

# School Newsletter – January 22, 2021

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

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**Devotional** (excerpt from "Faithful to Jesus," by J. Gray)

It's tough not to be influenced by what our neighbors think. It's hard to stand up to criticism delivered by people who are respected by others. The apostle Paul understood that pressure.

The church at Corinth was splintered, with strong voices judging Paul's teaching about Jesus in critical ways. But Paul understood that his genuine joy was found in service to the Lord Jesus. Paul writes, "You ought to regard us...as servants of Christ." These verses describe Paul's surrender to God's affirmation of his life and ministry. What matters is not what others think, but *what God thinks*.

It is no different for us. You may be struggling in the midst of broken relationships, grieving a death, watching your children drift from God or face some disaster. Life may look bleak. Your faithfulness may be tried by people who offer easier and simpler solutions than faithful obedience. But wait: "Wait till the Lord comes." Jesus' opinion on your discipleship is the only one that ultimately matters.

Be joyful and faithful. Serve others and so serve Jesus. God will judge in his own time and way. At that time, we will receive "praise from God" for what we have confessed and done for him. That is our joy as we worship him today!

### Theme Basket/Silent Auction

Thank you to all who have donated to and created baskets for the silent auction. There will be an in-person silent auction starting January 30th at our homecoming basketball games; this will be in conjunction with an online silent auction of the same baskets starting earlier on January 23rd. The information for the online silent auction will be at the following website beginning Jan. 23rd: (<https://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=23933>). For more information on any of our school fundraisers, please email Kama Martin at [kama.martin@eastrichland.org](mailto:kama.martin@eastrichland.org).

### Lunch Program

We will begin offering hot lunches five days a week on February 1st. Until then, we will continue packed lunches on Monday - Thursday, and DeFelice pizza, pepperoni rolls, and salad on Fridays.



### Christian Consortium Spelling Bee

On December 15th, several of our students participated in the (virtual) Christian Consortium Spelling Bee. Everyone worked hard studying and did a great job! A special congratulations to 8th grader **Dessie Morris** (at left) who placed 2nd overall; she will now move on to the Belmont County Spelling Bee, which will be held on February 4th! Way to go Dessie and all of our fantastic spellers!



### Class of 2021 – Our Seniors!

Since many of you have graciously supported our seniors through their fundraising efforts this school year, we'd like to formally introduce them to you! The three students of the Class of 2021 (pictured at right) are: Riley McMillan (left), Mykinzie Buchanan (middle), and Emma Conners (right). We covet your prayers for them as they finish their final months of high school. Finish strong, Class of 2021! We're proud of you!



### Important Dates:

- Feb. 1 – HS CCP Zoom Meeting @ 6pm
- Feb. 2 - Grades 7-12 Midterms mailed
- Feb. 4 – Belmont County Spelling Bee
- Feb. 9 – Grades K-6 Midterms mailed
- Feb. 12 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 15 – NO SCHOOL, President's Day
- Feb. 27 – Faith Walk (tentative date)
- Mar. 1 – Open Enrollment Begins

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**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES  
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**

### ~ 1 Corinthians 4:5 ~

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.