

# School Newsletter – December 17, 2020

## \*\* East Richland Christian Schools \*\*

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**Devotional** (excerpt from *The Most Important Christmas Choice* by: T. Miles)

'Tis' the season to be merry... and stressed. Although it should be a season of peace, this month can often make us feel more tangled up inside than a messy string of Christmas lights....but we have a decision. We can choose to get bogged down with stress...or we can choose to bow down in worship.

Scripture gives us a beautiful picture of praise in Luke 2:13-14. When Jesus was born, an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds sharing the good news. Then many other angels joined together and praised God. "Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.'" (NLT) Additionally, Revelation 5:11-12a says, "Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. And they sang in a mighty chorus." (NLT)

Angels serve as role models of worship. They bow down before Jesus. They shout with incredible joy as they sing songs of praise. Through worship, angels spread the news of God's glory and exhibit holy reverence. Angels intentionally and deliberately spend time praising God.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is more than just a cliché. It is an intentional act of worship. It requires a heart of adoration, much like the angels had. When Jesus is the focus of our holiday, we're centered on His love, peace, and joy. Worship turns our attention to giving thanks to Jesus for all He has done, rather than letting stress strip His joy from our hearts. And it might even mean joining in with the heavenly chorus to sing praises to Him, even if we can't carry a tune!

### Annual Scholarship Drive

For the month of December, our school will be conducting our annual scholarship drive. Each year, East Richland Christian Schools provides scholarships to families who, without the help of generous donors, would not be able to attend East Richland Christian Schools and receive a Christian education. Should you or someone you know feel led to donate in this benevolent way, monetary gifts may be given at one of the school offices. Additionally, online donations may be made through the school's website ([www.eastrichland.org](http://www.eastrichland.org)); simply click on the **Donate**/Paypal button and select **Scholarship** as the fund of choice.



### Speech/Language Pathology Service

In this newsletter edition, we'd like to feature an important person here at East Richland Christian: Mrs. Kimberly Hundley, our Speech/Language Pathologist. Mrs. Hundley (aka "Miss Kim"), has been providing speech, language, and hearing services to our school for over 25 years. She received her undergraduate and Masters degrees from Marshall University. Mrs. Hundley and her husband Phil are members of East Richland Evangelical Friends Church. They have 3 children (Adam, Andy, and Allie) who all attended the former New Covenant Academy. They are also the proud grandparents of Hays, Annie, Kylan, Caroline and another baby girl due in April. In her spare time, Mrs. Hundley enjoys reading, traveling, and most of all spending time with her family.

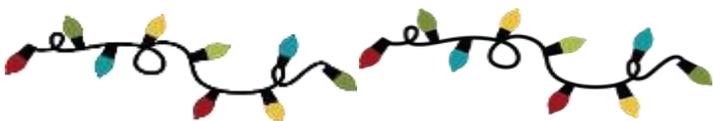
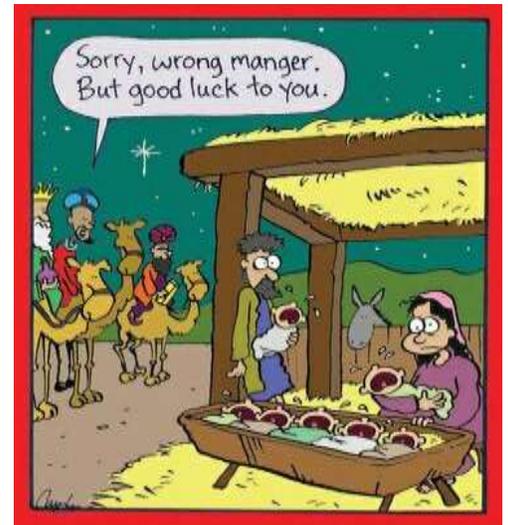


#### Important Dates:

- Dec. 17-18 – HS Exams
- Dec. 18 – Jr. High/HS End of Term
- Dec. 21-Jan 1 – Christmas Break
- Dec. 22 – Jr. High/HS Report Cards
- Jan. 4 – Classes Resume
- Jan. 8 – K-6<sup>th</sup> End of Term
- Jan. 12 – K-6<sup>th</sup> Report Cards

#### ~ Psalm 117:1-2 ~

Praise the LORD, all you nations;  
extol him, all you peoples.  
For great is his love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD  
endures forever.  
Praise the Lord.



# Merry Christmas!

