



Parent News

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Table Talk

Bob Ippel, Executive Director

One of my hopes is that our parents and students do not see Rehoboth just as school but also as a family. My desire is that both parents and students will feel the embrace of this community- of staff, fellow parents and fellow students. In order to be family, we need to spend time together. I hope sporting events, concerts and classroom celebrations help us to get to know each other. I am excited that we have several events planned in the next month which will be an opportunity for you to get to know others. Check out the All School Announcements for information on ThinQ, the Community Life Family Hike, and the David Charles Cross Country Invite (Rehoboth) - one of the largest cross country meets in New Mexico. Even our Parent Volunteer Program is in existence, in part, to encourage families to get to know the staff, students and each other. I am so thankful for the community that God builds at Rehoboth and I am so thankful you are a part of it.

Always amazed!

Bob Ippel
Rehoboth Christian School Executive Director

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Upcoming Events

- **August 31- September 2** - RCS Girls Soccer Tournament
- **September 4** - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- **September 8- Half day School** - release at 1:05pm
- **September 8 - 1:00pm** David Charles Cross Country Invitational (HS/MS) (runners start at 3:00pm) Rehoboth
- **September 13-** Trailblazers! A community family event
- **September 14-16** - RCS Boys Soccer Tournament
- **September 18** - School Picture Day
- **September 21 - 5:30-8:30 pm** - THINQ meal 5:30pm, discussion 6:30-8:30pm -HS

All School Announcements

Early Release Thursdays

This year we will be doing an early release every Thursday instead of a late start. Students will be released at **1:05pm**, bus stops will be 2 hours earlier than the regular schedule

Picture Day - September 18

Our visiting photographers will be at Rehoboth on Monday, September 18 to take pictures of our students. Parents will receive a link from these photo sessions, and they can order any number or size of prints that they would like. There will be lots more reminders about this day, but it never hurts to be prepared!

THINQ with Us on September 21

In about 1 month, we will be hosting a special parent night at Rehoboth as part of a global event called the THINQ Summit. THINQ brings people together to think about, learn, and discuss challenging topics through a Christian lens; and we believe that the format can bring a lot of value to our Rehoboth community. There will be a series of short (8-10 minutes each) talks with time to consider, discuss, and digest them in between. We plan to focus on topics like mental health, technology, and faith formation; and we hope that you will be able to join us! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 21. The event will start at 6pm in the LC of the high school.

Trailblazers!

Come and join us for a community family night on the trails. *On Wednesday, September 13th*, we will be hosting a family night that promotes physical well-being and an introduction to our trails.

We have many trails that students, parents, staff, and the community members have access to but we would like to highlight a couple of trails for attendees this evening. The trails introduced will be in total around 30 min to an hour depending which one you choose, the distance, and your timing to walk. Trails are loops but you can choose to go in and out the same way.

After the hike, dinner will be served at the Sports & Fitness Center SFC. [Please sign up here](#) for us to know how many in your family will be coming. We would like to have enough food prepared.

The trails are open for hikers beginning at 5:30pm. Dinner will be available from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Note: Dogs are welcomed on the trails but MUST BE on a leash at all times

David Charles Cross Country Meet - September 8

On September 8, 2023 our school will be hosting our annual middle school and high school cross country meet. Listed below are our start times for each race. Come on out and support our lynx runners and local schools. Local businesses will also have an opportunity to sell at the meet. More information on vendors will follow next week.

Middle School Girls Race: 3:00 pm

Middle School Boys Race: 3:30 pm

HS Varsity Girls Race: 4:00 pm

HS Varsity Boys Race: 4:30 pm

HS Boys and Girls JV Race: 5:00 pm

Elementary News

[Elementary Handbook](#)

Chapel Shirts

We'll be ordering chapel shirts for our elementary classes again this year. Please send in \$8 by September 1st to help cover the cost of these shirts. Thank you!

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.

Drop-off and Pick-up

K-8 families should drop off and pick up all of their students in the gravel loop behind the elementary building and church. The elementary playground parking lot is reserved for families of Pre-K students who need to park and walk their students to the building.

As you drop off and pick up your students please pull right up to the car in front of you to keep the traffic flowing. After school, if a car leaves and you are still waiting for your student, please pull forward to fill the space so that the line moves forward. For the safety of our students, please do not form two lines; we do not want our students darting between cars and traffic.

Early Release

On early release days, students go to lunch from 11:00-11:30, recess from 11:30-12:00, and return to class for an hour of instruction. The bell for dismissal rings at 1:05pm.

After School Program

The After School Program will begin on Monday, August 21. For more information on this program and to sign up for After School care, please use this [LINK](#) to register your child(ren). Students will not be allowed to participate unless they are registered. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Sarah Marlowe who is the After School Director. Email her at smarlowe@rcsnm.org.

Tara DeYoung, EL/MS Principal

Middle School Matters

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Early Release

On early release days, students go to lunch/break from 11:25-12:00, and return to class for an hour of instruction. The bell for dismissal rings at 1:05pm.

7th & 8th grade NWEA Schedule: NWEA is a nationally normed assessment that we use to map student growth.

