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Table Talk

Bob Ippel, Executive Director

Welcome to Table Talk!

Respectful loving conversation can be hard to come by these days. This sort of dialogue is definitely not often modeled for us in our current society. Shouting, cancelling, put downs, silent treatment and gossip have become the norm. There is no place for those communication styles at a Christ centered table. This table is shaped by love, humility and forgiveness. When we are gathered at this table it is possible to have hard conversations. Lately I feel as if I am having multiple hard conversations every day. I am fortunate that even though I sometimes feel defensive, hurt, confused or tongue tied, I have the opportunity to be part of a Christian community where I can ask for forgiveness and offer forgiveness and where I can love and know that I am loved. What a gift to sit at the table with Rehoboth staff, board members, students and families. May our table talk invite people into life with the Triune God who by nature is selfless love.

Board & Committee Chatter:

Much of the work of the Rehoboth Board is done through committees. The committees are made up of Board members, staff and parents. The committees usually meet at least once each month. Standing committees are permanent committees that meet regularly. The Executive, Finance/Operations, Personnel and Education committees are the standing committees of Rehoboth. Currently we also have some "temporary" board appointed committees which are dealing with specific needs. The Land Use Committee and the Community Engagement Committee both fit into this category. Check out this section of the Parent News for updates from the committees and the Board.

Board Representatives on Committees:

- Executive: Chris Vicente, Eric Begay, James Rich, Lawrence Andrade
- Finance/Operations: Eric Begay, Michelle Sanchez, Genevieve White
- Personnel: Vonda Claw, Fabian Heredia, Angela Kien, Tabitha Manuelito
- Education: Lawrence Andrade, Vonda Claw, Yvonne Murphy
- Land Use: Valarie Jones, Eric Begay, Yvonne Murphy
- Community Engagement: Chris Vicente, Valarie Jones, James Rich, Kris Pikaart

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Upcoming Events

- Monday, September 7 Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, September 8 Two Bundles of Meal Distribution due to Labor Day (See Food Service Announcement)
- Thursday, September 10 7:00pm Drive In Movie Retirement Celebration (See All School Announcements)

All School Announcements

<u>With Thankful Hearts</u> Join us on Thursday, September 10 for a retirement celebration for Pete Goudzwaard who has worked at Rehoboth for 40 years and for Jim and Short Holwerda who have worked at Rehoboth for 22 years. How do you celebrate during COVID? Come in your cars to a "drive in movie theater" in the Keith Kuipers Gym parking lot which is next to the soccer field at 7:00 pm. Watch tributes to these faithful servants and enjoy some fun classic films that remind us of their contributions to the RCS family. Hope you can join us. Call 505-863-4412 if you have questions.

Elementary News

Expecting Perfection?

We know that some of your children's work requires your assistance as they learn at home. It can be tempting to guide your children to the "right answers" as they work. Sometimes, our kids feel like a reflection of our gifts and abilities. We want to assure you that we want your children's raw, honest work! If you need to help them with the directions, that's great. If you feel capable of teaching them so that they can understand the concept, that's great. But if you feel like you can't and that your child needs the teacher's guidance, that's great too! When your child turns in work, we expect that it will sometimes show gaps in learning. This helps teachers know what they need to teach next and how best to

help your child! So have some grace for yourself and let your children turn in work as they have done it...no perfection required!

Hybrid Learning

Before Friday, you will receive an email that contains our plans for reopening Rehoboth Christian Elementary School for hybrid learning beginning Tuesday, September 15. If you are participating in the hybrid option, you can expect that your elementary students will be at school either every Tuesday or every Friday. Online instruction will continue the rest of the week. Students will also be able to continue online only learning if your family prefers. Please complete this <u>survey</u> so we know your family's final decision about hybrid or online learning!

