



# Parent News

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## Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

Today is picture day at Rehoboth, and it was fun to see our preschool students arriving this morning—all dressed up and looking special for this occasion. We like keeping pictures of family members and loved ones in our homes because it reminds us of our connection to those people, and it shows our visitors something about who we love too.

In Genesis 1, God says, “Let us make man in our *image*.”

The Hebrew word used there is *tselem*. If you have a high school student in Mr. Blystra’s Hebrew class, they may have heard it already, or maybe they’ll learn it this year. The word *tselem* can mean a picture, resemblance, statue, or likeness of someone. Your child is, in some sense, your *tselem* as they are a representation or a likeness of you.

But the Genesis passage is talking about one of the most important truths that we learn from the Bible about who we are and where our value comes from. From the very beginning, God designed us to be little pictures or representations of Him here on earth. What an incredible thought! We are Living Images of the Lord Himself! In fact, you’ll find that term, “Living Images,” used as one of our throughlines here at Rehoboth—an idea that weaves itself through our curriculum and our approach to education. It’s our ultimate statement of identity and purpose as human beings.

Each of us is a picture of God. And He called us very good. That means that even when hard things happen to us, even when we feel rejected or downtrodden, even when we’re positive that the things we’ve done mean that no one could possibly love or accept us, God says, “No! You are my child and my image in this world . . . and you’re worth more to me than you can ever imagine!”

That’s how we see you, and it’s how we see each of your kids. It’s why I’m so passionate about putting forth our very best effort in our classrooms, in our kitchens, on our buses, and in our buildings and grounds. Your children deserve it! They are Living Images of God, after all.

But here’s the thing. Being created in God’s image also presents us with a task. We are meant to show others just who God is by the way we live. And that’s why Christian education is so important . . . because we can partner with you to equip your sons and daughters with the knowledge, skills, and life perspective that they need to fulfill their created purpose in this world and live the life that is truly life.

So, Happy Picture Day—in more ways than one!

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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## Upcoming Events

- **Friday, August 23 - school picture** - make-up (morning only)
- **Monday, September 2** - Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- **Friday, September 6** - ½ day - students released at 12:45 PM due to RCS cross country meet

## All School Announcements

### School Picture Make-up Day

If your student(s) missed getting their picture taken today, they can still get it taken tomorrow morning (August 23).. Please come looking good for picture day!

### Early Release Thursdays

This year the students will be released at 1:35pm on Thursdays so buses will run about 90 minutes earlier for the return home.

### Boxtops for Education

Our school is enrolled in the Boxtops for Education earning program. Our coordinator is Duane Yazzie and all the earnings will be used for the library. Please continue to scan your receipts. Thanks. [Box Tops information.pdf](#)

### From the Business Office

A few reminders from the Business Office:

1. Contracts need to be signed. If you have not signed your contract please stop by the Administration building or email it to [adminsec@rcsnm.org](mailto:adminsec@rcsnm.org) by **August 23rd**.
2. **All families** need to create a [FACTS](#) account. You have the option in FACTS to pay through FACTS or in person at Rehoboth. (Choose invoice for paying in person).
3. Free & Reduced food forms need to be filled out. Please stop by the Administration Building to turn those in.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the business office!

# Elementary News

## Chapel Shirt Money

It's that time of year again. Classroom teachers will begin collecting money for chapel t-shirts. The cost is \$7 cash or check. If paying by cash, having the exact amount is helpful. Please submit payments to your classroom teacher or at the Elementary Office with Ms. Peywa or Ms. Johnson. **Please turn in money by Friday, Sept. 6.**

## Spelling Bee

Spelling Bee for grades 3-8 will be November 21. If you have an eager speller who would like to start practicing, here's the [link to the list of words](#).

## Nominate Mr. Yazzie!

SPARK PE and supportREALteachers want to start the academic year with positivity by thanking physical education teachers for all the great work they do!

From August 1st 2024 to September 30th 2024 you can enter a physical education teacher into a drawing for a free Starbucks gift card by just entering their name, school, school address, and a link to a social media post where you thanked them. Feel free to use our appreciation graphics in your post and see our other resources below!

