the glorious mountaintop of Easter, but Ash Wednesday marks the first steps that take us down into the valley as we are reminded of Christ’s descent to earth, His rejection, humiliation, and death. In those meditative moments we are also confronted by our own mortality, our own guilt, and our own shame. “For you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” say pastors as they smear the ash on our brows. The ash takes us to the dark places, the places of loneliness and chaos—even death.

At *my* Ash Wednesday service a few years back, the pastor preached on the story of post-resurrection Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Galilee reinstating Peter, confronting the guilt and shame of the disciple who denied him three times when he had declared so vehemently that he would never do such a thing. But in Peter’s ashes, Christ was there—rebuilding their relationship, calling him anew to follow Him and feed His lambs.

And that story made my mind wander to the previous verses of that episode out of John—when the disciples are hauling in their massive catch and bringing the boat back to the shore for breakfast. Jesus waits for them there, tending a fire “of burning coals.” A seemingly insignificant detail, right? Not for those of us from Rehoboth who have traveled to Israel! In orienting us for the trip, our guide pointed out that verse and tied it to two other passages—ones that had always left me baffled. Romans 12 and Proverbs 25 both contain an unusual exhortation for us: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”

My whole life, when I’d hear those passages, I would be thinking, “What?!?” Are we supposed to purposefully shame our enemies? That never seemed like the best way to convince people of the gospel, and I always wrestled with what felt like a command to take sadistic joy in how uncomfortable our kindness would make someone else.

But then our guide pointed us to another passage: David’s Song of Deliverance in 2 Samuel 22, which is echoed in various Psalms as well. “In my distress I called to the Lord; From his temple he heard my voice; . . . smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.” Burning coals are a pictorial, metaphorical reminder that God is present. And sure enough, it makes sense—the burning bush, the pillar of fire guiding the Israelites, the tongues of flame on Pentecost. So heaping burning coals on your enemy’s head means being a picture of God to them—a Living Image, if you will.

In our ashes, beneath the burning coals, God is there; and in each other’s ashes we need to be there too if we are to be His pictures in this world. No matter what we are going through, God is holding us, shaping us, and supporting us on this journey. And if we are to be people who bear His mark, who embody Him to the rest of the world, then we need to be here for each other too. Brothers and sisters, God is with us, drawing us close, preparing us for the work of the Kingdom. We need to do the same. That’s my reminder and my encouragement to you today.

## No School Monday

There will be no school on Monday in observance of Presidents Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

**Dan Meester, RCHS Principal**

# High School Counselor's Corner

## Scholarships for Seniors

- The Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance Application will open on Friday, March 15, 2024. I encourage any student(s) that would like to apply to obtain an original (duplicate) copy of their Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) from the Department of Vital Records. The Navajo Nation Scholarship Office will require you to submit an original copy of your CIB with your application.
- First Financial Credit Union Scholarship Application is now Open!
  - Must be a graduating senior in good standing, planning to attend a two or four-year, accredited New Mexico college or university, or currently enrolled at a New Mexico institution of higher learning.
  - Must be enrolled as a full-time student with a minimum of 12 hours and must have at least a 2.0 - grade point average.
  - Parent/guardian or student must be a member of First Financial Credit Union. Immediate family members of volunteers and staff are not eligible.
  - Completed application must be submitted by **midnight Wednesday, April 17th, 2024.**
- Continental Divide Electric Cooperative's Education Foundation will accept scholarship applications for the 2024-25 school year. PLEASE NOTE: The **deadline to return applications is March 31, 2024.** If you have questions about the scholarship program, please contact our Education Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Rosanne Apodaca at (505) 285-6656, ext. 1041, or email [rapodaca@cdec.coop](mailto:rapodaca@cdec.coop). You may also contact Raquel Galindo at (505)-285-6656, ext. 1046, or email [rgalindo@cdec.coop](mailto:rgalindo@cdec.coop).

## Spring SAT

The spring SAT will be held on Friday (Good Friday) March 29, 2024 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the high school LC. The SAT test has been ordered for those students that have signed up. There is a \$25.00 fee that students will need to pay by Friday, March 22, 2024. Payments can be made at the administration building with cash, check, or card. The high school front office can accept check and cash payments, please bring the exact amount if paying with cash.

## Summer STEM Experience

New Mexico Tech University is taking applications for a Summer STEM camp. The first session will begin June, 9-14, 2024. The second session will begin July, 14-19, 2024. If you are interested in this program and would like more information please stop by my office.