Library Books Available

Dear Rehoboth Library Patrons:

I would like to invite you to check-out books from your Elementary/Mid Library. We will post the URL to our RCS website. You will put in the library name as REHOBOTH. You will not need a password. You can search by title, author or genre. Next to the title, you will see the word "HOLDINGS." That will tell you if the book is available or not. Click on the Title of the book. You will see the barcode number listed at the bottom of the page. Once you know the title of the book, you can email me your name, the title and the barcode. For those students that are here at school, I will deliver the book(s) to the classroom. For students that are online, I will send the book(s) to the pickup sites on Thursdays.

The URL is https://opac.libraryworld.com/opac/signin.php?libraryname=REHOBOTH You will see the following display on your screen when you start searching for books.

Rehoboth

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at abarker@rcsnm.org or call me at (505)863-4412 ext: 194 Respectfully,

Angela Barker

Rehoboth Elem/Mid Librarian

Helpful Resource!



Daniel Ensign, our elementary and middle school counselor found this resource that might be helpful for you as you navigate this very different way of doing school. Click on the link or any of the images to access the full document! Back-to-School Care Package

Communication

- Please communicate with us frequently. Make sure that your child is completing assignments and turning them in the appropriate way. There are great opportunities in this for teachers and students to communicate!
- Students should check in with <u>closegap</u>. This helps us keep track of how your child is doing since we can't see each other face-to-face.
- Plan to attend scheduled zoom meetings...we know that tech issues can arise, so be patient and gracious (if your child is using the internet at school, we know that they will miss zoom meetings the first 3 weeks because they don't arrive here until 10am when elementary zoom meetings end. The classroom teacher will check in with them while they are here).
- Let us know if your child is sick (or not able to work because of a doctors appointment and things like that) so we won't worry when we don't hear from them.
- Read parent news! Everything you need to know is here.

Peter Ippel, Elementary and Middle School Principal

Middle School Matters

Great Work!

The middle school students have done great work so far. Many students are completing all of their learning assignments with time to spare. For 7th and 8th graders, if you're struggling with where to begin, check out the 7th/8th distance learning website. For 6th graders, you can start in google classroom. You will have a progress report sent to you every Monday. If you see that an assignment is missing, you can look back at the day it was assigned and figure out what happened. We want to help you in any way possible, so keep in touch!

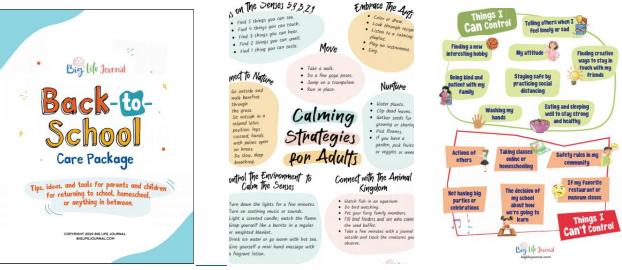
Hybrid Learning

Before Tuesday, you will receive an email that contains our basic plans for reopening Rehoboth Christian Middle School for hybrid learning beginning Monday, September 21. (NOTE: This is a change from the original plan) If you are participating in the hybrid option, you can expect that your middle school students will be at school either every Monday or every Thursday. Online instruction will continue the rest of the week. Students will also be able to continue online only learning if your family prefers. Please complete this <u>survey</u> so we know your family's final decision about hybrid or online learning!

Middle School Additions

Middle school students have started out with their core classes for the first three weeks. Beginning Monday, September 14, students will also begin learning in their other classes. For 6th grade, all students will begin PE and Art. For 7th graders, some students will begin Bible and Art while others begin Independent Reading and PE. 8th graders will begin Futures and PE or Bible and Art. Band will continue for all students!

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Back-to-School Care Package

Communication

Here are some ways for you to communicate with us and ways that you can expect us to communicate with you!

- Students, check in with <u>closeqap</u>--this is how we will know that middle school students are "at school" each day.
- Students, plan to attend scheduled zoom meetings...we know that tech issues can arise, so be patient and gracious.
 Let a teacher know if you are unable to make it for some reason. Zoom meetings are a great way to build community, connect with classmates, and see your teachers. They are also part of your grade for each class in Middle School.
- Parents, let us know if your child is sick (or not able to work because of a doctors appointment and things like that) so we won't worry when we don't hear from them. Communicate this with each of your child's teachers or let Ms.
 Peywa know and she will pass it along (505-726-9675).
- Parents, read parent news! Almost everything you need to know is here.

