To: Parents & Guardians

Date: May 22, 2023

RE: Reminders & Updates,

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Are you counting down like the kids? As of today, we have exactly 10 school days to the end of the 2022-2023 school year. The next two weeks will be very busy and exciting as you can tell from the calendar (end of Newsletter). Since we’ve been having so much fun, it is hard to believe the school year is almost over. Thank you so much for your taking the journey with us to the end.

RMES 1st Schoolwide Grandparents Day—A Resounding Success! We had a wonderful Grandparents’ Day at school on Friday. We had about 150 grandparents in attendance and the grandchildren from all grades (whether they had a grandparent present or not) put on a spectacular show for them. It was a blessing to see the joy on their faces and to watch them participating with the children in the special activities that teachers planned in the classrooms. Both the grandparents and the grandchildren felt it was a beautiful and well-planned occasion and that we should do it again. Kudos to Mr. Swackhamer & Mrs. Horton, the chief coordinators, and the amazing teamwork they harnessed among fellow faculty and staff.

The Tent: To God be the Glory great things He has done! Tonight, is the last night of an amazing ten days of seeing God at work during the 10th TENT experience led by Pastor Ben and the JH students and teachers of RMES. This evening’s message, “The Wanted” will be shared by 8th grader, Gadi Igaso. Last evening Gadi demonstrated her faith in God by being baptized. She will be the 12th and last speaker for this year’s Tent revival. If you have not had a chance to attend in person or watch them live online this evening be sure to get a taste of what was happening at the Tent during the last nine days. If you really cannot make it, the videos are archived at pmchurch.org/the tent, or you can go to RMES face book at any time and view all 12 messages. I encourage you to have your children look at view it with you. They will be inspired, and all will be blessed. I would like to applaud the amazing work of discipleship that Pastor Ben is doing with RMES students. The Tent gives them the opportunity to demonstrate and share their knowledge of God’s Word and their love for Him.

Big THANK YOU, Pastor Ben & Team: I want to take this opportunity to thank Pastor Ben Martin, PMC Children’s pastor who dedicates much of his time not only discipling but nurturing the students at RMES to be servants of God. For the Tent experience Pr. Ben works closely with the Jr. High teachers and together, with commitment and hard work they prepare and guide our Jr. High students in building a closer relationship with Jesus while training them to lead this incredible student-led Tent evangelist series. Thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes to assist and make this huge undertaking a success. Join us in Praising God for the eleven (11) students who publicly demonstrated their love for Jesus by getting baptized, at the Tent. Please keep these new babes in Christ in your prayers as they begin a new spiritual journey with the Lord.
**Instrumental Spring Concert:** Congratulations, Music Teachers & Students for a Job Well Done! Thank you, parents for supporting our music teachers, Dr. Elsy Gallardo and Mr. Martins, as they worked with the children all year. Thank you also for your attendance at the instrumental Spring Concert last Tuesday. I think you all will agree that the performance by each of the ensembles (Beginning Band, Bells, Strings, and Concert Band) was awesome and overall, it was a wonderful concert. We look forward to seeing you at the Vocal Concert this Tuesday, same time same place.

**RMES Vocal Concert:** Once again, we extend a special invitation to all parents, guardians and your family members. To What: RMES Vocal Spring Concert. Featuring: RMES Choir (students from all grades, K–8) and 4th grade Recorders. **Here is a reminder of the information Mr. Martins shared in a previous email:**
Date: Tuesday, May 23
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: HPAC
Attire: Colorful clothes, on the side of formal (church clothes)
Call Time: 6:45 pm

Don’t miss the amazing performance of RMES singers. Thank you for your support.

**Special Invitation to RMES STEAMS Showcase:** Tomorrow is the day you get to see samples of RMES STEAMS education--what students in every grade have learned and can do in Science, Technology, Engineer, Arts (Art, Music, Languages) /Agriculture, Mathematics and Spirituality (the centrepiece of everything learned/integrated across curriculum). Our STEAMS Showcase begins at 5:30 with prayer and instructions for viewing. We would like you visit all of the the displays, including from each grade and mini courses. We will provide you with a STEAMS Passport, which is intended to encourage you to visit each classroom including displays in the gym. As customary, you are invited to stay and see the blast off of the students’ rockets made in the Rocketry class and demonstration of the CO2 cars. These will be the last two showcases of the day. Please bring your family and friends to see what the students are learning and doing at RMES. Please be aware that RMES students are required to attend the STEAMS Showcase, so we are looking forward to seeing you.

