



Parent News

February 8, 2024



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Table Talk

Bob Ippel, Executive Director

Recently, I traveled to Michigan and attended my home church of 30 years ago. As I stood in front of the congregation and shared about Rehoboth, I couldn't help but marvel at the changes that had occurred over the years. I recalled the difficult conversations about worship issues prior to our departure. Questions arose: Could songs be used that were not in a certain hymnal? Should the piano or organ be the main instrument in services? Could drums and guitars be incorporated into worship? And should women serve as deacons, elders, or even pastors?

A lot has indeed changed at my Michigan home church, particularly in terms of programs aimed at building relationships with inner-city neighbors and in style of worship. However, what has remained steadfast is Neland's commitment to showcasing God on the corner of Neland and Watkins Street—a commitment that has endured since 1916.

As I shared about Rehoboth, I highlighted the similar journey of Rehoboth Christian School. Much has evolved over the years, but the dedication to manifesting God's presence in our classrooms and community has remained unwavering since 1903. Do we continue to evolve? Yes. Do we grapple with both minor and major changes? Absolutely. Is it demanding work? Undoubtedly. Yet, must we extend grace to one another as we discern new ways to introduce our students to the Triune God and equip them to love, serve, and transform the world? Absolutely. We are a people on a journey, and, most importantly, God is in control!

Amazed!

Bob Ippel
Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

- **Friday, February 9** - HOMECOMING Rehoboth vs. Laguna Acoma
- **Monday, February 19** - NO SCHOOL- President's 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- 8:00pm
- **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 cbia@rcsnm.org or call 505-726-9704. We appreciate your communication.

February 22nd Talent Show

The student Talent Show will be on Thursday, February 22nd with the proceeds of the show going to support the music and drama department. Contact jo.leggett@gmail.com to answer any questions. See attached flier.

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

Spirit Week

Were you looking forward to Ken vs. Barbie Day? Senior Citizens Day? Or RCS Spirit Day? Take your pick of which theme to dress like as we finish out Homecoming Week tomorrow (Friday). I can't wait to see what you come up with!

Toolbox Thursday- Forgiveness Tool

Forgiveness is really tough. It is easier to stay mad than to forgive. However, unless we learn to forgive we will never learn to love. On Thursday we will practice forgiveness and we will connect our Living Images Throughline to the Forgiveness Tool. Look for more information in your child's folder/binder.

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

Spirit Week

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High School Highlights

Homecoming Theme Day(s) - Friday

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Homecoming Games - WHITE OUT

In honor of the snow days, we'll be encouraging the fans to wear white to the Homecoming basketball games on Friday night to create a White Out in the gym. Student leaders will have some extra white t-shirts available for the student section. During the halftimes of the games, we'll have contests and prize drawings for people in attendance. Be sure to come and enjoy the fun evening with us!

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, February 10 from 8-11pm. Tickets go on sale in the high school office next week Monday for \$5 each. Students will have their names entered onto a spreadsheet once they have paid, so no physical tickets are needed. For Homecoming, only RCHS students are allowed to attend the dance. This is always a fun event, and we encourage all students who can make it to attend. Because of the snow days, we will allow students to purchase tickets at the door for the dance. Those parents will be notified that their child is in attendance. Any students who leave early are not allowed to re-enter the dance.

Spring Musical

Did you know that our students are hard at work rehearsing for the Rehoboth Spring Musical, *The Secret Garden*? Performances will be Thursday-Saturday, March 21-23. Keep your eyes peeled for ticket information in the weeks ahead.

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. You may also contact Raquel Galindo at (505)-285-6656, ext. 1046, or email rgalindo@cdec.coop.
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund Application is now open and will close on February 15, 2024. Here are the eligibility requirements. Must be of Hispanic heritage, U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA. Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students; minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for college and graduate students. Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, public or not-for-profit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the U.S., for the 2024-2025 academic year. Submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)

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.

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/>

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.

Lastly, the class that won with the highest percentage of re-enrollment by January 31st was the 2nd grade with 91%. Great Job 2nd grade!!!

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* either today or tomorrow for updated information on how to apply.

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

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)

[CLICK HERE TO RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)

1. Would you be willing to provide a meal for our cantabile choir on Monday nights at 6pm? If so please contact me.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Helpers needed in the concession stand during our home games.



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.

Thank you to these parents for completing their parent volunteer hours for the year!!!

Alan and Lizzie Philips

Irvin and Melvina Livingston

Thedeous and Cindi Tah

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

Food Service

I just wanted to say a Big Thank You to the Kitchen Staff and Volunteers that stepped up during the time I was going through some Family Crisis. They also did an outstanding job during the International Heritage week by preparing a different dish from different countries each day . A big THANK YOU to Sarah for making the Oliebollen a sweet Dutch Pastry , Blessings from the Kitchen. If you have any questions, concerns, or any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me at danderson@rcsnm.org.

“MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM , AND THEY FOLLOW ME” John 10:27


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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, 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 12 to Feb 16 , 2024

Monday Feb 12	Tuesday Feb 13	Wednesday Feb 14	Thursday Feb 15	Friday Feb 16
Strawboli, yogurt cups, Fruit , Milk	Blue Corn Mush, Fruit and Milk	Ham and Cheese Croissant, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Pancake Wrap, Fruit, Milk	Oatmeal,Craisins, Fruit, Milk
Chicken Sandwich, w/ curly fries, cole slaw, Fruit, milk	Meaty Nachos, w/ cheese sauce,Veggie Dippers, Fruit , Rice Krispies Treat , Milk	Spaghetti with meat sauce , garlic stick , green beans , Cookie, Fruit, Strawberry Milk	Baked chicken drumstick, mashed potato, gravy, dinner roll, corn , Fruit, Milk	Corn Dogs, Crinkle Fries, Veggie Dippers Fruit, Milk
				

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.”

Hello to all, here are a few updates to share everyone::

- We will be on a **5 Bus Mode** for the time being. We will notify everyone if there are any changes.
- We have been blessed to receive 2, 15-passenger vans. These vans may be used to transport students during regular bus routes, activity runs, small field trips, etc.
- A reminder that there is **NO FOOD/DRINK** allowed on the bus. Our buses are still fairly new and we'd like to keep our buses as clean as possible to protect the longevity of our fleet.
- **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.

See link below for 2023-2024 Bus Route Times:

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes](#)

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes \(Thursday Early Dismissal\)](#)

[Snow Delay/Cancellation Policy](#)

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

(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.

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
Thursday, February 8	3:00 pm/4:30 pm - Girls Basketball HOME vs. Estancia (JV,V) *CANCELED (Weather)*	
Friday, February 9	HOMECOMING (wear white -"WHITE OUT") 2:30 pm - Girls JV vs. Laguna Acoma 4:00 pm - Boys JV vs. Laguna Acoma 5:30 pm - Girls V vs. Laguna Acoma 7:00 pm - Homecoming Court 7:30 pm - Boys V vs. Laguna Acoma	
Monday, February 12		4:00 pm MS Girls Basketball HOME vs. Shiprock NW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girls A team 4:00 pm ● Girls B team 5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 13	4:00 pm/7:00 pm - Boy’s Basketball HOME vs. Navajo Pine (JV,V) 5:30 pm - Girls Basketball HOME vs. Navajo Pine (V)	
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	

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.



The first week of February is **National Children's Author and Illustrator Week!** To celebrate, join us at the **Children & Youth Library** on **Thursday, February 8 at 5 PM** for an in-person reading, author talk, and Q&A session with Navajo children's book author **Daniel Vandever**. Daniel, originally from Haystack, NM, has written several award-winning books for children. We will be giving away a few copies of Daniel's recent picture book *Herizon* as door prizes.

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).

WNM 2024 Gallup Skills To Pay The Bills: 6 Part Series

1:30 pm -3:30 pm at the [Gallup Cultural Center](#)

Topic: Financing

What skills do you need to pay the bills?

You need financial literacy, which is the ability to understand and effectively use various financial skills, including personal financial management, budgeting, and investing. The meaning of financial literacy is the foundation of your relationship with money, and it is a lifelong journey of learning. The earlier you start, the better off you will be because education is the key to success when it comes to money.

Join us in person for a 6-part series and learn how you can get the skills you need to pay the bills.

- **February 9, 2024 - What Is Financial Trauma**
- **March 15, 2024 - The Art of Budgeting**
- **April 12, 2024 - Avoiding the Pay Day Loan Trap**
- **May 3, 2024 - Credit As An Asset**
- **June 21, 2024 - How To Do Business with A Bank**
- **July 12, 2024 - Business Etiquette 101**

All classes are held in person at **Gallup Cultural Center** located at 201 E. Hwy 66, Gallup, NM 87301.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities and language assistance services are available for limited English proficient individuals. Please notify Janelle Henry at 505-566-3715 when you register for the class, or no later than 24 hours prior to your class, so that WESST can make sure necessary accommodations are available. All programs and services are provided to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The Women's Business Center is funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration. All opinions, conclusions or recommendations expressed are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SBA.

Speaker(s): Dawn Facka, Regional Manager, WEST Farmington Women's Business Center Janelle Henry, Regional Program Coordinator, WEST Farmington Women's Business Center

Co-Sponsor(s): National Indian Youth Council

Please Note: This training class will be delivered in English. You're welcome to arrive early to sign in and get a seat.

Fee: No Cost

[Register Online](#)

Already Registered? [Sign in](#) for more information.

Phone: 505-566-3715

Email: JHenry@WESST.org

Location

Gallup Cultural Center

201 E. Hwy 66 Gallup, NM 87301

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**

vitalant. 

Gallup Community Health is starting a Care Closet to provide some basic clothing and hygiene necessities for our patients in need.

We are currently accepting new or gently used:
Jackets and Coats (all adult sizes welcome)
Sneakers and Boots (all adult sizes welcome)
ANY Backpacks, tote bags, drawstring bags, etc.
(including small pouches for hygiene products)
Long sleeve T-Shirts (all adult sizes welcome)
Beanies or warm caps

If you have any of these items that you would like to donate to the GCH's Care Closet, please bring them to Gallup Community Health's current location (2022 E Aztec) labeled for "JayLyn" by February 14.

Thank you for your support!



**Gallup
Community
Health**