Peter Ippel, Elementary and Middle School Principal

High School Highlights

Next Week's Online Schedule

Please remember that students <u>must attend</u> their online class meetings in order to participate appropriately and earn the passing grades they need. Below, here's the schedule for next week. *Note: because of Labor Day, we are moving the normal Monday meetings to Wednesday. And remember, Period 2 comes first on that day!

	Monday 9/7	Tuesday 9/8	Wednesday 9/9	Thursday 9/10	Friday 9/11
1:00-2:00pm	Labor Day	Period 3	Period 2	Period 5	Period 7
2:00-3:00pm	Labor Day	Period 4	Period 1	Period 6	
Spirit Week Zoom Theme	N/A	Hat Day	Favorite Snack Day	Pet/Stuffed Animal Day	Wear Your Jersey/Dress Like an Athlete

Ready for Some Fun? Our First Online Spirit Week Is Next Week!

Everyone needs some joy, and our National Honor Society (NHS) students have been working hard to come up with great ideas for all of us. This year, RCHS students will be divided into teams, each captained by an NHS member, and those teams will go through a series of competitions during the year with prizes and a whole lot of fun along the way. Next week is the first competition—an online Spirit Week. Each day, students will earn points for their team by participating in the day's theme during their afternoon Zoom meetings with teachers. Here's a video that introduces the week. The themes for each day are:

Monday: Labor Day (No School)

Tuesday: Hat Day - Wear a hat during your Zoom. It can be comfy or crazy.

Wednesday: Favorite Snack Day - Munch on your most tasty treats during your Zoom meetings.

Thursday: Pet/Stuffed Animal Day - Show us your pet or a stuffed animal during your Zooms.

Friday: Jersey/Dress Like an Athlete Day - No sports? No problem! Flood your Zooms with your favorite jerseys, or just dress like an athlete.

Bad Internet? We Are Here for You!

We realize that not everyone has reliable internet in their homes. If your children need a place to work with reliable wifi, we have our large LC space set up with tables distanced from each other to provide a safe environment for students. Families can provide their own transportation, and Rehoboth busing is also available for these purposes. The hours of

availability are 10am-3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Contact Mrs. Camilla Lynch if you are interested at (505) 726-9632. Please take earbuds or headphones with you for your Zoom meetings so that we aren't disturbing each other during those times. Again, it's vital for students to keep up on their work, so please do not let them fall behind.

First Grade Report of the Year

Tomorrow (Friday, 9/4), you will be receiving the first weekly grade report of the year. In a normal school year, we would wait a bit longer before sending this out; but we've learned that in an online environment, it is best to address any problems or challenges sooner rather than later so that students don't fall too far behind. If your child is failing any of his/her classes, you should be hearing from the teacher of those classes. We are here to partner with you in your child's academic success, so any help or insight you can provide is hugely appreciated. Our commitment is to not let anyone slip through the cracks at Rehoboth!

RCHS Chapels

This week saw the first Wednesday of the month, and that means livestream Praise and Worship Chapel! If you weren't able to watch yesterday, you can go back and see the chapel on the Rehoboth Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/rcsnm). For the October Praise and Worship Chapel, we will make sure that we have another live streaming option for people who don't have Facebook accounts as well. Next week, we'll be back to our chapels on Matthew as we get some background information on the different groups of people Jesus interacted with during His ministry.

Later This Month: School Pictures

From September 29-October 1, we will have photographers from <u>Still Light Studios</u> on campus to take high-quality yearbook photos of our students. They will also be available for special sessions with seniors or even family sessions during those days. Families can choose what photos to order from an online link they will receive after their sessions. More information will be coming later this month.