<https://www.supportrealteachers.org/teacher-appreciation-event.html>

## New Staff

This year we have a few new staff members. We welcome **Kayla Russell** as our new 1st Grade Assistant, **Kelley Hosteen** as our 4th/5th Grade Assistant, and **Heather Scarbro** as our Title 1 Reading Teacher. **Jamie Frederiksen** changes from our previous Title 1 teacher to our new Student Support Specialist and **Clarissa Johnson** is our new K-8 Assistant Principal.

## Student Handbook

Please find the time to look over our [Elementary Handbook](#). In it, you will find information about our school days along with general routines and protocols.

Here is some basic information: school starts at 8:05 am. After this, you will need to walk your student into the office to receive a tardy slip. School ends at 3:05 pm. If you need to check out your student, please do so before 2:00 pm. Buses leave campus by 3:20 pm.

## Student Drop-offs and Pick-ups

Kinder to 8th Grade families please use the Gravel Loop located behind our Mid School building to drop-off and pick-up students. Please refrain from picking up your student at the Elementary Playground/Parking Area. This area is reserved for our Pre-K families who have to park and drop-off/pick-up their students at the classroom door.

You may begin dropping off your student after 7:45 am until 8:05 am. Pick-up begins at 3:05 pm until 3:20pm. After that, please walk into the office to pick-up your student. It is helpful for the office/classroom teacher to know if you are running late. If your student is eating breakfast, you may drop them off at the Sports and Fitness Center entrance.

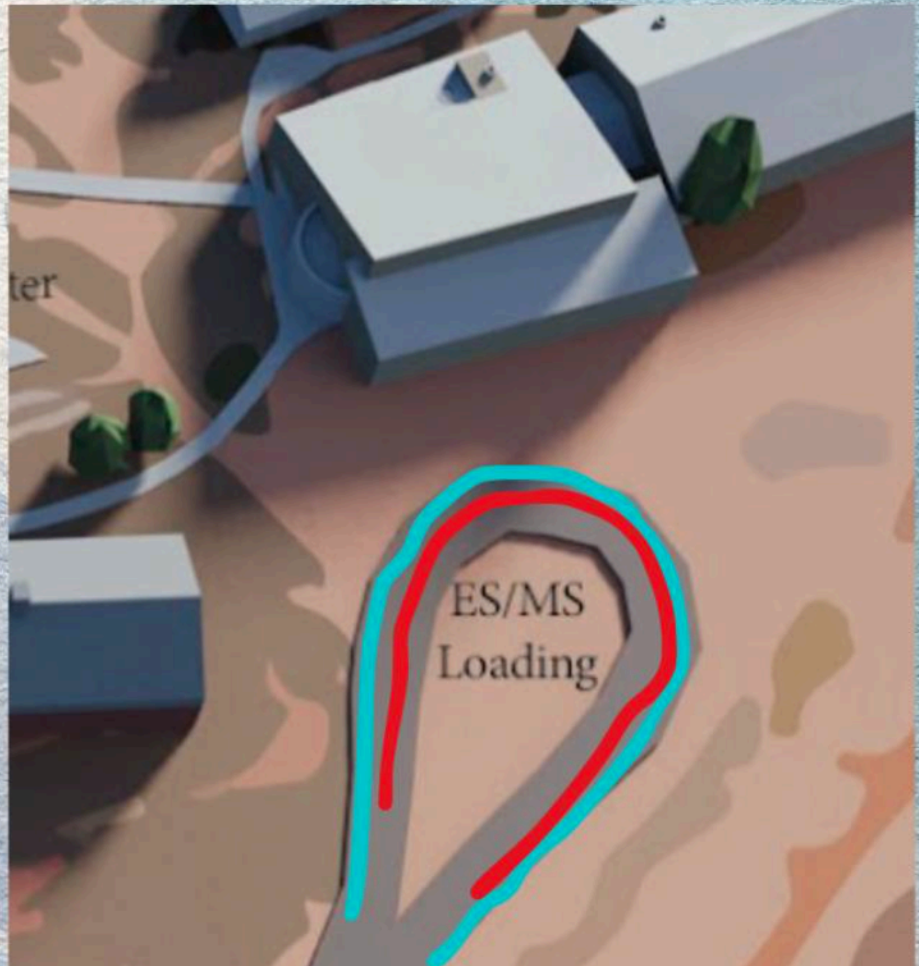
Lastly, please drive with caution. We want to keep our students safe. Form a single drive-up lane and pull as far ahead as you can to make room for other cars. When pulling out and driving away, double check to make sure there are no students around. If you need help, please talk to our traffic/pick-up monitor or call the office.