## Cap and Gowns

Caps, gowns, and tassels have arrived and can be purchased at the high school front office. The fee is \$25.00. If you are paying with cash please have the exact change. Once you take your cap, gown, and tassel it is your responsibility to ensure that you keep it in a safe place until graduation. We will not be able to replace these items in time for graduation.

**Camilla Lynch, Guidance Counselor**

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

**New Student applications for the 2024-2025 year:**

The new student applications are now available. If you are a current parent interested in adding an additional child, you can fill out an application within your Family Portal account. When completed we will be connecting with you on the next steps. If you know anyone interested in applying, they can start an [application online here](#).

**Re-enrolling for the 2024-2025 year:**

We had asked all current parents to re-enroll by January 31st. This helps us determine the seats we can offer new potential students. New student admission applications opened today and we will be offering seats for next school year.

**Other Scholarships:**

*ACE Scholarship*

The application became available on Monday, February 5th and the deadline is April 15th. We are still working with FACTS to have them set up the payment of the application fee. You can still start the application but if you get to the screen that asks for payment, save your application for later. **Check your email from Feb 12th** for updated information on how to apply. Make sure you fill out the information (create your account if you don't have a FACTS account already) under the first login (login website) before you go to the next login page to start the ACE scholarship application.

Parents will receive an email on specifics but here are some other details to note when applying:

1. We will be taking care of the application fee
2. Arizona families can apply
3. Applications are one per family
4. Please fill out if you are financially eligible ASAP, see below.. Be sure to upload all the documents needed.
5. To complete, you need the following:
  - a. 2023 tax forms
  - b. Social security, disability, housing allowance, food stamps, child support documentation, and any documentation of additional sources of income that are not reported on your 1040.

**ACE SCHOLARSHIPS - FINANCIAL GUIDELINES**

PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	2024 POVERTY GUIDELINE	ACE MAXIMUM QUALIFYING INCOME
2 .....	\$20,440 .....	\$71,540
3 .....	\$25,820 .....	\$90,370
4 .....	\$31,200 .....	\$109,200
5 .....	\$36,580 .....	\$128,030
6 .....	\$41,960 .....	\$146,860
7 .....	\$47,340 .....	\$165,690
8 .....	\$52,720 .....	\$184,520
9 .....	\$58,100 .....	\$203,350
10 .....	\$63,480 .....	\$222,180



## *Lynx Scholarship*

If there are circumstances that are making it difficult for you to pay your tuition, you can apply for the [LYNX SCHOLARSHIPS](#).

**Tuition payments:** 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 [FACTS](#). Every credit card payment has a fee.

Verlena J. Livingston | Dir. of Community Life | [vlivingston@rcsnm.org](mailto:vlivingston@rcsnm.org)

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### ***Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)*** **[CLICK HERE TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)**

1. Do you have an hour to volunteer to help with the daily dose on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for 1st and 2nd grade classrooms? Parents interested please contact me.
2. Are you interested in helping with the upcoming talent show by donating a special (fancy or decorative) dessert or silent auction item? If so, please contact me for more details.
3. If you want to sign up to bring food for staff during the upcoming parent teacher conferences March 7-8 please contact me.



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 | Volunteer Coordinator | [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) | (505) 726-9603

# Food Service

I just wanted to say a Big Thank You to the Kitchen Staff and Volunteers for doing a tremendous job of serving our students and staff. A big thank you to the Teachers for placing lunches early so WE can continue to accommodate the students in the Fellowship Hall. Blessings from the Kitchen. If you have any questions, concerns, or any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me at [danderson@rcsnm.org](mailto:danderson@rcsnm.org).

“ REJOICE IN EVERY DAY OF LIFE “ ECCLESIASTES 11 : 8


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Now down to business.

We are in need of servers more than ever, please contact Deanna Benson at [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto: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!

