To: Parents & Guardians

Date: December 13, 2021

Re: End of 2nd Quarter Reminders & Updates

Dear RMES Parents & Guardians:

Joy to the world...it’s here, the last week of school for 2021! This is also the end of the second quarter (and first semester) of the 2021-2022 school year. We praise God for His care and protection over our RMES family. As some of you get acquainted with end of quarter expectations, we will provide reminders to assist you in helping your child/ren to have a successful end of quarter experience.

Essential to the end of quarter process is to make sure the children are caught up with missing assignments and/or have completed and submitted all required assignments. This can be ascertained by familiarizing with the classroom expectation, checking Jupiter and checking-in with the teacher. Thank you for your partnership in the holistic education of your child/children and for working closely with your teachers to ensure a successful finish for your student/s not only during this quarter but through the semester. The 3rd Quarter begins on January 3, 2022.

Here are the schoolwide reminders for this last week before Christmas Break:

Caroling At Apple Valley Market: This community engagement activity will take place Dec. 13-15 at different times during each of the days. Each year we look forward to the opportunity to sing for the shoppers. You are welcome to come and bring along relatives, friends, or neighbors to hear, sing along, and support the children. Your classroom teacher will let you know what time your child’s grade will be singing at Apple Valley.

RMES Christmas Concert: Hope to see you all on this Thursday, December 16, for RMES Choral and Instrumental Concert in the Howard Performing Arts Center. To ensure adequate distancing and a safe environment for our parents and community supporters, the Christmas Concert will consist of two separate concerts - choral and instrumental, back-to-back.

CHORAL PORTION (Grades K-4, 6, and Junior high choir students) -- 6:00 pm

Call time for students: 5:45 pm.

Meeting place: Howard Performing Arts Center backstage.

Each group, K-8, will be directed to a separate holding area to line up or to wait. When students arrive, they are to look for their classroom teachers at the location where they were instructed to line up.
**Attire:** Church clothes (leaning towards formal rather than casual) in Christmas colors (black, white, red, green, silver). No Jewelry.

**After the First Concert:** All performers and parents must exit the hall as soon as the choral portion is over.

To avoid crowding the backstage, please use the main (front) entrance of the HPAC when exiting the building. Parents with children participating in both parts (Choral and instrumental) can stay for the instrumental portion of the concert. **FYI: There will be live streaming for those who cannot attend and/or would like to view the second/instrumental portion of the program.**

**INSTRUMENTAL PORTION** (Handbells, Strings, Band) -- 7:15 pm

**Call time for students:** 7:00 pm

**Meeting place:** HPAC backstage.

Each group will be assigned to a separate area to line up or to wait.

- Handbells: stage (help set up your equipment).
- Strings: green rooms/performer's restrooms hallway
- Band: rehearsal room

**Attire:** Church clothes (leaning towards formal rather than casual) in Christmas colors (black, white, red, green, silver). RMES Dress Code in effect. **No Jewelry, including beaded bracelets.** We are looking forward to our Christmas Concert and to your support.

**COVID-19 Reminders & Updates**

With the continued spread of COVID-19 in our community, and the increased positive cases among RMES families, we continue with our school safety protocols. We are so thankful that God has brought us through the first two quarters with no evidence of transmission in our school. As we separate for the holidays and continue to navigate the challenges of the ongoing pandemic, remember we are in this together. Do take care of your health and consider the well-being and safety of others.

**RMES Reopening & Start of 3rd Quarter:** Since we continue to function in a fluid situation due to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will keep you informed regarding protocols for the reopening of school. Until then, please plan for the start of the New Year and start of school on January 3, 2022.

**Classroom Mission/Service Projects:** In the spirit of giving that the Christmas season brings, teachers are using the opportunity to encourage their students to give a gift to cheer someone who needs it. Some class have chosen to give games to children who are supported by God’s Hands for
Kids Ministry. The Jr. High students are soliciting non-perishable foods to share with the needy in our community. Please help your child to catch the spirit and support one of the charities our school has chosen.

**Tuition Payment Due:** This is a gentle reminder that tuition payment is due on the 25th of each month. In case you missed your November payment (due to the Thanksgiving Break), do not postpone any longer--Go to TouchNet today and make that payment. Since the December 25 payment will be during the Christmas Break, please contact Mrs. Giddings to discuss your tuition payment or once again, use the TouchNet option.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in 2021!

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Wishing you

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

In His service,

Dr. Savory

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**Inclement Weather**

- The winter season is upon us. In the event of a snow day or weather-related closing, please refer to our school policy, below:
  - In the event of severe blizzard weather conditions, RMES follows the decision of Berrien RESA.
  - You will also receive a phone call to confirm school closing due to inclement weather.
  - The closing information will also be posted on the school’s website and voicemail.
  - The following television and radio stations will list our closing:

**Television Stations:**
  - WNDU Channel 16
- WSBT Channel 22
- WSJV Channel 28
- ABC 57

**Radio Stations:**
- WAUS 90.7 FM
- PULSE FM 96.9
- WVHQ 92.1 FM
- WDOM 1440 AM
- WFRN 104.7 FM

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

RMES Administration