# PICK-UP REMINDERS

Elementary/Mid School  
Gravel Loop

Please wait until you are in the Main Loop (Blue) before having your child come to the vehicle.

Please do not start an additional loop (Red). Students will not be released if you are not in the main loop.



# Middle School Matters

## **Picture Day!**

Picture day for all middle school students will be Friday, August 23rd. Please try your best to make it! These pictures are featured in the school yearbooks and our information systems. If you know your student will not be able to take their picture Friday, please let Tara DeYoung ([tdeyoung@rcsnm.org](mailto:tdeyoung@rcsnm.org)) know, so that we can make other arrangements.

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## **Student Drop-offs and Pick-ups**

Please see the above Elementary section for details on the flow of our Parent drop-off and pick-up loop.

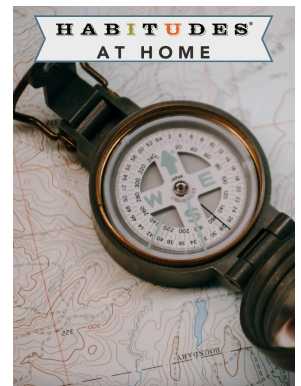
## **Upcoming Events** (MS only)

- Aug 26 - MS Volleyball Away @ Zuni - Games @ 5pm and 6pm
- Aug 28 - MS Volleyball Home -vs- Hozho - Games @ 5pm and 6pm
- Aug 29 - 6th Grade Broken Arrow Overnight
- Aug 30 - 6th/7th/8th Broken Arrow Day
- Aug 30 - MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Tohatchi

# HABITUDES

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This week Middle School began their lesson on “Self Efficacy”. See the [parent card](#), and ask your student about it! Students can also access their [digital flash cards here](#).



# High School Highlights

This is our first five day school week, and it has been wonderful. Students are settling into routines, and teachers are fully engaged in moving forward with classroom material. The highlights of this week include the Hebrew class working on the Hebrew alphabet, and the Environmental Science class took a close look at mosquito larvae under a microscope. I hope they dispose of those mosquitos properly before they become adults. This week also will contain a few scrimmages for our soccer and volleyball teams, and that means regular games are coming soon. Those games are coming next week; the semester is fully underway. I always felt that the beginning of the semester was quite an easy time to find a groove, and I hope that is true for your students. I see students settling into positive behaviors and habits around school. I hope that this positive groove that is found will carry on for the rest of the semester.

I hope you found the pacing guide in your email inboxes on Monday. I will continue to mail that out every Monday morning, so please look for it.

Our first grade report will be sent out on August 26 too. Please look for that email in the afternoon.

Seth Weidenaar

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# High School Counselor's Corner

Hello Families,

I wanted to send out a few reminders as dates start approaching.

- The first weekly grade report will be sent out Monday, August 26, 2024. If you do not receive a grade report so that we can get your account set up.
- Seniors will take the Fall SAT on October 16, 2024. Stop by my office to sign up by September 4, 2024. Test will be ordered on September 6, 2024.
  - Khan Academy has some great resources to help you prepare for the upcoming SAT. See the link provided for more information. <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- RCS will host a College/Career Day on October 16, 2024 from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. Students will have the opportunity to hear from speakers from different career fields and attend a college fair.

