From the Desk of the Principal

To: RMES Parents & Guardians

Date: April 6, 2025

Re: Reminders & Updates, 4th Quarter, Wk. 3

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Happy Sunday and best blessings for the week ahead! Please take a few minutes to read this week's reminders and updates:

Annual NEHS/NJHS Induction: Last Wednesday's Honors Assembly was inspirational and a memorable occasion for the honored students and parents. 16 new members were inducted into the RMES Chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to the six students who were inducted to the Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) and the 10 students inducted into the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Pastor Shane, our guest speaker, inspired the students with a personal story of the benefits of hard work, perseverance, and trust in God. I would also like to challenge the Honor Society students to keep up the good work and also like to challenge all of the students from 4th -8th grade to not only work towards achieving this goal in 2025-2026 but to know that they can do All things through Christ.

Honors Field Trip: A special field trip to foster learning and fun is planned for the Honors students for their diligent work this year. This trip is also an incentive to encourage all students to work hard and strive for excellence in everything they do. The students will visit the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago on April 25th.

Marketing, Recruitment & Re-Enrollment:

- 2025-2026 Re-Enrollment: You should have received your new Registration Packet (either hand delivered or by mail) with pertinent Re-enrollment and Registration information for the new school year. We encourage all to register on or before May 23, 2025, to take advantage of our registration fee discount. In addition to the packets that you have received, you can also access fillable forms online at RMES website (www.myrmes.org). Please note that all families will need to sign a financial contract to complete registration. We are prayerfully looking forward to the opportunity to continue partnership in Adventist Christian education for your child/children next year.
- *New Student Enrollment & Registration:* RMES registration for new students officially opened April 1st for the 2025-2026 school year. The administration and staff extend a warm welcome to you to our new applicants. If you have returning and new students for the upcoming school year, we invite you to register now. For questions about registration please check RMES website (myrmes.org) or contact the office at (269) 471-3225.
- *Invitation to Join the Marketing Team:* During the remainder of the school year, we will continue sharing about our school at the churches and community and invite you to join in sharing your Adventist education experience. We invite you to consider joining

us in sharing about and inviting others to choose Adventist education for their children. Please let us know if you would like to share your testimony about Adventist education and it's impact in your own or your children's experience. Please feel free to share your RMES Adventist education experience by video, in writing, or in person. Thank you so much your commitment to Adventist education and for being part of our recruitment team.

Christian Education Scholarship Fund: LAST CALL for this financial scholarship opportunity provided by the MI Conference Christian Education Scholarship Fund. Even though there is a selection process, prayerfully take a chance let your application be included. The deadline is this Friday, April 11. Once again, I encourage everyone who needs financial help to seize this opportunity and submit your application. Below is some helpful information to guide the process:

- Funds awarded for the 2025-2026 school year will be paid directly to the school:
- A. The student must remain enrolled to receive these funds.
- B. No funds will be released until after 2nd semester begins.
- The notification of awarded funds will be announced to each applicant, and the school they are attending, on or before August 1.
- Generally speaking, conference employees are not eligible for these funds. (Exceptions would be for extreme circumstances or where the employee's child does not qualify for the Conference Dependent Scholarship Grant.)
- <u>Applications must be postmarked on or before April 11, 2025.</u> A student letter and a grade report need to be submitted with the application.
- A fillable version of the application and an online application is on the MISDA Education site at https://www.misda.org/departments/education / 2025 APPLICATION fillable.pdf

Change April 10: This is a reminder that **April 10 is a full day of school** and not half day as stated in the calendar. Thank you for understanding.

Outdoor Education: This week is Outdoor Ed for the 5th Grade students, and they can't wait! The group, including, Ms. Bell and I, along with the parent chaperones, will travel to Camp Au Sable where we will spend most of the week, Tuesday through Thursday, April 8-10. Under the expert instruction & direction of Dr. Atkins, the students will spend their days exploring and learning about nature and the God who created it.

Gymnics Home Show: *Friday, April 11,* is the AU Gymnics Home Show and as usual RMES is invited to attend the free show for students of the area Adventist schools. We will be walking over to the Andreasen Wellness Center to watch the Gymnics show at 9:00. For safety and ease of identification, we would like all students, K-8 to wear their RMES t-shirt or hoodie on Friday.

RMES Beautification Day: Friday, April 25 is school beautification day. The entire school will be working outside, cleaning, weeding, planting, and generally improving our school grounds. Parents are invited to join us on Friday morning, starting at 10:00am, to help us make our school beautiful for the spring!

Invitation to Book Signing: Join Author Joseth Howell in the signing of her book, *Water Wonderful World*, an engaging book that introduces young readers to the fascinating science of water and its importance in sustaining life, ecosystems, and the environment. The venue of the Book signing event is the James White Library, April 15, 5:00-7:00pm.

Tuition Due: This is a reminder that Tuition payment is due the 25th of the month. Thank you for faithfully honouring your financial commitment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Giddings, Business Manager, at 269.471.3069.

RMES Student Prayer Calendar: Please continue praying every day for RMES students, one child at a time. Here are the names to lift-up this week and next week: *Week of (Sunday, April 6—April 12)*: Ruben (5), Sebastian (3), Jaziel (8), Saila (4), Ezra S (8), Svea (3) Nasya (K).

RMES/PMC Grow Group: Again, we extend the invitation for you to share a few minutes of your time on Thursday to join our group to pray for our school and students. We begin at 8:15 AM sharp so those who need to can leave immediately after praying. Look forward to seeing you this Thursday.

Upcoming Dates and events to Remember:

- April 8-10 5th Grade Outdoor Ed
- April 10 Change Full day school
- April 11 Gymnics Home Show
- April 13 6th Grade Community Service at Fire Station
- April 18 School Spirit—Colors Day
- April 18 Seminary Collaboration Worship
- April 18 Honors Trip
- April 21 No School
- April 22-May 2 MAP Testing
- April 25 RMES Beautification Day/Earth Day

School Text: "How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." (Psalm 104:24)

Have a safe and happy week!

Dr. Savory