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From the Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: January 20, 2025

RE: 3rd Qt. Reminders & Updates, Week 4, 24-25

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Warm Greetings on this cold but historic holiday in our country! Thank you, again for your prayers and for your participation in our school self-study and reflection process. I hope each of you took the opportunity to participate by completing the parent survey. The time is here for us to submit our full report (self-study and supporting documents) and we are ready. We could not have done it without the conscientious collaboration of our faculty, staff, school board, students and you, our supportive parents. Thanks, and complements for the diligent teamwork of our amazing stakeholders!

**Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) Appointments:** This Wednesday, 1/22 or Thursday, 1/23 is your opportunity to meet in person and dialogue with the teachers about your student's progress. If you have not yet made your appointment, you still have time. Do so today by logging into your student's Jupiter account and reserve your time. If you cannot attend at the scheduled times, I encourage you to contact your teacher and make a plan for you connect.

**Important Reminders about the P-T Conference Schedule:**

*FOR STUDENTS*--Wednesday, 1/22, will be a half-day school session. Dismissal at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, 1/23, full-day school. (Dismissal at 3:30pm). Extend Ed is available both days from 3:30-5:30pm.

*FOR TEACHERS:* On both days, teachers will teach their morning classes and will be conducting Parent-Teacher Conferences in the afternoon, starting at 1:00 p.m. While classroom teachers conduct conferences on Thursday, their classes will be covered by AU faculty & students from the Department of Teaching, Learning, & Curriculum, and other substitute teachers. Our specialist teachers (Spanish, PE, Music, etc.), including Title 1 Resource Teachers will be available for conferences, **by appointment, only**. If you have questions about PTC, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or office.

**Principal's Reading Challenge:** The challenge is on kids! Hope you have started and are well on your reading adventure! Parents, please encourage your student/s to participate and start the habit of reading for recreation and pleasure. The reading challenge will run for the entire third quarter, January-March. Students are allowed to read books of their interest, appropriate to our Christian values, and at or above their grade level (not below, except by teacher's recommendation). Students **must** maintain a Reading Log indicating the *Book Title, Number of*

*Pages, Start and End Date* of each book. Please be aware that classroom teachers may add other requirements relevant to his/her classroom. Happy reading!

**MAP Testing:** Ready or not, it's time for MAP Testing once again! This second testing starts tomorrow, January 21st. through the 31st. As usual, all grades (K-8) will be testing. Please help your student/s to be ready to do his and her best by having a good night's rest and a healthy hearty breakfast.

### **Announcement from our H & S Leader: RMES Family Game Night**

*Join us for a fun-filled evening of games and community at the RMES Family Game Night on Saturday night, March 1, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the RMES gym and hallways. We've got something for everyone - active games in the gym and table games in the halls.*

*Want to help?*

*We're looking for volunteers to help lead games and make the night even more fun! If you're interested, please contact Kimberly Westfall at [RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com](mailto:RMESHomeAndSchool@gmail.com) or 410-948-9424.*

*Come out for an evening of laughter, friendly competition, and memories with your RMES family! We can't wait to see you there!*

**RMES January Prayer Calendar:** We continue to pray for our students one child at a time, each day. **The students we are praying for this week (Jan. 19-25) are Eunhyeok (5), Eunwoo (7), Ezra K (1), Yuahn (2), Yubin (5) Chad (8), Charfield (5).**

**RMES/PMC Grow Group:** We continue to invite you to consider joining us on Thursdays, 8:15AM to pray for our students. When you can, please meet us in the Extend Ed Room. Look forward to seeing you.

**Tuition Payment:** This is a gentle reminder that tuition payment is due on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please contact Mrs. Giddings to discuss your tuition payment or use the Touch Net option. Thank you for being faithful patrons.

**Dress for the Weather:** While we are in winter weather and in preparation for 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 for all students at this time of year. Please be aware that during the cold season, students are also expected to dress appropriately for indoors, so winter coats are not worn in the classroom. In full transparency, we request your understanding and support for students to be prepared in the event classroom HVAC equipment may malfunction.

**Weather-Related School Closing:** Frigid weather predicted this week. Reminder that for weather-related closing RMES follows Berrien RESA. The school closing will also be announced to RMES families by One Call Alert, phone, text and email. Please be sure to give your phone and email contact information to Cyndi.

**Important Dates & Events to Remember:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Jan-March -- Principal's Reading Challenge
- January 21-31 – MAP Testing
- January 22-23 —Parent-Teacher Conference
- January 22 – Dismissal at 12:15pm and Extend Ed 12:30-5:30pm
- January 23 – Dismissal at 3:30pm and Extend Ed 3:45-5:30
- February – Black History Month
- February 5 –Black History Assembly
- February 10-16—Student Led Week of Prayer by Mr. Swackhamer & Grade 6
- February 14 – Faculty & Staff Inservice –NO SCHOOL for students
- March 1—RMES Family Game Night
- March 3-4 – RMES Accreditation Visit
- March 7-14 –Annual Family Engagement –Book Fair & Literacy Event (Coordinators- Title 1 Teacher, ELA Teacher and H&S Leader)

OUR THEME:

**This is My Father's World**

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

*"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend."*

*(Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)*

Let us spread the warmth of Christ's love with others as we walk with Him this week!

Dr. Savory