



Parent News

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Table Talk

Dan Meester | Executive Director

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to enjoy our 4th and 5th graders in their Living Wax Museum. It's a common school project for students in this age group in which they research someone of historical significance and then perform an in-character presentation of that historical figure, complete with authentic clothing and a homemade museum exhibit.

As I walked through the elementary big room, I saw presentations about Maria Tallchief, the first prima ballerina in the United States and Annie Dodge Wauneka, the amazing health activist and Tribal Council member who improved the lives of so many people living on the Navajo Nation. Aretha Franklin and Rosa Parks were there, telling their stories about their passion for civil rights and equality for all Americans, regardless of their race or gender. Jackie Robinson and Kobe Bryant shared about the way they impacted hearts and minds all over the world in the midst of their athletic pursuits. And the list goes on: Bruce Lee, Neil Armstrong, Jane Goodall, John F. Kennedy, and even Elvis!

I think there's an important takeaway for our students when they participate in an activity like the Living Wax Museum. I'm reminded of the same lesson when I walk through our Code Talkers Center in the elementary-middle school library. Our kids need to see themselves in the faces and lives that changed history. Often, the impact of these towering figures started with something small—a single act or a unique piece of knowledge or skill. In the end, the legacies they left behind led to better lives and flourishing for thousands of others.

Something that starts small but makes a huge impact.

Jesus described the Kingdom of Heaven that way in some short parables during His teaching ministry. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree . . ." or the parable I wrote about in connection with this year's school theme, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into three seahs of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Yeast and mustard seeds are tiny granules that you can scarcely pick apart without a magnifying glass. Yet, their influence on their surroundings is significant. In the same way, we want our Rehoboth students to know and to practice that each time they choose to live out the way of the Lord—even if it seems insignificant—has a major impact on their own lives and their relationships with others, with creation, and with God Himself. Pretty soon, those add up, and the Kingdom of Heaven comes bursting forth in places we never would have expected. And that's glorious!

Together,

Dan Meester, Executive Director

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Upcoming All School Events

- **Monday, October 14** - Indigenous Peoples Day
- **Monday, October 14-16** - Indigenous Spirit Week (*see Community Events for more details*)
- **Tuesday, October 15- Wednesday, October 16** - Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- **Thursday, October 17 - Friday, October 18** - NO SCHOOL Fall Break- Administration Office Closed

All School Announcements

Parent-Teacher Conferences Next Week

Please mark your calendars for fall parent-teacher conferences next week Tuesday and Wednesday (October 15-16) from 4pm-8pm each day. Elementary and Middle School families make reservations for their meetings with teachers, while the high school provides an open house format in the LC, where families can drop by and see their child's teachers without making an appointment. Celine Bia will also be available in the high school to speak with families about any tuition questions or concerns.

Looking forward to seeing all of you there! This is an important way to build trust and relationships between home and school, and those elements lead to great results for our students . . . and that's what we're all here for!

Fall Break

There will be NO SCHOOL Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18.
The Administration Office will be **closed** those days.

Immediate Opening for a High School English Teacher

We are sad to announce that Ms. DeLyssa Begay will be leaving Rehoboth to take care of an important family matter as soon as possible. She has graciously agreed to stay on in her position until the end of the semester, but it would be preferable to leave earlier if we can find someone sooner. Please share this need with anyone you know who might be interested and have them contact Mr. Meester at dmeester@rcsnm.org or (505) 726-9623.

Elementary News

Toolbox Thursday

"I let the little things go!" is the slogan for the **Garbage Can Tool**. Today we decided if various scenarios were big problems or little problems. If something is a big problem we use other tools and ask adults for help. If something is a little problem we can **Toss it and walk on and enjoy the day**.

Leanne Gillson

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We Need Your Help!