Dan Meester, High School Principal

Counselor's Update

<u>ACT / SAT Testing Dates</u> - there are so many questions regarding college entrance testing. Due to COVID-19, many schools are making test scores optional for the admission process to the 21/22 school year. There are still many scholarships that require test scores. The next available SAT test in Gallup will be November 7. The next available ACT test will be December12. Rehoboth will be hosting our own official SAT test on October 14 for seniors and in March 2021 for juniors. This will be an opportunity for our students to take the official SAT test in a familiar setting and during the school day (not on the weekend at large testing centers). If your senior is interested in signing up for the October test and you haven't let me know yet, please do (chuizinga@rcsnm.org).

<u>ACT / SAT Study Programs and Materials</u> - there are SOOO many options to studying to take the ACT or SAT. There are many free options and many options that you can purchase.. A good place to start is https://academy.act.org/ and https://academy.act.org/ and https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice to setup your own individualized study program. Each of these programs are free.

NM College Fair - The New Mexico College Access Council will be hosting a Remote College Fair from Sept. 14 - 19. This will be a GREAT time to check out a lot of the regional public and private schools. Students can register at https://nmcac.org/

Chris Huizinga, High School Counselor

Admissions Corner

District code in ParentsWeb is: RE-NM

ParentsWeb login page: https://re-nm.client.renweb.com/pwr/

New Family Introductions:

I want to welcome all our new families to our Rehoboth community. I'm taking some time here to introduce some of them and have asked them some questions to share about their family.

I'd like to introduce you to the Frederiksen family moving from Prague



What brought you to choose Rehoboth for your son?

Rehoboth has an incredibly special place in our hearts. As former staff and alumni of the school we know the incredible and unique community that Rehoboth has. Last year when we were considering what was next for our family the pull of Rehoboth was too good to pass up. We have found over and over again that the staff and community of Rehoboth show up and love deeply. The teachers are dedicated to our children's success, not only as students academically, but their whole selves.

They celebrate their identities as children of the most high King and still in them what it means to be a part of the family of God. We are so excited to be a part of the place and this story again.



How have you been spending time these past few months due to COVID?

We have been moving! But when we weren't packing and moving across the world we were playing games as a family, hiking together, and traveling.

What are you looking forward to this school year for your child?

We are so excited to have our kids at a Christian school again this year. I am really looking forward to how each teacher incorporates faith into all aspects of our daily life and education. We are also looking forward to rejoining the Rehoboth community and family again.

Welcome back Frederiksen family!

Looking Back...

In case you missed it, we have a <u>Back-To-School Information packet</u> with a supply list and other information. I'll be highlighting some information from the Back-To-School info packet in this "Looking Back" section for a couple of weeks.

The **Student Support Service** is made up of seven staff members serving grades K-12 with additional academic and emotional support. At Rehoboth Chrstian School, we strive to create an inclusive community that meets student's needs at all levels. We hold high expectations for our students but also provide the support they need to be successful.

Kelly Arendsen is the director of our K-12 academic support program and also provides services for students in the high school. She works to ensure that students who may need extra services are identified and that their needs are met.

Chad Meekhof spends part of his day as an academic support teacher in the High School.

Abbie Huizinga just joined the staff to provide special education services in the elementary and middle school. She will provide support directly to students and also to teachers so that they are able to help all students to be successful in the classroom setting.

Jamie Frederiksen also just joined the elementary staff to provide Title 1 support to students who need an extra boost in reading. She will work with teachers as they bring literacy skills to students and will also provide extra reading instruction to help all students become readers!

Scott MacLaren provides Title 1 support to elementary students who need an extra boost in math. He works with small groups of students to reinforce foundational math concepts and helps all students build a strong foundation in number sense and problem solving.

Chris Huizinga is the high school counselor. He provides social and emotional support for students and is an academic advisor who schedules student's classes. He also assists students as a college guidance

counselor.

Daniel Ensign just joined the elementary and middle school staff as the school counselor. He is always ready to listen to students and help them process anything they may be dealing with. He provides support to staff members and helps them provide emotional support to students. He also helps students plan for and think about their futures.