**NO Playing or Running Permitted During STEAMS Showcase:** Please be reminded that during the showing and viewing of the displays (5:30-7:00pm) the swings and blue and white play equipment will be off limits. We are requesting the help and cooperation of parents to please keep your children, (even if they attend RMES) with you as you walk through the displays. This is an attempt to maintain order and safety of the kids and displays. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters.

**Registration Day:** Monday, May 23 is also RMES official Registration Day. Please do not miss this opportunity to kill two birds with one stone—come and view your child’s work as well as secure a space for him/her for the new school year. We look forward to seeing you. If you have already registered, please come out and support our STEAMS program.
8th Grade Graduation Sabbath: This Sabbath, May 27, at 9:00am, the 8th grade students will lead out and be the main participants at Pioneer Memorial Church first service. If you have an 8th grader, I know that Mrs. Cancel, the class sponsor, has been keeping you informed every step of the plans. Please contact her if you have any questions regarding Graduation Sabbath. All are invited to come and support our 8th graders. Please keep all 34 of them in your prayers for God’s safe protection around them to the end of the school year.

RMES Choir at 8th Grade Graduation Sabbath: Reminder from Mr. Martins, our choir director: We are invited to sing Sabbath, May 27, 9:00am at RMES Baccalaureate, a special service in gratitude for the graduating 8th graders. The Choir will sing for the first service only.

Call time: 8:15 am (to be confirmed. It depends on the sound check schedule)
Attire: Church clothes, No Jewelry, please.

The choir will sing at around 9:20 am, and right after singing, they will be dismissed to sit or leave with their parents.

We are excited and are looking forward to hearing our choir perform for the last time this school year.

8th Grade Class Trip: The 8th graders will be away May 23-25 for their long-anticipated class trip. They will be going to Camp Au Sable, which will be their primary location, but they are anxiously looking forward to their one day trip to Mackinac Island. If you miss me during those days, know that I am with my 8th graders for their last trip at RMES. Please pray for a safe and happy trip for all.

Kindergarten End of Year Program: All are invited to come and support Mrs. Schaffer and the Kindergarten students on the completion of their first successful year at RMES. The program takes place in RMES gym on Thursday, May 25, 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends who are planning to enroll or have a potential Kindergarten student to come and see what their child will experience as a kindergartner at our school.

Volunteers Needed: We are seeking volunteers to help on Field Day, May 31. If you are available any time between 9:30 - 12:00noon and/or 1:00 – 3:00pm, please contact Coach Lonto or Kimberly, our H & S Leader at rmeshomeandschool@gmail.com. Thank you for your willingness to help.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

Summer Tutoring for Students: If your child needs academic support this summer or if you are interested in enrichment opportunities in math, language arts, reading, social studies, science, music, or Spanish, contact Lucas Navia for tutoring options at 269-635-3893. He can do virtual
or in-person, individual or group sessions. He is fingerprinted and background checked and currently works as a teacher’s aide in a private school in Ann Arbor while attending the University of Michigan.

**Attention Parents of 8th Graders:** To apply to attend Andrews Academy, please visit our website at [www.andrews.edu/aa](http://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

**FYI--Important Upcoming Events & Dates for the Remainder of the Year**

- The TENT  
  May 12-21
- Spring Vocal Concert  
  May 23
- 8th grade Class Trip  
  May 23-25
- 7th Grade Special Activities  
  May 23-24
- Registration Day & STEAMS Showcase  
  May 22
- Kindergarten End of Year Program  
  May 25
- Graduation Sabbath (1st Service PMC)  
  May 27
- **No School--Memorial Day**  
  **May 29**
- Awards Day  
  May 30
- Yearbook Reveal & Field Day  
  May 31
- Graduation Ceremony (PMC)  
  June 1
- Last Day of School (No Extend Ed)  
  June 2

**Together Everyone Achieves More!**

**Promise for you:** Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and he will direct your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6

In His service,

Dr. Savory