Dan Arendsen: Language - Week of August 21

Maureen Bia: Math - Week of August 28

Abbi Mulder: Reading - Week of September 4

Marie Ippel: Science - Week of September 11

Upcoming Dates

Aug 25: MS Soccer A (7:30pm)

Aug. 26: MS Soccer B (9:30am) and Soccer A (11:00am)

Aug 30 : MS Volleyball Home -vs- Chooshgai

Aug 31-Sept 1: 6th grade Broken Arrow Retreat

Sept 1: MS Cross Country Meet @ Tohatchi

Sept 4: Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

Sept 6: MS Volleyball Away @ Crownpoint

Sept 7: Navajo Nation Kids day

Sept 8: Half-day of school - Rehoboth Cross Country Meet

Sept 8: MS Soccer A (7:30pm)

Sept 9: MS Soccer B (8:00am and 12:30pm)

Tara DeYoung, EL/MS Principal

High School Highlights

Whose Image Is on It?

In Tuesday's chapel, I spoke with the students about a story from the book of Matthew, when Jesus was asked whether He favored paying the tribute coin to Caesar. The tribute coin had Caesar's face or image on it, and it proclaimed him as the divine ruler—the son of a god and the all-powerful father of the Roman people. The Hebrew word for that image is *tzelem*, and it means a picture that is supposed to convey something about a god to the world. People would purchase the coin and then “pay” it to a tribute collector, declaring their allegiance to Caesar and all the worldly values of his empire. In his answer to those questioning him, Jesus said to give to Caesar what has Caesar's *tzelem* on it, and give to God what has God's *tzelem* on it. The Bible's Creation story tells us that we are created in God's image (tzelem), so Jesus is telling us to give our lives to God that they may function as billboards for everyone we meet, demonstrating what God is like by the way we treat them. I asked our students to answer the question, “Whose image is on your life?” My prayer is that all of us desire to be what we were created to be—*Living Images* of the one true God who offers abundant, flourishing life to all who believe. May it be so!

Parent Nights Coming Soon

Each fall, the RCHS Counselor, Mrs. Camilla Lynch, hosts a series of parent nights to help families navigate some of the choices that students make during high school as they plan for their future after Rehoboth. Each evening is geared toward a particular grade, and we encourage students to come with their parents/guardians. More information will come out soon, but block out these dates on your calendars:

Monday, August 28, 2023	Freshman Parent Night	6pm in the LC
Monday, September 11, 2023	Sophomore Parent Night	6pm in the LC
Monday, September 18, 2023	Junior Parent Night	6pm in the LC
Monday, September 25, 20003	Senior Parent Night	6pm in the LC

Dan Meester, RCHS Principal

High School Counselor's Corner

Hello Parents and Students,

Upcoming Parent Nights

As we kick off the school year I would like to invite students and parents to our upcoming parent nights. Here I will provide information about classes, credits and how students can stay on track to meet their graduation requirements. The junior and senior class sponsors will also have some information about fundraising and other events as we start the school year. Please see the list below of the dates for each class. I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you.

- **Freshman Parent Night August 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**
- **Sophomore Parent Night September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**
- **Junior Parent Night September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**
- **Senior Parent Night September 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the High School LC.**

SAT Testing

There is a \$25.00 fee for all seniors that signed up to take the Fall SAT. The fee can be paid at the high school front office with cash or a check. If you will be paying over the phone or with a debit/credit card please pay at the RCS administration office by October 11, 2023.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or 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/>

SAVE THE DATE! Community Life Family Event- Hiking:

On Wednesday, September 13th, we will host a family night on campus. Dinner will be served. A form will be sent out to sign up. See All School Announcements for details.

Immunizations: Don't forget to submit any updated immunizations to the admissions office.

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 [FACTS](#). 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 [LYNX SCHOLARSHIPS](#).

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@RehobothChristianSchoolnm

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

Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)

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

Completing your Volunteer Hours:

Rehoboth values community and to help build a stronger school community, the participation of parents and families is needed. Every year we ask each family to give 10 hours of volunteering throughout the school year. Here are a few opportunities below.

1. Serve lunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00am-12:15pm each day. Any day Monday through Friday.
2. Provide individual packaged snacks for the afterschool program.
3. The Cross Country team will host their annual meet on Friday September 8. If you are interested in helping out please contact me for more information.
4. If you are available to help with the fall admission gates for volleyball (middle school or high school) or soccer.

Sign up: [Admission Fall 2023](#)

If you have volunteered please make sure you report it on the link above. Remember, if you donated snacks or food this year, they count as volunteer hours too. If hours are not reported through the link above, we can not 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. Here is some more information about the [parent volunteer program \(PVP\)](#).

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

Food Service Line

How wonderful to see all the smiling faces - old and new, come through the lunch line! The great news is ALL KIDS EAT FREE!!!! Breakfast and Lunch! Breakfast is available at 7:30 in the morning at the HS Concession stand and lunch is in the Fellowship Hall.

Sharing is caring...

Senate Bill 4 requires us to have a share table/basket, a way to share still wrapped foods, fruits, milk with someone who may be hungry instead of feeding the trash can,. We have used a share basket for the last several years. They are pretty good about sharing. Many kids use this feature especially to get extra Chocolate milks! Food costs are very high and availability is getting worse, so let's teach them to conserve.