Immunization records for New Students:

Parents will be notified within the next week if we do not have immunization records for your new student. It is required by the New Mexico Department of Health to have immunization records on file for enrollment. Click here for more information.

Verlena J. Livingston, Director of Admissions I 505.726.9692 l vlivingston@rcsnm.org



Food Service Line

We are excited to begin the school year even though there are logistical issues that have been a challenge for those of us on the Kitchen Staff. Meal pick-ups were much better last week. Thank you for showing up to the bus stops, and calling us when you can not. That is very helpful!

Remember that Gallup bus route is not running, if you are in Gallup, you will pick up at the Fellowship Hall curb. Monday and Thursdays, 11:30-1 or 4:30-5:30. We provide bundles of meals on Mondays (3 BF and 3 Lunch) and the two bundles of meals on Thursdays (2 BF, 2 Lunch).

Students on campus for the internet will be offered lunches each day.

Menu

Мо	onday Bundle	Thursday Bundle			
<u>Delivery on</u> <u>Tuesday September</u> <u>8th</u>	September 8	September 9	<u>Delivery on:</u> <u>Thursday,</u> <u>September 10</u>	September 11	
No School!					
	Bagel w/ Cream	Cold Cereal, Banana,	Cinna-mini Pull Aparts,	Yogurt Parfait, Fruit,	
Labor Day	Cheese, Fruit,	Milk	Fruit, Milk	Granola, Milk	
	Milk	Lunch:	Lunch:	Lunch:	
				Luncn:	
	Lunch:		Turkey & Swiss Panini,		
		Roast Beef & Swiss	Chips, Cherry Tomato,	Turkey, Ham & Cheese	
	Ham & Cheddar	on French, Doritos,	Fruit, Milk	Sub, Pretzels, Bell	
	Sliced Bread,	Baby Carrots, Fruit		Peppers, Fruit, Milk	
	Chips, Celery, Fruit, Milk	Cup, Milk			

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

Please note that your child's status as a free, reduced or full pay student is based on the application that you filled out for the Food and Service Nutrition Service of the USDA.

If you have not heard from Darlene Stewart about your status as Free, Reduced or Full paid, please call her. She may be waiting to hear from you. She has several applications that are incomplete. She can be reached at 505-726-9608 or dstewart@rcsnm.org.

Please let me know if you want to add meals, subtract meals or if you have any questions. I can be reached at seddy@rcsnm.org or 505-870-9085

Sue Eddy, Director of Food Service

In Gear : Transportation

<u>Hello RCS families:</u> We will continue to run the routes we have in place for the students using school internet, food deliveries and material deliveries. Please look at the updated route schedule on the last page to see when our school buses/vehicles will be arriving. Please arrive 5-10 minutes early. Drivers will only wait at the designated stops for a minute of two after stated arrival times before they need to head to the next one. Please contact Mrs. Lynch at 726-9632 (<u>clynch@rcsnm.org</u>) or Mrs. Peywa at 726-9675 (<u>vpeywa@rcsnm.org</u>) to make changes.

Thank you.

Jonathon Terborg, Transportation Director

I Believe: Athletics



Welcome to the 2020-21 School year. This school year Rehoboth Christian School will have Athletics but many changes will happen.

Just an update when each sport will begin: Please prepare and mark your calendar for these dates.

Volleyball and Cross Country: October 5, 2020

Basketball: January 4, 2021 **Soccer:** February 15, 2021

Baseball, Softball and Track: April 5, 2021

RCS Athletic Packets 20-21 are due before the first day of practice. Please return packets to Mr. Pete at Rehoboth Christian High School.

Volleyball and Cross Country Voluntary Workouts will begin next week, the week of September 8, 2020. Please contact the Head Coaches for the schedule of their workouts.