With conferences being held during the evenings, we are looking for parents to bring in food items. Tuesday will be a casserole night and Wednesday will be a soup night. If you are able to bring in something, it would be greatly appreciated!! *Any donations can be logged as part of the parent volunteer hours.*

Here is the sign-up sheet: [Fall PTC Food Sign Up Sheet](#)

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. Any request made after this time may not be guaranteed.

Early Release

Just a reminder that our bell for dismissal rings at 1:35pm on Thursdays.

Elementary and Middle school Drop-off/pickup

If you are dropping off or picking up elementary and middle school students, please use the parent loop past the church and behind our building. This is where our person on duty monitors students and ensures that all students are picked up.

For the afternoon, students who are not picked up within 15 minutes are brought back inside to Mrs. Pewya, who then begins calling the student's pick-up contacts. Students may not wait at the Elementary Playground.

Middle School Matters

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Upcoming Events (MS only)

- Oct 12 - MS/HS Cross Country Meet @ Zuni
- Oct 13 - Q1 Grades due for teachers
- Oct 14 - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct 15 and 16 - PTCs 4:00 pm-8:00 pm and Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct 16 - 6th grade to Bandera Volcano and Ice Cave
- Oct 17-18 - Fall Break (No School)
- Oct 30 - 6th grade to Petrified Forest National Park

After School Friday Detentions

According to the handbook, after 5 tardies in a quarter a student will receive detention, and every 3 tardies after that (8, 11, 14, etc). Students may also receive a Friday detention for minor disciplinary infractions. Dan Arendsen, our lead teacher, will communicate with the students and families of those on the list for the week.

HABITUDES

This week Middle School had small group discussions on “Root and Fruit” by discussing the value of “Accurate Self-Perception.” This value explores the competencies of **Self-Awareness**: The ability to accurately recognize one’s emotions and thoughts and their influence on behavior. This includes accurately assessing one’s strengths and limitations and possessing a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism. It also looks at self perception: **Accurate self-perception** is not only seeing yourself for who you really are, but also embracing your unique characteristics, abilities, and shortcomings in order to build confidence in yourself and maintain an optimistic outlook on life.

Think of a beautiful tree, especially one that bears fruit like apples, oranges, or some sort of flower. When you do, it’s easy to skip to the best part, the fruit. But what you probably already know is that the fruit on that tree was the last thing to grow. Trees put down roots first, then they grow a tall, sturdy trunk, and finally, when the time is right, the fruit shows up. The fruit is a result of the growth that has occurred before.

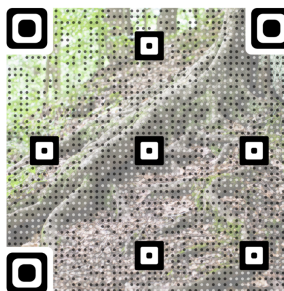
Leaders must grow the same way. They prioritize putting down stable roots (setting their values), growing a tall trunk (your strengths and talents), and then bearing fruit (results of their work and growth).

The root must come before the fruit. Let’s learn more about the power of priorities.

See the [parent card](#), and ask your student about it! Students can also access their [digital flash cards here](#) or scan this QR code.

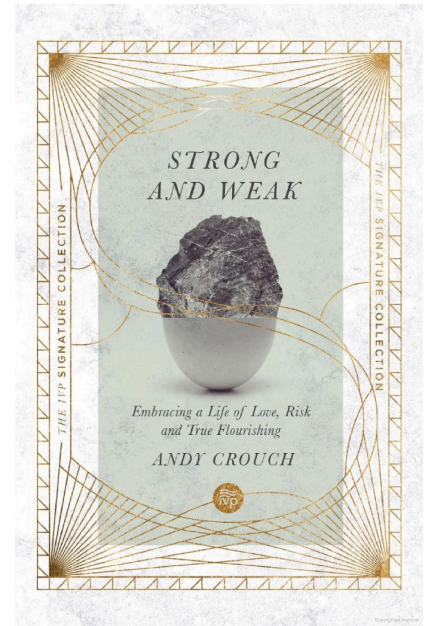
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High School Highlights

