From the Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Students

Date: December 19, 2021

RE: Pertinent Return to School Information

Dear RMES Parents & Students,

Season’s Greetings! Thank you for your partnership and shared commitment to keeping our school as safe as possible in the face of the ongoing and currently worsening COVID-19 pandemic, including threats presented by the Delta and Omicron variants.

With teamwork, we have made it through the first semester (two quarters) of this school year with few positive cases, but praise the Lord, no evidence of transmission within our school. To God be the glory!

Maintaining a safe learning environment is of paramount importance. Therefore, we wanted to let you know that as we prepare for a safe return after the Christmas break, RMES will delay in-person start by one week to evaluate COVID-19.

Please note that this is not an extended vacation. The first week of school, January 3-7, 2022, will begin with remote teaching and learning. Reflecting on our experience after the Thanksgiving Break, we hope that during this time families will be responsible and quarantine, especially if they have traveled or had associations outside of their normal circle. Your classroom teacher will communicate with you about the expectations for his/her students.

In the meantime, please note some general information and guidelines to help facilitate a beneficial experience for the students during the first week of remote learning:

- First day, January 3rd—Transition Monday: On this first day, teachers will finalize preparation and help students make a smooth transition for a successful week.
- Assignments packets for the lower grades (K-4) will be available for pick-up. Assignments for Grades 5-8 will be available through Google Classroom, except where there are special classroom arrangements.
- Attendance: Student attendance will be taken each day. Students will be given specific guidelines on how to check-in and have their attendance recorded.
- Google Classroom, ZOOM and Jupiter will be the primary platforms used for teaching and learning.
- Classroom teachers of Grades 3-8 will communicate with you how and when to access assigned work on either of the platforms.
- ZOOM meetings or synchronous learning times will be announced by the classroom teachers for their individual classes.
- Technology Needs: Please inform us (your classroom teacher or the office staff) if you have any technology needs or concerns.
• If you have questions, please contact us when RMES office reopens for business on January 3, 2022.

Thank you once again, for your shared commitment in the education and wellbeing of RMES students, during these uncertain times. We also request your continued prayers for the safety of all RMES families during the holidays and throughout the New Year.

Wishing you and family Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year!

From RMES Administration, Faculty & Staff

“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you (us) will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6