## Scholarship Opportunities

1. The Gate Scholarship application for the 2025-2026 school year is open, use the link provided to start your application. Closing date for the Gate Scholarship is 09/15/2024.  
<https://www.thegatesscholarship.org/scholarship>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me directly by email at [camillalynch@rcsnm.org](mailto:camillalynch@rcsnm.org) or call me at (505) 726-9662.

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

Welcome back for the 2024 -2025 school year. We have over 60 new students this year. We are grateful for all our families and look forward to seeing all of you at different campus events.

Please make sure you have a family portal account set up so that you can receive correspondence and information from the school. Here is the [LINK](#) to the family portal.

We have a family resources page on our website where you can find out lots of information. [GO HERE](#) for the back to school packet, school handbooks, etc.

Also, just a reminder that we keep you updated with school happenings and the food menu every week in our Parent News that goes out on Thursdays. So please look for that email from RCSrenweb to keep informed.

**Deanna Benson** has changed positions, she is now our new admissions coordinator. She can be reached at 505-726-9628 or [dbenson@rcsnm.org](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org).

## Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)



Welcome back families! 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](mailto:dbenson@rcsnm.org) or (505) 726-9628.

### [PVH link](#) to track hours

1. Serving in the lunch line any day Monday through Friday 11:15-12:30pm.
2. Helping with the admission gate at any upcoming volleyball game, soccer game or the upcoming home cross country meet in September.
3. Bring in snacks to your child's classroom.

# Food Service

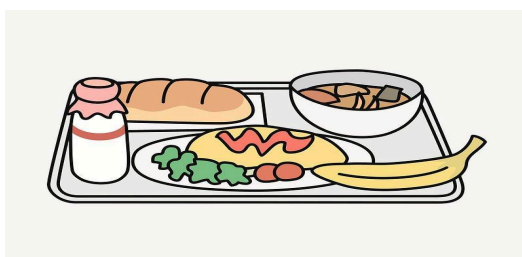
It's so wonderful to see all the smiling faces - old and new, come through the lunch line! The great news is ALL KIDS EAT FREE for both Breakfast and Lunch! Breakfast is available at 7:30AM at the HS Concession Stand and Lunch will continue to be in the Fellowship Hall.

Just a reminder we will be 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'd like to welcome our new Head Cook, Carol Harvey, she will be cooking all the delicious meals for this school year. We cannot wait to see what she will make! Please give her a friendly welcome when you see her in the serving line, she will be joining Elijah and Phyllis completing our Kitchen staff!

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](mailto:danderson@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9616. Here's to a wonderful school year!



ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage! 😊

## Menu Week of August 26 to August 30, 2024

Monday Aug 26, 2024	Tuesday Aug 27, 2024	Wednesday Aug 28, 2024	Thursday Aug 29, 2024	Friday Aug 30, 2024
Pancake Wrap, Syrup, Orange, White and Chocolate Milk	Ham, Cheese, Egg Muffin, Fruit, Juice, White and Chocolate Milk	Cream of Wheat, Fruit, Juice, White and Chocolate Milk	Breakfast Burrito, Grapefruit, White and Chocolate Milk	Bagel & Cream Cheese, Applesauce, OJ, White and Chocolate Milk
Meatballs Sliders, on hoagie bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit and Milk	Taco Tuesday, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Fruit Milk	Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice, broccoli/cauliflower Fortune Cookie, Fruit and Milk	Sloppy Joe, on Bun, Tater Tots, Veggie Dippers, Assorted Bells Fruit and Milk	Hamburger, on bun Oven Fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, Fruit and Milk

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.*

A few reminders about RCS Bus Transportation:

- [SCHOOL BUS RULES](#) - Rules are posted in each Bus. Failure to follow the rules will result in Bus Privileges being suspended.
- **Please be 10-15 minutes early to your scheduled bus stop**, if you happen to miss the bus, you can meet it at the following Bus Stop.
- Crownpoint Bus Route will no longer be stopping at the Ft. Wingate Post Office on the AM Route. However, the bus will stop there during the PM Route.
- Ft. Defiance Bus Route has temporarily changed the Navajo Nation Museum Hub Stop to the Window Rock Cinema Theater parking lot. This is due to the parking lot construction that is happening at the Navajo Nation Museum.
- REMINDER : Please **SLOW DOWN** in the parking lots when dropping off and picking up students.
- Please make sure your contact information is up to date in RenWeb (Phone numbers and email addresses) We need to make sure everyone gets the alerts. We also must be able to contact you in case of changes or an emergency.