A note about the cafeteria line.

Students can choose what they want to eat and turn down things on the line. The only rule we have is that they must have 3 items on their tray and one is a fruit or vegetable. This is a NSLP rule, so we have to abide by it. We encourage the kids to take everything and eat it, but if they know they aren't going to eat something, have them speak up. We encourage milk drinking!

If your child has a food allergy or dietary restriction, we require an annual Physician's Prescription. These are handy to keep us from putting an allergen on a plate that may harm your child. If they are to be fed differently (ex: gluten free). Please turn those in to Verlena if you have not yet done so. The sooner we know, the better we can serve.

I appreciate hearing complaints, suggestions or praises. I can be reached at seddy@rcsnm.org or 505-726-9616. Here's to a great SY23-24!

Thursday 8-24 will be Chicken Fajitas, and Friday 8-25 will be Beef Broccoli. Our meat didn't arrive in time.

Menu Week of August 28 to September 1, 2023

Monday, August 28	Tuesday, August 29	Wednesday, August 30	Thursday, August 31	Friday September 1
<u>Breakfast:</u>	<u>Breakfast:</u>	<u>Breakfast:</u>	<u>Breakfast:</u>	<u>Breakfast:</u>
Stromboli, Yogurt Cups, Fruit, Milk Ass't	Oatmeal or Blue Corn Mush, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Ham & Cheese Croissant, Fruit, juice, Milk Ass't	Pancake in a bowl, , Fruit, Milk Ass't	Maple Flatbread Sausage, Cheese breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Milk
<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>
Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Steamed Veggies, Fruit, Fortune Cookie, Milk	Hot Dogs, Homemade Chili con Carne, Oven Fries, Veggie Dippers, Applesauce, Milk Ass't	Pulled Pork Sliders, Baked Beans, Cornbread Star, oven Fries, Salad, Fruit, Ass't Milk	Salisbury Steak, Mashed potato & Gravy, California Blend Veggies, WG Roll,	Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Veggie Dippers, Fruit, Milk Ass't

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.”

Greetings! Please remember to be at your Bus Stop 10 minutes before the scheduled time. As we are settling into the new school year, bus stops and times will be adjusted and finalized within the next week or so. If there are any changes, we will be sure to communicate with you right away. We are in need of a **Substitute Bus Driver**, details and application can be found on our website. As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thank you!

Every Thursday will be an early release. Buses will leave the school at 1:20pm. ALL PM BUS STOPS WILL BE EXACTLY 2 HRS EARLIER ON THURSDAYS. See link below for 2023-2024 Bus Route Times.

[Current 2023-2024 Bus Routes](#)



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](#)

Fall Sports:

Our HS coaches have started official practices. Please contact our Head Coaches.

Boys Soccer: Phil Frederiksen - frederiksenphil@gmail.com

Girls Soccer: Neil Weeda - nweeda@rcsnm.org

Volleyball: Char Chapman - cchapman@rcsnm.org

Boys and Girls Cross Country: Autumn Newell - ajnewell@rcsnm.org

Middle School Sports: Practices for MS Volleyball and MS Cross Country will happen during 8th period exploratories. 6th graders are unable to join right now due to a mandatory typing class.

MS Volleyball: Abbi Mulder - amulder@rcsnm.org

MS Cross Country: Autumn Newell - ajnewell@rcsnm.org

Concession Donations: \$20 worth

HS Volleyball - Gatorade, HS Girls Soccer - Water, HS Boys Soccer - Hot Dogs, HS Cross Country - Chips
Due by Friday September 8, 2023

DATE	HS SPORTS	MS SPORTS
Thursday, August 24	6:00 pm -Girls Soccer AWAY vs. Kirtland Central	
Saturday, August 26	8:00 am -Girls Cross Country Scrimmage @ Gallup HS 8:30 am - Boys Cross Country Scrimmage @ Gallup HS 8:30 am - Volleyball Scrimmage (JV,V and C)	
Tuesday, August 29	5:00 pm -Volleyball HOME vs. Valley (Sanders) (JV,V)	
Wednesday, August 30		5:00 pm - MS Volleyball HOME vs. Ch’ooshgai

Thursday, August 31

5:30 pm - RCS Girl's Soccer Tournament
Rehoboth vs. Miyamura (see attached bracket)

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.



Weaving Colors:

AUTISM & THE NATIVE COMMUNITY

A presentation series for families dedicated to discussing important topics on autism and how they are viewed and addressed in the native culture.

**Join us Wednesday, August 16th, and
Wednesday, September 20th at 1:00-2:30 pm (MT)
as we welcome back**



Dr. Joshua Allison-Burbank

***Honoring Indigenous Knowledge
of Neurodevelopment and
Childrearing***

This two-part presentation will explore neurodevelopment and child development from an Indigenous lens. Cultural attitudes towards Disability will be discussed and methods for improving Indigenous connectedness during interventions will be highlighted.

As a reminder, you will need to register for both presentations

[Click here](#) or scan the QR Code:



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