Charlene Chapman - Head Volleyball Coach -- <u>cchapman@rcsnm.org</u> Cell Phone 505-879-8191 Elmer Yazzie - Head Cross Country Coach -- <u>eyazzie@rcsnm.org</u> Cell Phone 520-975-9176

RCS Student-Athletes Devotionals ---

https://fcaresources.com/search/site?retain-filters=1&f%5B0%5D=type%3Adevotional

Any questions please feel free to contact me at adrianpete@rcsnm.org. If your child is a High School transfer student and is interested in Sports at the High School and now attending Rehoboth Christian High School. please contact me at

adrianpete@rcsnm.org. Thank you.

RCS Track and Soccer Field will be open from 7 am to 12 pm this week and next. The week of Sept 14, 2020 the track and soccer field will be open from 7 am to 5 pm.

Adrian Pete, Athletic Director

Community Action

If you have any community event 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.

Zuni/SW Gallup	AM	PM Mon/Thur	PM Tue/Fri	AM Routes are for Student who need School Internet			
Zuni CRC Mission	*	5:00	*				
Zuni Wellness Center	8:45	4:55	4:40	PM Mon/Thur routes are for food delivery and return times for students using RCS Internet			
Zuni Express Gas Station-First Finacial Bank	*	4:50	*				
Murphy's Trading Post	9:10	4:30	4:05	PM Tue/Fri routes return times for students using RCS Inte	rnet		
Cousins Road at Kiwanis Park Turn Off	*	4:25	*				
Jones Ranch Turn Off	*	4:15	*	Buses/Vehicles will Arrive in front of SFC/HS at 3pm and w	ill leave campu	s at 3:20pm	
Bread Springs Speedway Store	9:20	4:10	3:55				
Skeets Road, Glory Land, Howard @ Tracy Lane		4:00	*	PM Mon/Thur not all stops need food deliveries/arrival tin	nes stay the sai	me for extra time to mo	ake deliveries
Blue Medicine Well road		3:45	*				
UNM Gallup Campus by the PHYS ED Building	9:40	3:35	3:35				
Crownpoint/Gallup/Indian Hills	AM	PM Mon/Thurs	PM Tue/Fri	Tohatchi/South Gallup/Gamerco	AM	PM Mon/Thurs	PM Tue/Fri
Crownpoint CRC	8:45	5:10	4:30	Tohatchi LDS Church	8:45	4:50	4:20
Thoreau Senior Center	9:20	4:40	3:55	491 and Coyote Canyon Junction Route 9	•	4:40	
Continental Divide, Old Trading Post	*	4:30	*	De Bi' Li' Chi' Housing - New Coyote Canyon	9:05	4:30	4:05
Jamestown - Whispering Cedars, VFD	*	4:10	*	Nizhoni Housing, Old Coyote Canyon Housing	*	4:20	*
Iyanbito Exit, Iyanbito church		3:50	*	Twin Lakes Old Chapter House	*	4:05	
Turtle Butte (Dirt pile by Ft Wingate bridge)		3:35	*	Tohlakai CRC on EAST side of HWY 491	*	4:00	
				Mae Lane at corner of Juniper Hills	*	3:50	*
				Navajo Shopping Center Entrance	*	3:40	*
Window Rock/Ft. Defiance	AM	PM Mon/Thurs	PM Tue/Fri	Houck/West Gallup/Mentmore/Mossman	AM	PM Mon/Thurs	PM Tue/Fri
Fort Defiance Hospital East Side	8:45	4:50	4:30	Houck Turn at Exit 348 @ Ft. Courage gas pump	*	5:10	*
Ft. Defiance at the Speedway Station	8:50	4:40	4:20	Chees Store at Exit 351	*	5:00	*
Window Rock CRC		4:30	*	Hawthorne Road at Exit 354	*	4:50	*
Navajo Nation Museum East Parking	9:00	4:20	4:10	Window Rock Exit at Exit 357	*	4:40	*
Off Hwy. 264 Rimrock Chainsaw PM ONLY	*	4:10	*	Corner of Klagetoh and Blue Hill	*	3:45	*
Off Hwy. 264 & Horse View Road	9:25	4:00	3:55				
Rock Spring's Rd & 264 Turn Off	*	3:45	*				
Rock Spring's Chapter House Turnaround	9:35	3:50	3:45				