

12/6/2020

Dear Parents,

Praying you are basking in all of the blessings the Christmas Season offers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done throughout the semester to insure the safe and healthy wellbeing of your child, our precious student. Do you realize that because of your efforts we had less than a 3% COVID-19 positivity rate as school family, well below the 8.3% Keiser national norm percentage? Again, thank you for your dedicated commitment to partner with the RMES family in helping us maintain quality education in a safe and healthy environment. As we look ahead to the Christmas break, please be aware of the following:

- **COVID Reminders:** The current day to day procedures for the well-being of your child/ren remain intact. If you need a reminder of our protocol, simply refer to the CDC guidelines at:  
  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-risk.html>.
- **Second Quarter:** The quarter concludes on December 18, 2020. Please insure that your child is up to date with all assignments. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to their teachers directly.
- **Christmas Break:** The last day of classes for our first semester is December 18, 2020. Dismissal will be at 12:15 pm our regular Friday dismissal time. The third quarter begins on January 11, 2021 at our usual 7:55-8:15 am time frame. Our goal is still to begin the new term as in person (face to face) instruction. In the event that things change, I will inform you in writing as soon as I am aware. There is no doubt in my mind our God will continue to protect us as He has this past semester.
- **Christmas Break COVID Protocol:** As with the Thanksgiving break, please be aware that due to the surge in the Coronavirus pandemic in the US, you are being advised not to travel. In the event you still choose to travel, upon your return, your child will need to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days before returning to school on January 11, 2021. Please refer to the AU/BCHD guidelines below:
  - Remain at home if you have COVID-19 symptoms or had close contact with or exposure to a person diagnosed with COVID-19.
  - Quarantine for 10-14 days.
  - Get COVID-19 tested three to four days after travel.
  - Submit (email) negative report **before** returning to school/work
  - Obtain clearance from school administration or teacher.
  - Students age 14 and above may test at the AU campus testing site. Please make sure to check their schedule. Testing will be begin on January 5, 2020.
  - Students under age 14 will need to be tested by their pediatrician or at the medical center/hospital.

- **Inclement Weather:** Our winter season is upon us. In the event of a snow day or weather relating closing, please refer to our school policy:
- **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
- WDOW 1440 AM
- WFRN 104.7 FM

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. In closing, here is a Bible promise for you: