From The Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

RE: Reminders & Updates

May 19, 2024

Dear Parents & Families:

It’s a wonderful Sunday! Hope this finds you basking in God’s bountiful blessings. We are embarking on one of the busiest weeks of the school year and would like to request your prayers and partnership to help ensure the success of each of the schoolwide and/or class events planned. Before I share this week’s upcoming events, I must invite you to reflect with me about our PMC/RMES 2024 The TENT evangelist experience in Berrien Springs, which ended last evening.

**The Tent—What a Blessing!** : We have had an amazing week at the TENT! I trust each of you had an opportunity to attend, either in person or online. If you did not get a chance to experience the week of blessing from The TENT at PMC youth chapel, please go online at the following location: [https://pmchurch.org/thetent](https://pmchurch.org/thetent) to see and hear the students in action. Every evening the Spirit could be felt in the room as the students led out in praise, prayer and preaching about “God’s Greatest Plan” from the Word of God. Thank you, Pastor Ben and Junior High teachers for your teamwork in the preparation of the 7th and 8th grade students to be on mission for God at another successful (soul-winning) TENT experience.

**Four Baptized at “The TENT”:** It was a moment of joy and rejoicing at the TENT, as it was in heaven, when Kendra, Danny, Andy, and Nathan publicly declared their love for Jesus and got baptized at the Tent, yesterday/Sabbath, May 18, 2024. We are so proud and happy for them. Please join us in keeping each of them in prayer for God’s protection, from the evil one, as they choose to walk with Jesus every day.

**Here are the Pertinent Reminders & Updates for the last two weeks of school.**

***STEAMS Showcase:* We start off this week with our STEAMS Showcase! If you are new to RMES, STEAMS Showcase is our annual exhibition of students’ work in the holistic academic program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Agriculture, Math and Spirituality) that we offer. We are looking forward to seeing you on **Monday, May 20, 5:00-7:00pm.** Please bring a friend and plan to stay for the end of the showcase, which will begin at 6:30pm for the launching of model rockets and CO2 Cars demonstration from our Junior High Engineering mini courses taught by Mr. Lonto.

***Registration Day: Monday, May 20th*** is Registration Day! Fee discounts still available for the Early Birds! for If you have not started your registration process for the next school year, don’t
this miss this opportunity to stop by and do so in person. Our Office staff will be ready to meet with you as early as 9:00am and throughout the day until 7:00pm. I think you will be happy that you came and took care of tuition business early and avoided the long wait during STEAMS Showcase. Call/text Mrs. Giddings to give her a heads-up if you want an early appointment. She or Cyndi will be happy to facilitate. Looking forward to seeing you among the Early Birds!

**RMES Spring Vocal Concert:** RMES Vocal Concert is scheduled for this Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Howard Performing Arts Center at **7 PM**. The program will feature RMES K-2 Bells with Mrs. Shari Lyons, and Recorders and K-8 Choir, directed by Mr. Marcelo Martins. This will be Mr. Martins last concert with us. Our school has been blessed by Mr. Martins committed, Christian service at RMES. We invite you to make every effort to come and enjoy the students’ last performance under his direction. The program promises to be entertaining and fun. Even though the program will be live streamed, we would like to encourage you to come and bring your family and friends to support the children and for a relaxing evening.

**More Important Concert Details for You from the Director:**

- **Call Time (the time students must be there): 6:45 PM.**
- **3-6: Students should go straight to their assigned seats inside the concert hall. K-2, we will have chairs in the back hallway.**
- **Attire:** Church Clothes in Spring colors. Lean on the formal side, not casual. Remember, this is an amazing opportunity for you to take amazing pictures of your kids all dressed up. Please know that RMES DRESS CODE applies. Below are a few reminders of RMES Dress Code...

**Girls Attire:** Dress and skirt lengths are to be no more than just above the knee when sitting. We ask that if your daughter cannot find a skirt/dress that is no more than just above the knee, to please wear slacks/pants.

* If dresses/skirts are not knee length, leggings must be worn under the skirt.