Mr. Meester has been leading the principals and a few others in a study of the book *Strong and Weak*, by Andy Crouch. In this book Crouch writes that a person who is flourishing is both strong and weak, or another way to say this is that a flourishing person has authority and vulnerability. Authority is the capacity for meaningful action, and vulnerability is exposure to meaningful risk (these are both ideas that need more than one sentence to be explained well; please ask me about this sometime). Crouch explains what happens when you have both authority and vulnerability, as well as what happens when you have one but not the other or neither of both. Having neither authority nor vulnerability is withdrawing-from society, from people, from everything. Unfortunately it is this withdrawing that I see often, but I think this withdrawing might be the easiest from which to break free. In describing breaking free from withdrawing, Crouch writes; “Choose to go places—the ocean, the mountains, or a broad, wide field—where you will feel small rather than grand.” When you feel small in the great world you will find yourself living in that moment, appreciating what is around you, and giving you a sense of your authority and what vulnerability might mean to you.



I thought of this idea as I was elk hunting this past week. The time I spent wandering through the forest gave me great perspective for the vastness of the area we live. Hunting requires patience and careful listening, and this too made me appreciate the great systems that are operating all around me, and that they are all happening without my participation or thought, and they are all amazingly awesome.

I know similar experiences are happening in many ways and places to the people in our community. I hope that our students continue to seek out experiences like this instead of virtual experiences that ask them to seek no authority or sense of vulnerability.

Seth Weidenaar
High School Principal

HABITUDES

This week the High School split into small groups to continue the value of “Stress Management and Self Care”.

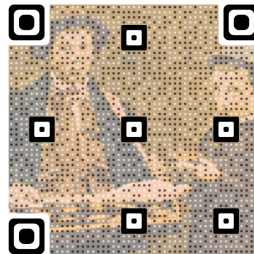
Ecclesiastes 10:10

Using a dull ax requires great strength,
so sharpen the blade.
That’s the value of wisdom;
it helps you succeed.

Take Action: What is one action step you can take in the next few days for your self-care or personal growth?

See the “Habitudes at home” parent card [here](#). Students can also access their [digital flash cards](#) or scan this QR code.

**Scan and
Take This
Lesson with
You**



High School Counselor's Corner

Hello Families,

- **SAT Information**

- All seniors taking the SAT will need to pay \$35.00 by October 14, 2024. Payment can be made at the high school or administration offices.
- School Testing Day will be held on October 16, 2024. Please make sure students are on time to school. Testing will start right at 8:00 AM.
- College/Career Day will also take place on October 16, 2024 from 12:30 PM to 3:05 PM. We will hear from individuals in different careers and students will be able to engage with colleges and universities during this time.

- **College Visit Opportunities**

Fort Lewis College

- **Daily Campus Tours**
This two-hour experience includes a small group session with an admission counselor and a walking tour of campus with the option to add customized meetings with professors and/or campus resources important to them. We offer these [Daily Campus Tours](#) Monday-Friday.
- **Open Houses**
Spend a whole day with us on October 18, November 9, or March 7 during one of our FLC [Open House events](#). FLC Open Houses are designed for students to get an in-depth look at academics, life on campus, housing, and how to pay for college all while connecting with faculty and students.

University of New Mexico- Albuquerque

- **American Indian Senior Day**
American Indian Student Services at The University of New Mexico invites you and your students to American Indian Senior Day on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at UNM- Main Campus. The program provides American Indian High School seniors an opportunity to visit UNM's campus learn about the next steps to attend college, and leave motivated to pursue a higher education.

Inside Scoop

Community Life & Admissions

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

ACE Scholarship recipient(s): If you received the ACE scholarship for the 24-25 school year you may have received a letter from ACE asking you to write a thank you card or letter. If you did please don't forget that your thank you card/letter is **due by tomorrow, October 11th!** If you need any cards to write this thank you or help completing this please reach out to Deanna Benson dbenson@rcsnm.org or (505) 726-9628 or stop by the administration office.

Donor Scholarships: Will be available soon and copies will be with Ms. Begay at the High School, and Ms. Peywa at the Elementary and Middle School. A link to our internal scholarship webpage will be provided if you would like to download. Please review the scholarship application to see if your child is eligible.

Multicultural Committee: We are looking for parents interested in joining the multicultural committee to help with ideas and planning future events for our student body and community. We have many exciting days to plan for and you can also earn volunteer hours by joining or volunteering at a future event we sponsor. Get in touch with Verlena Livingston at vlivingston@rcsnm.org.

FACTs tuition statement: All tuition statements will now be sent by email through the FACTs system. If there are any adjustments made to your tuition account, you will receive an email.



Parent Volunteer Program (PVP)

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 or (505) 726-9628.

[PVH link](#) to track hours- Please be sure to log your volunteer hours. Staff members and teachers will not be able to do it for you.

1. We are hoping to **provide some dinner** for teachers who will be having Parent teacher conferences next week Tuesday 10/15 and Wednesday 10/16. If you would like to sign up to bring some food this will count towards your parent volunteer hours needed. Sign up below.
[Fall PTC Food Sign Up Sheet](#)
2. Serving in the **lunch line** any day Monday through Friday 11:15-12:30pm. Sign up below.
[Fellowship Hall servers](#)
3. We have one more month of soccer and volleyball games. Please sign up to help with the admission gate.
[2024/2025 Home Sports/Admission Gate Volunteer Schedule](#)
4. Check out our **teacher/staff amazon wish list**. If you would like to purchase an item. This would be credited toward your PVH. [Amazon Wish List](#)
5. The **after school program** is in need of snacks for students. All items must be individually packaged. If you bring snacks you can count this towards your PVH. You can drop snacks off at the elementary school.
6. If you would like to help in the **concession stand** during a game. Please contact me for details.
7. Candy, small bags of chips, hotdogs, hotdog buns, bottle water and gatorade. These are all items that can be donated for the concession stand. All items donated can be counted towards your PVH.

Food Service

We will be celebrating Indigenous week starting Monday with some delicious indigenous food . It will be a great treat before the fall break . Just a reminder no school Thursday and Friday, enjoy your fall break , we look forward to seeing your faces the following week.

We will continue 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 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 or 505-726-9616. Here's to a wonderful school year!

"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pastures." Psalm 37:3

ALL kids eat FREE! Take Advantage!

Happy Fall Break

Menu Week of October 14, 2024 to October 18, 2024

Monday Oct 14, 2024	Tuesday Oct 15, 2024	Wednesday Oct 16, 2024	Thursday Oct 17, 2024	Friday Oct 18, 2024
Blue corn mush w/ berries , and white milk	Cooks choice , Fruit and Milk	Cream of wheat w/ blueberries , milk	ENJOY YOUR	FALL BREAK
Navajo taco w/ Beans,Taco Meat, Lettuce,Tomato,Cheese Onions (option), , Fruit , White and Choc milk	Beef and Potato Burrito w/ Veggie Dippers, Fruit and White and Choc. Milk	Red Chili Chicken Posole w/ Pueblo Bread, Fruit and White and Choc 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.

As Fall Break nears, we are hoping you enjoy the time off for rest and relaxation! Our buses will be resting during the break and we'll be back on the road soon!

- Please keep all contact information updated in RENWEB in case we need to contact you.
- A friendly reminder that there are no Food or Drinks allowed on the buses
- During PM Pickups, please be 5-10 minutes early to your bus stop, sometimes buses can arrive early. .

