

WELCOME BACK, SAC EDUCATORS!

Adventist Education Now More Than Ever!

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear SAC EDUCATION Family,

OH THE JOY OF SERVICE! Think about it! Each of us has been called by GOD to Serve in this ministry. Called to shape the future. . . one...student... at a time!



We are looking forward to a wonderful year full of opportunities, fun, learning, and many of our SAC events and traditions. As we have planned this upcoming school year, we have done so with the expectation that the year will be as “normal” as possible. **We will follow the science of CDC** and this will determine the status of our protocols in relationship to the virus. Those protocols will be described more in detail later in this newsletter.

These are our top priorities: **that our students learn to know and love God, feel loved, safe, and valued at school.** I strongly believe that in order for students to be successful in school, they need to have strong relationships with their teachers and other staff members. **At South Atlantic Conference schools, we put those relationships above all else.**

As we come out of the pandemic, this philosophy is more important than ever. Our students have suffered greatly over the past two years; not only academically but also socially and emotionally. Our teachers and staff are deeply invested in ensuring that our students thrive this year both academically and emotionally.

In closing, **thank you for your professionalism and Christ-centered service!** I pray that you “**keep the faith**” and cling to God's promises. Remember, that no matter what, making sure your students know that they are loved, supported, and cared for is our number one priority. Remember that SACOE is here to support you. Feel free to contact us.

EVER FORWARD,

Kim Gaiter



IMPORTANT UPDATES: NEW COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

Due to close proximity of seating in most classrooms, MASK ARE REQUIRED to be worn in SAC schools. Wearing a face mask is NOT required outdoors or while eating.

CDC is streamlining its COVID-19 guidance to help people better understand their risk, how to protect themselves and others, what actions to take if exposed to COVID-19, and what actions to take if they are sick or test positive for the virus.

"This guidance acknowledges that the pandemic is not over but helps us move to a point where COVID-19 no longer severely disrupts our daily lives."

Among the biggest changes is a shift in how the agency says schools should handle possible exposure to COVID-19.

1. **Rather than quarantining after an exposure, the recommendations say students and staff should remain in school, wear a "well-fitting mask," and get tested.**
2. Also gone is guidance on "test-to-stay" strategies, under which schools allow students who've been exposed to the virus remain at school if they agree to take periodic tests.
3. The CDC no longer recommends "cohorting" students in classrooms to reduce the risk of transmission within the school buildings.
4. Strategies like regular testing of asymptomatic people for screening purposes should be reserved for higher-risk settings like congregate care facilities, rather than schools in low-risk areas.
5. **Reiterating that regardless of vaccination status, you should isolate from others when you have COVID-19. You should also isolate if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19 but do not yet have test results.**
6. If your results are positive, follow CDC's [full isolation](#) recommendations.
7. If your results are negative, you can end your isolation.
8. **SAC PRINCIPALS will ensure their school community is informed of the NEW CDC GUIDELINES.**
9. **If a SAC student test positive for Covid, the principal shall inform the teacher and depending on the situation and setting, may inform parents of that class to follow the aforementioned guideline to observe their child for symptom for 3-5 days. The CDC guidelines DO NOT require that a school shutdown.**
10. **Please make sure that NEGATIVE results are presented to**

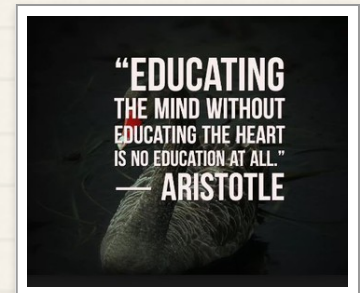
returning to work.

11. FOLLOW THE 8 LAWS OF HEALTH. Always TRUST IN DIVINE POWER.



BECOME A MULTIGRADE TEACHING EXPERT

IF YOU MISSED THIS EVENT... YOU CAN GO BACK - LISTEN AND LEARN! ALL Multi-grade and new teachers should take time to watch. The session is recorded and hosted on Adventist Learning Community ALC.