No jewelry (or wristbands) made of any material. A simple hairband may be worn around the wrist.

* Make-up applied in a manner that is not a distraction is allowed. Neutral or natural colors are expected.

* Nail polish that is neutral/natural skin tone colors is permitted.

Hair should be neatly cut and kept clean.

* Hairstyles should be simple, not causing any distraction.

* Cuts/colors that give an unnatural appearance are prohibited. Styling products and hair accessories should be in line with the dress code.
Grade 7 & 8 Special Activities Week—May 21-23: This is another annual end of year event for RMES Junior High students, however, this year, due to circumstances beyond our control, the first day of these special activities begins on the same day as the concert, May 21. We sincerely apologize to the parents of our three 8th graders who are excused from the concert so that they can attend their class trip to Mackinac Island—a once in a lifetime experience with classmates. I would like to thank the parents who volunteered to accompany the teachers, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Whiting, and Mr. Lonto (Bus driver) to assist with supervision and meal preparation for the group.

While the 7th graders will also be engaged in a variety of special activities in the local community, including a field trip to the Potawatomi Zoo on Monday and other STEAMS, including service-learning activities, and the Spring Concert. They will begin each day at school as usual. Mr. Steinkraus, assisted by a substitute teacher and parent chaperones, will be supervising the students and program for the 7th grade. We thank you in advance for providing him your cooperation and support to make all of the activities a success.

8th Grade Graduation Sabbath: This Sabbath, May 25th, will be the 8th grade Consecration Service at PMC. The students will lead out in the first service, scheduled to start at 9:00am. Students are asked to be there by 8:00am. They will be wearing graduation regalia (caps and gowns) to march in, however, they are required to dress in church attire following RMES Dress Code. (See Dress Code guidelines below…)

**Girls Attire for Graduation:** Church dress and/or skirt – lengths are to be no more than just above the knee when sitting. We ask that if your daughter cannot find a skirt/dress that is no more than just above the knee, to please wear dressy slacks/pants.

* If dresses/skirts are not knee length, leggings must be worn under the skirt.

No jewelry (or wristbands) made of any material.

* Nail polish that is neutral/natural skin tone colors is permitted.

* Make-up applied in a manner that is not a distraction is allowed. Neutral or natural colors are expected.

**Boys Attire for Graduation:** Dress pants and shirt with neck-tie or suit.

* No jewelry. Only a medical wrist band may be worn.
Attention Parents of 8th Graders: To apply to attend Andrews Academy, please visit our website at www.andrews.edu/aa, click on Admissions and New Student Enrollment. We'd love to have you at AA next school year! Call 269-471-3138 with any questions. From Andrews Academy

Tuition Payment Due: Just a gentle reminder that your May tuition payment is due on the 25th. Thank you for your commitment to Adventist education and for your support of RMES.

RMES Student Prayer Calendar: Please continue praying every day for RMES students, one child at a time. Here are the names to lift-up this week: (Mon. Sun. May 19—Sab. May 25): Max (7), Isabel (5), Jaliyah (5), Lily (4), Reagan (4), Michael (7), Declan (1).

RMES/PMC Grow Group: Thank you to Sis. Linda Strong our committed grandparent and prayer leader who has not missed a Thursday to come and pray for RMES students and school. This is our second to last week for 2023-2024, once again, we extend the invitation to come and join us this Thursdays and/or next week at 8:15am to pray for our school and students.

Important End of Year Events and Dates to Remember:

- Registration Day & STEAMS Showcase May 20
- Spring Vocal Concert
- May 21
- 7th & 8th Grade Special Activities
- May 21-23
- Kindergarten End of Year Program
- May 23
- 8th Grade Graduation Sabbath
- May 25
- No School—Memorial Day May 27
- Awards Day
- May 28
- Yearbook Reveal & Field Day May 29
- 8th Grade Graduation May 30
- Last Day of School (No Extend Ed)
- May 31

School Theme: THIS IS OUR FAITH
Here is a promise for you:

"I will contend with him who contends with you; and I will save your children".

*Isaiah 49:25*

Blessings for a productive week.

Dr. Savory