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 or 505-726-9622

Darius Yazzie | Transportation Manager



I Believe: Athletics

Here are our coaches contact information:

CONTACTS:

- Volleyball coach, Char Chapman: cchapman@rcsnm.org
- Boys Soccer coach, Phil Frederickson: frederiksenphil@gmail.com
- Girls Soccer coach - Neil Weeda: nweeda@rcsnm.org
- HS and MS Cross Country coach, Autumn Newell: ajnewell@rcsnm.org
- Middle School Volleyball coach, Candace Yazzie: 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.

Basketball Practice Starts: - November 18, 2024

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

A Biblical Approach to Parenting your Athlete: [CLICK HERE](#)

DATE	HIGH SCHOOL	MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, October 10	4/5/6pm - Volleyball HOME vs. Laguna Acoma(C,JV,V)	
Saturday, October 12	9:00 am- HS Zuni Cross Country Meet 9:00am - JV Boys/Girls 9:50am -Varsity Girls 10:30am - Varsity Boys 1 / 2 pm Volleyball AWAY vs. Dulce (JV,V)	MS Zuni Cross Country Meet 11:10 am MS Girls 11:30 am MS Boys
Tuesday, October 15	3:00pm - Girls Soccer HOME vs. Navajo Prep 5:00pm - Boys Soccer HOME vs. Oak Grove 5 / 6 pm Volleyball AWAY vs Navajo Pine(JV,V)	
Thursday, October 17	4pm Girls Soccer AWAY vs. Bosque 5 / 6pm - Volleyball AWAY vs. Hozho (JV,V)	
Friday, October 18	4pm Boys Soccer AWAY vs. Bosque	
Saturday, October 19	9:00 AM -HS Cross Country Meet- Albuquerque Academy 2:00 PM -A-2A Girls 2:40 PM - A-2A Boys	

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.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' WEEK

Monday | Oct. 14

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Traditional Dress Day

Wear your traditional attire.

Menu: Navajo Tacos

Tuesday | Oct. 15

N8V T-shirt Day

Wear a Native-themed t-shirt

Menu: N8V Burrito

Wednesday | Oct. 16

Western Wednesday

Wear your western wear
or cowboy gear

**Menu: Pasole Stew
with oven bread**





Dear RCS Families & Friends,

The **Scholastic Book Fair** is coming soon! This is a great opportunity to connect with your child over the thrill of bringing home new books to dive into again and again. Studies show that kids read more when they choose books for themselves. And fostering a love of independent reading leads to a wide variety of benefits—including academic success and improved mental health.

Here's what you need to know about the Book Fair:

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 - 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Navajo Code Talker Communication Center / Library

Consider using **eWallet**—a child's digital payment account for worry-free, cash-free purchases which you may set up before the Book Fair.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/Rehoboth>

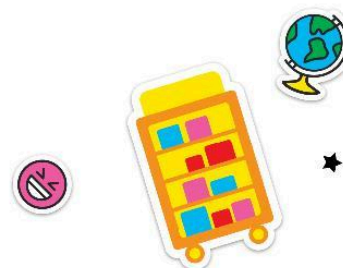
Remember that all purchases, including online orders, benefit our school.

See you at the Book Fair!

Duane Yazzie, Teacher-Librarian
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October 12-13, 2024

TIM FAIN AND BEETHOVEN FIVE

November 16-17, 2024

WORLD PREMIERE: WHAT MUSIC IS

February 22-23, 2025

PASSION MEETS PRECISION

April 5-6, 2025

Visit sanjuansymphony.org for details

Rehoboth Christian High School

College and Career Day

Date: October 16, 2024

Time: 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM

Location: RCS LC



Hear speakers from different career fields & attend a College Fair!

What to Expect:

- Explore career fields by hearing experts in those professions discuss what they do everyday.
- Ask them questions about their profession.
- Talk one-on-one with them.
- Talk to colleges about specific programs, costs, schedules, etc.
- Set up appointments with colleges to visit the campus.

If you would like to be a guest speaker or if you would like to set up a booth please contact Camilla Lynch at camillalynch@rcsnm.org or call (505) 726-9662.