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](mailto:dariusyazzie@rcsnm.org) or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager



# I Believe: Athletics

Welcome back for another school year! Sports have started at the High School and Middle School. If your child wants to join sports please contact their coaches as soon as possible. Here are our coaches contact information:

## CONTACTS:

Volleyball coach, Char Chapman: [cchapman@rcsnm.org](mailto:cchapman@rcsnm.org)

Boys Soccer coach, Phil Frederickson: [frederiksenphil@gmail.com](mailto:frederiksenphil@gmail.com)

Girls Soccer coach - Neil Weeda: [nweeda@rcsnm.org](mailto:nweeda@rcsnm.org)

HS and MS Cross Country coach, Autumn Newell: [ajnewell@rcsnm.org](mailto:ajnewell@rcsnm.org)

Middle School Volleyball coach, Candice Yazzie; [cyazzie@rcsnm.org](mailto:cyazzie@rcsnm.org)

## FALL SPORTS Reminders:

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

## MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Middle School practices will start in Exploratory Classes.

**New students:** Please contact the Athletic Director, Adrian Pete, by email if you are interested in a sport this school year at: [adrianpete@rcsnm.org](mailto:adrianpete@rcsnm.org)

**Basketball Practice Starts:** - November 18, 2024

**Devotionals for athletes:** <https://www.fca.org/resources/personal-growth>

**A Biblical Approach to Parenting your Athlete:**

[https://www.fca.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/revised-biblical-approach-to-parenting-athletes.pdf?sfvrsn=7d41b07a\\_2](https://www.fca.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/revised-biblical-approach-to-parenting-athletes.pdf?sfvrsn=7d41b07a_2)

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, August 22	4:00 pm - Girls Soccer Scrimmage AWAY at Shiprock  6:30 pm - Boys Soccer Scrimmage AWAY vs. Grants	
Saturday, August 24	8:30 am - HS Volleyball Scrimmage (JV, V, and C)	
Monday, August 26		5:00/6:00 pm - MS Volleyball Away at Zuni MS

Tuesday, August 27	5:00pm - Boys Soccer HOME vs. Kirtland Central	
Wednesday, August 28	4:00/5:00 pm - HS Volleyball AWAY vs. Valley(Sanders) (JV,V)	5:00/6:00 pm - MS Volleyball HOME vs. Hozho Academy
Thursday, August 29	Rehoboth Girls Soccer Tournament 5:30 pm - Rehoboth vs. St John's (AZ)	

## 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.*

### Children and Youth Activites

The Rehoboth/Bethany Churches invite you to the church year children/youth activities kick off meal at the Rehoboth Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30pm. Year long activities for 4 years olds through high school will be introduced. High School and mid school youth groups will gather following the supper. Children through grade 5 will be able to enjoy a foam machine to kick off the year so bring a towel for your children! If you have any questions, call Rehoboth Church at 505-726-9710 or Bethany Church at 505-722-6444 for more information about programs for children and youth or about the September 4 kickoff event. The evening will conclude by 7:30pm.

# RUN-WALK LIKE MADD



## 2024

### Saturday, September 14, 2024

Red Rock Park, Churchrock, NM

### 5k, 10k, and 2-mile walk

- Age group and overall awards
- Medals to everyone!



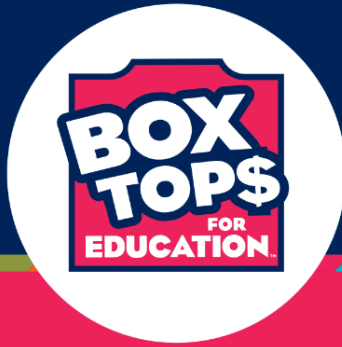
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