

From the Desk of the Principal
To: Parents & Guardians
Date: August 9, 2021
RE: More Updates & Reminders for Preparation

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Hoping this note finds each of you and your families well as you continue to take precautions from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The following are few more important reminders to help your preparation for the new school year.

Partnering For Eternity (PFE): Partnering for Eternity is a phenomenal program facilitated through SFFC Foundation and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. This partnership teaches children about the blessings of missions and service to others as they engage in building intergenerational relationships with seniors in their communities, easing the burden of isolation and loneliness sometimes experienced by seniors. The program requires students to be paired with a senior in the community (not a relative). The student and mentor meet for one hour, once per week to provide assistance and companionship. After each visit students must submit a brief reflection of their experience. For each visit students are awarded \$30 tuition scholarship. All students from K-8 grade are eligible to participate. There is still room for your child. We invite you to apply today. If you have already enrolled or are interested in involving your student in this amazing service opportunity, we invite you to attend RMES PFE Student & Parent Orientation on August 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Join at Zoom: zoom.us/j/96245640379. For questions, please contact Mrs. Kim Khu Shee Wah our program coordinator at (904)207-1801 or the school at (269) 471-3225.

Student Supply List: Student Supply list for all grades is now available at the school's website or a copy can be picked up at the office. We apologize for any inconvenience caused due to the delay in publishing the supply list.

Hand Sanitizer: If hand sanitizer is one of the items listed on your class supply list, we are recommending that you leave this item for later. Since the list was published, we have received a generous donation of Purell Hand sanitizer, compliments of the Crayon Box. The supply is enough to for students and teachers for the school year.

Lunch Program: Friday's memo shared information about school lunch and changes for the upcoming school year. Please take some time to read the new requirements and submit the forms when completed. If you have questions, please contact Bon Appetit Dining Services at 269- 471-3161 or ds@andrews.edu. In addition, you make a note of your questions and/or concerns to speak directly to Chef Linda Brinegar, Manager of Dining Services, when we meet for RMES parent orientation on August 19.

Mini-Course Information: This note is primarily for the Grade 7 & 8 students. Your Mini-course schedule and first quarter sign-up sheet is ready. Registered students should have received an email with the link to sign-up for 1st Quarter classes. Please complete and return as soon as possible. If you have questions, please email Mrs. Giddings at vidag@andrews.edu.

Parent Orientation: Thursday, **August 19, 2021, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.** This meeting is for parents of ALL Grades. The purpose is to introduce and give you a chance to meet the entire faculty and staff, as well as to make connections with fellow parent partners. We will also share important information about school operation, and answer questions to help you better support your child/ren through a successful and enjoyable learning journey this school year. Please plan to attend.

First Day of School: Monday, **August 23, 2021** is the first day of school. As customary, on this day only, arrival time for all students (K-8) is **8:15 a.m.** School will dismiss at **3:30 p.m.** Please expect more information and confirmation about the arrival and dismissal schedule and procedure.

Tuition Payment: First tuition for the 2021-2022 school year is due **August 10, 2021.** If you have not received your Financial Contract, please contact Mrs. Giddings at vidaq@andrews.edu or (269)471-3069.

Work Bee: Just a reminder that we are hoping to see you on **Sunday, August 15,** when we meet from 8:00 a.m. to clean-up and get the facility ready for our students. We hope you can come to lend a hand. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Here's a promise for you:

*“All your children shall be taught of the Lord;
and great shall be the peace of your children” Isaiah 54:13*

Sincerely,
Evelyn Savory