2nd Annual NAD Multigrade Conference - Sunday, August 21, 2022

Who: All multigrade teachers and administrators

What: NAD Multigrade Conference

Ephesians 5:1-2 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



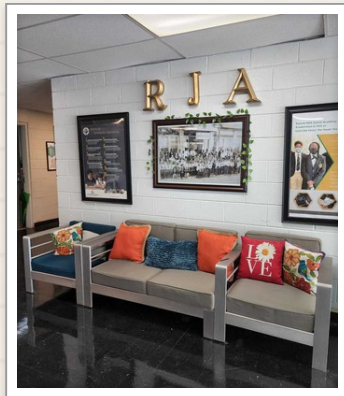
IRS CHANGES FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

REMINDER: SAC will reimburse educators for classroom supply purchases of up to \$75.

The Internal Revenue Service has changed the amount teachers can deduct for out-of-pocket classroom expenses. For tax years 2012 through 2021, the limit teachers could deduct for out-of-pocket classroom expenses for things like books, materials and other educational supplies was \$250 per year. For 2022, that amount has been raised to a maximum of \$300

and will increase in \$50 increments in future years based on inflation.

CHARLES F. KETTERING. "REMEMBER THAT FAILURE IS AN EVENT, NOT A PERSON." "IF YOU DON'T DESIGN YOUR OWN LIFE PLAN, CHANCES ARE YOU'LL FALL INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S PLAN.



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED SCHOOL: RAMAH JUNIOR ACADEMY

Ramah Junior Academy lobby - Savannah, GA. Beautifully decorated classrooms and hallways. This year the student returned to newly renovated bathrooms. Bravo!



RJA SCHOOL VISIT

RJA School Visit - Principal Blackwell, Superintendent Gaiter, and Pastor Kaggia Scott.



RJA TEACHERS & STAFF

RJA Team - Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Foster, Mrs. Blackwell, Admin Assistant, Mr. Stokes.
WELCOME to MR. STOKES!

SEPTEMBER COMING SOON – MORE MAPS TRAINING & TESTING

Our Conference has purchased MAPS NWEA this year to help address and assess learning challenges that many of our students are facing. This program encompasses both assessment and skills practice in one and creates a personalized learning program for each individual student. You will continue to hear more about MAPS prep & training from Mrs. Cheryl McGee.

LET'S BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT THE MUSIC PROGRAM AT OUR SCHOOLS. RESEARCH SHOWS THE IMPORTANCE AND CORRELATION BETWEEN SCHOLARSHIP AND MUSIC. IF

YOU NEED A MUSIC PROGRAM FOR YOUR CLASS OR SCHOOL. CLICK ON THE FRAME BELOW AND CHECK OUT THE SDA CURRICULUM - finearts.adventisteducation.org.

The Basics

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The BASICS-Foundational Learning Lessons When a student learns to understand the music symbols representing rhythm, pitch, and dynamic expression, a whole new world is opened to him. Music literacy skills learned at an early age carry the student from vocal to instrumental music and on to choral, concert band, orchestral music and many other types of ensembles.



MONTHLY PRINCIPALS COUNCIL

WHEN

Thursday, Aug. 25th, 4:30pm

WHERE

VIRTUAL MEETING

TOP 10 TIPS *for* TEACHER WELL BEING!

- 1) Leave school on time a few days this week
- 2) Get as much of your admin tasks done in the mornings
- 3) Have a hot bath when you get home
- 4) Get an early night or at least keep your bed time consistent
- 5) Think of 3 things you're grateful for every morning
- 6) Make sure you stop for lunch during the day
- 7) Go off site at lunch to get a change of scenery
- 8) Do some exercise or some light stretching
- 9) Massage yourself - you can do your own shoulders and feet!
- 10) Bring some treats in for your colleagues and make everyone smile!



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