Dear Parents & Guardians:

To God be the glory and thank you for your invaluable contribution to make our remote start of the third Quarter a success. We could not have done it without your patience and support. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, January 10, 2022, when we resume in-person classes.

**Return to School COVID-19 GUIDLINES**

As we prepare to return to in-person classes on Monday, we invite you to help us create a culture of care for the wellbeing of not only the students but faculty, staff, and others of our school community. Below are reminders of a few key COVID-19 expectations and protocols that we must recommit to due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant in the U.S. and around the world.

- With the increased risk of contagion to all individuals with Omicron variant, please limit your exposure, including being careful to use masking and distancing in group gatherings.
- If your child has been exposed to COVID-19, or was in close contact within the last five days, please have him/her take a COVID-19 test and submit your negative results to the office before or upon returning to school.
- If your child was infected (tested positive) during the Break and have completed the 10-days quarantine requirement, he/she must submit a negative COVID-19 test taken no less than 24 hours prior to return and have no COVID-19 symptoms. Please note that the rapid test requires a follow-up test, to be taken after 36 hours.
- All RMES students, irrespective of vaccination status are required to stay at home if they feel sick or have any unexplained symptoms (cough, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, or fever).
- If your child traveled back home from vacation less than three-five days ago (January 3), regardless of vaccination or prior immunity (was previously tested positive), he/she will need to be tested and submit a negative result prior to attending school. If you have difficulty finding an available testing site, a rapid COVID-19 test will work. You may pick up one at the school. Please let us know before you come.
- Please remember that everyone is **required to wear masks while indoors—nose and mouth must be covered**.
- Last, but not least, please remember to record your daily Jupiter Health Screening/check (for symptoms) before coming to school.
- Please read the latest CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html) and quarantine procedures from the Berrien County Health Department.

**Dress for the Weather:** Just want to give a reminder that in preparation for snow and the low
temperatures here in Michigan, the students need to be dressed appropriately to come to school and for recess. Coats, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots are a must this time of year. Please be reminded that during the cold season, students are also expected to dress appropriately for indoors, so winter coats are not worn in the classroom. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**RMES Weather Information Reminders:**  
- Please note that in case of severe blizzard weather conditions, RMES follows the decision of Berrien RESA.  
- You will also receive a phone call and/or text to confirm school closing due to inclement weather.  
- The school closing information will also be posted on the school’s website and voicemail.  
- The following are the TV and radio stations that carry closing information about RMES:

**TV Stations:**  
- WNDU Channel 16  
- WSBT Channel 22  
- ABC Channel 57

**Radio Stations:**  
- 90.7 FM—WAUS PULSE FM 96.9  
- 1400 AM – WSJM  
- 107.1 FM – WIRX  
- 97.5 FM – WYTZ  
- 94.9 FM – WSJM  
- 103.7 FM – WCSY  
- 98.3 FM – WCXT

**Important 3rd Quarter Dates to Remember:**  
- January 3, schoolwide Reading Challenge  
- January 12, 2022—Assembly  
- January 17, 2022—NO School, Martin Luther King Day  
- January 26-27—Parent-Teacher Conference  
- January 24-February 4—MAP Testing  
- February—Black History Month  
- February 14-18—Student Led Week of Prayer by Mr. Swackhame & Grade 6  
- February Annual Family Literacy Night (This activity to be confirmed)

Thank you once again, for your shared commitment in the education and wellbeing of RMES students, during these uncertain times. As 2022 begins, may God’s love and blessings continue to surround you, our RMES family and Andrews community.

**School Theme:** TAKE A STAND  
**School Text:** “Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

Have a safe, healthy, and productive week!

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