**ALL kids eat FREE!** Take advantage! 😊

## Menu Week of Feb 19 to Feb 23 , 2024

Monday Feb 19	Tuesday Feb 20	Wednesday Feb 21	Thursday Feb 22	Friday Feb 23
No School	French Toast Stick w/Syrup , Fruit and Milk	Breakfast Burrito w/ Picante Sauce Fruit and Milk	Breakfast Pizza w/ Fruit, Milk	Bagels w/ Cream and Cheese , Fruit, Milk
	Taco Tuesday w/ lettuce, tomato, cheese, Spanish Rice, Choc chip Cookie, Fruit and milk  Salsa : optional	Orange Chicken w/ Fried Rice, w/ peas and carrots, Fortune Cookie Fruit and Milk  Soy sauce: optional	Breakfast for Lunch scramble eggs w/ dices bacon, Hash Brown, Tortilla, Fruit and Milk  Salsa : Optional	Pizza , Rehoboth Salad , Tiger Bites, Fruit, Milk

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

# 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.

**Middle School Spring Sports:** Middle School Spring Sports have started. Students were given an opportunity to join with Mr. Arendsen for exploratoires.Schedules will be out soon.

**High School Spring Sports:** If your daughter or son are interested in joining Spring Sports such HS Track or HS Baseball please contact our coaches



Head Track and Field Coach: Collier Kempton, [collier.kempton@gmail.com](mailto:collier.kempton@gmail.com) Cell 720-830-5361

Head Baseball Coach: Ken Zylstra, [kzylstra@rcsnm.org](mailto:kzylstra@rcsnm.org) Cell 505-488-3900

We will have a Head Softball Coach soon. A coach will be selected by next week.

**Basketball Playoffs:** Basketball Playoffs will be here in the next few weeks. A quick reminder that Rehoboth students and staff will need to pay for admission for District Basketball Playoffs and NMAA State Playoffs if we are hosting.

**Fundraiser:** Our HS Boys and Girls Basketball Programs are selling Rehoboth Basketball Apparel. Please support our teams!

**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.

[RCS Student-Athletes Devotionals](#)

**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.” [fcaprayercard.pdf](#)

DATE	HS SPORTS	MS SPORTS
Friday, February 16	2:00 pm - Girls JV AWAY vs. Dulce 3:30 pm - Boys JV AWAY vs. Dulce 5:00 pm - Girls V AWAY vs. Dulce 6:30 pm - Boys V AWAY vs. Dulce	
Tuesday, February 20	3:00 pm - Girls JV AWAY vs. Laguna Acoma 4:30 pm - Boys JV AWAY vs. Laguna Acoma 6:00 pm - Girls V AWAY vs. Laguna Acoma 7:30 pm - Boys V AWAY vs. Laguna Acoma	
Friday, February 23	2:00 pm - Girls JV HOME vs. Dulce 3:30 pm - Boys JV HOME vs. Dulce 5:00 pm - Girls V HOME vs. Dulce 6:30 pm - Boys V HOME vs. Dulce	

# 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](mailto:adminsec@rcsnm.org) by Wednesday so it can be added to the Thursday edition of the parent news.*

## **Northwestern College Choir Concert**

Rehoboth Christian School will host a concert by the Northwestern College A cappella Choir on Monday, March 4, at 7 p.m at Rehoboth Church.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Needs:

- Host families for about 10 students on Monday night, March 4, to include breakfast the next morning.
- Donations for a meal to feed the choir on Monday night, March 4 (details to come).
- Breakfast donations for students staying in the dorm (details to come).

The twenty five voice **Cantabile Choir** will share songs from "Total Praise" - a worship time reflecting the heart songs of people worldwide in various languages and musical styles. The choir is excited to share a repertoire of songs of hope that declare that the Lord has come! We invite you to attend any of the following worship services and programs:

## **TOUR DATES:**

**Saturday, February 17**

**5:30 pm**

West Valley Christian Fellowship 12649 N. 105th, Sun City, AZ

**Sunday, February 18**

**9:00 am**

Church of the Master Presbyterian & Maranatha Community Church  
6659 E University, Mesa, AZ

**2:30 pm**

Carriage Manor RV Resort  
7750 E Broadway Rd, Mesa, AZ 85208

**5:30 pm**

Phoenix United Reformed Church  
2002 E. Missouri St., Phoenix, AZ

# BLOOD DRIVE



## Rehoboth Christian School

**MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 ~ 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM**  
**LOCATED IN THE GYM**  
**KEVIN ZWIERS, COORDINATOR**  
**505-726-9632**

Must be 16, with a completed Parent Consent Form to donate.  
For questions, to get a form or make an appointment see Mr. Zwiers  
Seniors will receive a blood donor cord for graduation!  
Start drinking water a few days prior to the day of the Drive.  
Eat a hearty meal before you donate and bring an ID.

**Thank you Rehoboth Lynxes for Giving Life!!!!**

 **GIVE BLOOD | [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org)**

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