

Parent News February 22, 2024



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There are many things I will miss about my role as Executive Director. One of those things is conversations with staff. Their jobs are challenging, but the amazing love our staff have for students is mind blowing. Teachers, assistants and the SALT staff work so hard to make lessons engaging, to differentiate learning and to point students to God. And they work hard because they love their students so much. They want them to succeed. Most of all, they want their students to know that they are loved.

And our students are so fortunate that the Rehoboth adults who care about them include even more than the teaching staff. The bus drivers, the facilities and food service staff, the coaches and those who work in the administration building deeply care about the Rehoboth students. I love to watch the interaction between these adults and the students. It is clear that the staff care and that the students notice.

This week the High School and the Middle School students took a survey to identify adults on campus who they feel know them and who they could go to with a concern other than academics. We wanted to be sure that every student had an adult in their life on campus who could give them support and encouragement. What a blessing to see that every student who took the survey could identify an adult who they knew cared about them. And what a blessing for our staff to know that there are students who look to them as ones who can encourage and support.

Yes, there will be many things I miss about Rehoboth. But those conversations with staff members- both easy and challenging- will be part of this job that I miss. (Next week, you will find out about another group of people I will miss!)

Amazed! Bob Ippel Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

- Thursday, February 22 All School Talent Show 6:30 pm in LC
- 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

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 <u>cbia@rcsnm.org</u> or call 505-726-9704. We appreciate your communication.

February 22nd Talent Show - 6:30pm in LC



Come out tonight to be wowed by our student talent at the: **The School-Wide Talent Show / Dessert Night / Silent Auction**. This is a fundraiser for the choir and drama programs so please come out and support them. Thank you.

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. Please see page 15 for a flier.

2024-25 School Calendar

The RCS Board approved the 2024-25 school calendar. Please click HERE.

Elementary News

<u>Toolbox Thursday</u>

Living Images, one of our **God Jobs (**or Throughlines), is a beautiful way to describe how we can be God's image to others. In our lesson this week we will connect some characteristics of God with our Toolbox Tools. For example : one of God's characteristics is forgiveness. So when we forgive others we are showing them a picture of God - the one who forgives.

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

Perfume and Cologne

We are requesting that students leave all of their lovely smelly perfumes and colognes at home. We have several people in our community who are allergic or quite sensitive to scents. Thank you!

Missing Work

We're nearing the end of the quarter, please check-in with your students about their grades and missing assignments. All missing assignments are due Wednesday, February 28.

Math Counts

Congratulations to Campbell VanSlooten for taking third place at Math Counts in the countdown round! She is now qualified to compete in the state competition.

PT conferences & Science Fair

PT conferences will be March 7, 4-8pm and March 8, 9-1pm. We will soon be sending out a sign-up sheet for conferences; be looking for that in your email. Science fair will take place during parent teacher conferences on March 7th, 4-7pm.

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High School Highlights

Quarter 3 Ends March 1

Next week Friday, March 1 is the end of the third quarter of the school year. Time is flying! We will issue report cards on Monday, March 4 so that families will have time to look them over before Parent-Teacher Conferences.

For Athletic Eligibility purposes, students who were ineligible for 3rd quarter because of failing grades at the end of first semester can earn their way back into eligibility with passing grades at the end of the quarter. Rehoboth's weekly eligibility standards apply to students on our sports teams, those going on Band Tour, and students in the Spring Musical.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent-Teacher conferences take place on <u>Thursday, March 7 from 4pm-8pm</u> in the LC of the High School and on <u>Friday, March 8 from 9am - 1pm</u> as well. There's no school on Friday, so families have a chance to stop in for a conference before heading out for Spring Break. No reservations are required for high school conferences. Instead, families can just stop in and meet with teachers at their tables in an open house format.

Spring Break

Spring Break begins Friday, March 8 for all Rehoboth students. We will resume classes on Monday, March 18. Basketball state playoffs will take place over the break, so stay tuned to Rehoboth email and social media for game dates and times.

Upcoming Dates

March 21-23	High School Spring Musical - The Secret Garden	
March 29	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday All Day Band Rehearsal SAT Testing Day	
April 5-13	RCHS Band Tour	
April 8-12	SAC Week Classes in the High School	

Dan Meester, RCHS Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

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

Inside Scoop

Community Life & Admissions

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

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 <u>application online here</u>.

