

# From the Desk of the principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: November 7, 2021

Re: Pertinent Reminders & Updates

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings! We are praising God for bringing us through another awesome week at RMES! For the first time Fall Week of Prayer and Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled during the same week. While this was not the original plan, the arrangement worked, and God blessed.

- **Week of Prayer:** It was a Spirit-filled week! During our week of spiritual emphasis it was heartwarming to not only hear the children sing the Theme Song (which they know so well) but see them give “honor and glory to the Lord while He fights their battles. Each day the students of Grades K-4 and Grades 5-8 came together in the gym to hear the message of the day as creatively told by God’s messenger, Dr. Strayer. The theme for the lower grades was *Angel Heroes*. Each day they listened to a Bible story and a modern-day story about how Angel Heroes intervened for those who took a stand to obey Jesus. The middle school theme: Take a Stand, focused on stories about male and female Bible Heroes, such as Daniel, Joseph, Deborah, Esther, who “dared to stand alone to honor God.” Dr. Strayer adapted “Dare to Be a Daniel,” one of the old Advent Youth Songs, to emphasize positive character traits of each of the Bible Heroes. The last message was about Ananias & Sapphira. The song reminded the students of habits that do not honor God. I want you to know that I believe the Holy spirit was with Dr. Strayer and impressed him to challenge our middle school (5-8) students to “keep a level eye” and to be pure and kind and true. Once again, I appeal to parents of students at this grade level to please help us monitor what your children are watching and intervene to guide their choices and other conversations.
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- **Parent Teacher Conference:** Thank you for cooperating with the half-day schedule and making this appointment priority in your busy programs. The teachers valued your enthusiastic response to their invitation to meet and discuss your child/ren’s first quarter performance. I trust both student and teacher expectations are being met to your satisfaction. I encourage that you keep the communication lines open and maintain partnership for the spiritual, mental, social-emotional, physical health and safety of “our” children.
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- **Multicultural Clothes Day:** This Friday, November 12, 2021 is cultural school spirit day. It is one of RMES traditions for students to wear their cultural attire on the Friday before the Multicultural Food Fair. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we will not be having our Multicultural Food Fair again this year, however, we would like to keep the RMES cultural spirit of alive. As a part of Andrews University, one of the 10 most diverse universities in the USA, RMES is proud of the many cultures that make up our school population. The objective

of Multicultural Clothes Day is to provide an opportunity for everyone, students, teachers, and parents to feel a sense of belonging and develop appreciation for our cultural/ethnic differences. Reward for the grade with the most students dressed in authentic cultural attire.

- **GET App and Lunch Order:** Thank you and congratulations to those who are successfully using GET App for Lunch Orders! It has come to my attention that many seem to be forgetting the key requirement to order the day before by 6:00 p.m. As you are aware, if was not pre-ordered your child must remember to bring his/her own lunch. Unfortunately, last week (the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of fully implementing the GET App) several students had not ordered lunch and did not have anything to eat. Did you know that you can pre-order for the week or whichever days your child would like school lunch? If your student orders lunch but is absent on that day, please email Dining Services by **9 AM** to cancel the order. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Invitation to RMES Prayer Grow Group:** Join our prayer warriors in the Extend Education Room on Thursdays, 8:15-8:40. If you absolutely cannot join in person, please send your prayer requests and say a prayer wherever you are (at that time) for our students, staff and families.
- **RMES Grow Group Service Project: Paris' Purse Jeans Drive** is our Grow Group and Service project this semester. Please donate gently used jeans or make a monetary donation. 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. Please drop off your jeans in the bins provided at the school and leave donations at the office. [You can find information about Paris' Purse, a local nonprofit organization, here.](#) Monday, November 15 is the deadline for jeans to be dropped off. Thank you for your kindness.
- **COVID-19 Updates:** Note that our school will continue to follow BCHD and AU guidelines to maintain COVID-19 mitigation protocols. RMES will continue to maintain healthy hygiene practices including washing/sanitizing hands, keeping hands from face, disinfecting furniture, and masking indoor. FYI, AU has extended the indoor masking requirement through the remainder of the semester. Please visit <https://www.andrews.edu/agenda/59442>, for more information about AU Indoor Masking Extended. We praise God for His protection over RMES. We encourage that you continue your daily Jupiter screening before coming school so that students who are sick with COVID-19 symptoms can stay at home. Thank you for your continued support.

#### Upcoming Events for 2nd Quarter

- o P-T Conference -- November 3-4, 2021
- o Thanksgiving Break -- November 24-26, 2021
- o Christmas Concerts -- December 16, 2021
- o End of Quarter -- December 17, 2021
- o Christmas Break -- December 20, 2021 - Jan. 3, 2022

Have a safe & productive week!

In His service,

Evelyn P. Savory

## TAKE A STAND

“The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.” (Education p.57)