

From the Desk of the principal, Evelyn Savory

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: October 25, 2021

Re: This Week's Reminders

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The 2nd Quarter is off to a great start. It was a good first week for students and teachers as they wrapped up loose ends from the 1st quarter and transitioned into familiar and unfamiliar territory that they will navigate during this new quarter. For the Jr. High students, the start of each quarter brings a wholesome balance of anxiety and excitement, which fills the atmosphere with enthusiasm as they receive and get prepared for their new mini-course plan. Except for a few, the students are mostly pleased with the classes they are assigned. Many of those who do not like a class at the beginning, usually end up wishing they could do it for another quarter. We wish all our Jr. High students an exciting and engaging learning experience this quarter. Encourage them to strive for excellence in EVERYTHING they do (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Here the pertinent reminders and updates for this week:

NO School, Monday, October 25, 2021: Please be reminded that **tomorrow is a day off** for RMES students. It is a professional development day for teachers. Office personnel will be at work, but please do not bring your child to school.

Picture Day: Thursday, October 28, is Picture Day for all students. This is class pictures for the yearbook. Please have students dress appropriately. No jewelry, including beaded bracelets or earrings.

Seminary Worship: This Friday, October 29, Dr. Scott Ward and the seminary (MDiv) students in his Collaboration Ministry class will be leading and participating in worship with RMES students in their classrooms. This is the third consecutive year of similar collaboration between RMES and AU Seminary.

Fall Week of Prayer: RMES Fall Week of Prayer will begin next Monday, November 1st. Our guest speaker is Dr. Brian Strayer, Andrews University professor emeritus, specialization, History & Political Science. Dr. Strayer is an amazing storyteller and enjoys sharing the Bible with young people. Please pray of Dr. Strayer and the students as we prepare to TAKE A STAND to spend more time with Jesus and learn how to reflect His character.

Parent-Teacher Conference: The link will soon be available for scheduling your online appointment for Parent-Teacher Conference November 3rd or 4th. We will keep you posted. Since this is the first opportunity for a formal one-to-one meeting with your classroom parents, we encourage in-person conferences, as far as possible. Best practices show that P-T Conferences are a good way to

meet and connect with your child's teacher to strengthen home-school relationships and communication. If you cannot attend in person, please communicate with your child's teacher to arrange an alternate meeting plan. Appropriate COVID safety protocols will be in place.

RMES/PMC Prayer Grow Group: Here is another invitation to join our prayer group on Thursday mornings in the Extend Ed Room. We usually begin promptly at 8:15 AM. You may pray and leave promptly. In addition, you may email or drop off your prayer request at the office.

RMES Grow Group Service Project: In partnership with Andrews University Center of Faith Engagement RMES Grow Group will participate in the Paris' Purse Jeans Drive. This project will be our main focus project this semester. We are collecting new and gently used jeans (as well as monetary donations). The jeans, as well as any money donated to the project, will go toward helping women in local homeless/domestic violence shelters or who face similar economic hardships with clothing and hygiene items. [You can find information about Paris' Purse, a local nonprofit organization, here.](#) We are extending an invitation to you to join us in this needed service. There are 2 main ways you can participate in this project:

- Donate jeans or make a monetary donation (can be dropped off at RMES)
- Spread the word about the project via social media or in the workplace, at school, etc.
- Help sort and fold donated items. Time will be announced.

Have a pleasant and productive week!

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

Sincerely,

Dr. Savory