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 deadline is April 15th. *Please start your application by going <u>HERE</u> login to your FACTS account if you have one or create a FACTS account if you are new. Make sure you select year 2024-2025 and answer all the * required questions. You can also download your 2023 tax documents there. Make sure you submit it or it shows complete. Then use the same login and go to <u>HERE</u> to fill out the ACE scholarship application.*

FACTS has to have an updated school application before you do the ACE application so that the fee will be paid for by the school.

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.

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

ACE SCHOLARSHIPS - FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

Lynx Scholarship

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>.

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 <u>FACTS</u>. Every credit card payment has a fee.

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

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP) CLICK HERE TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

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 I Volunteer Coordinator I dbenson@rcsnm.org I (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. 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 <u>danderson@rcsnm.org</u>.

BE INSPIRED . BE BRAVE. BE YOU !

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!



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Feb 29	Mar O1
Assorted Cereal , Fruit , Milk	Cinnamon Rolls , Fruit , Milk	Biscuit gravy w/ sausage crumble, fruit and milk		Very Berry Smoothie w/ Milk
		Chicken Fajitas , Tortilla, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit , and Milk	All American hot Dog, w/ Buns, Potato Chip, Veggie Dippers, Fruit , Milk	

Menu Week of Feb 26 to Mar 01, 2024

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

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 to everyone, a few reminders/updates to share:

- Today, Thursday, 02/22/24, is BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY! We are grateful for our Bus Drivers who drive many miles a day to safely bring our students to school and to take them home at the end of each day.
- We will be eliminating some bus stops that are inactive and haven't been used for the past several months. If this affects your route, you will receive an email/text with an update on bus stop times and changes.
- Please continue to be at scheduled Bus Stops at least 5 minutes before the listed time. This will help eliminate delays for the other scheduled bus stops.
- Please keep our Transportation Dept in your prayers as we continue to move forward without our friend, Alfredo Gutierrez. Alfredo will be missed by all and we are grateful for the many memories he gave us and his students over the years.

See link below for 2023-2024 Bus Route Times: Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes

<u>Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes (Thursday Early Dismissal)</u>

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 | dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org

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.

<u>Middle School Spring Sports:</u> Middle School Spring Sports have started. Students were given an opportunity to join with Mr. Arendsen for exploratories. Schedules will be out soon.

<u>Meet and Greet - New Head Softball Coach:</u> Come by the Rehoboth LC to meet our New Head Softball Coach, Crystal Pablo on Friday, February 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm. Students interested in joining HS Softball come by and meet your NEW coach.



<u>High School Spring Sports</u>: If your daughter or son are interested in joining Spring Sports such HS Track or HS Baseball, HS Softball please contact our coaches.

Head Track and Field Coach: Collier Kempton, <u>collier.kempton@gmail.com</u> Cell 720-830-5361 Head Baseball Coach: Ken Zylstra, <u>kzylstra@rcsnm.org</u> Cell 505-488-3900 Head Softball Coach: Crystal Pablo <u>ccpablo@gmail.com</u> Cell 505-879-6390

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. <u>RCS Student-Athletes Devotionals</u>

<u>Prayer Request:</u> 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
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	
Monday, February 26 - Saturday, March 2	District 1-2A Basketball Tournament Games TBD	
Thursday Feb 29 - Saturday March 2		AWAY at Hozho Middle School Basketball Tournament - Times TBA (A-teams ONLY)

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.

Northwestern College Choir Concert



NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE ACAPELLA CHOIR MONDAY, MARCH 4 7:00 PM REHOBOTH CHURCH REHOBOTH, NM 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).

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!!!!





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Crafty Campers, gather together! Join Mariea Hall at ART123 for our Spring Break Art Camp. For children aged 8-13, a fantastic opportunity to socialize, craft a masterpiece, and acquire new art skills. Limited spots available, enroll now at www.galluparts.org/springbreak

Spring Break Art Camp

> March 11- 15 9:00am - 3:00pm

ART123 Gallery 123 W. Coal Ave.

\$150/kid. Designed for ages 8 - 13.

www.galluparts.org/springbreak

Join us for the 2024 Youth Summit and Future's Fair, presented by the Hispano Chamber of Commerce. High school students (9th-12th grade) are invited to attend. Registration is open to all high schools (charter, tribal, and public schools) in New Mexico. This free event will focus on financial literacy, debt awareness, career exploration, and college readiness. Online registration is required before attending the event. Link: www.ahcnm.org/youthsummit

