



**** East Richland Christian Schools ****

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Devotional (excerpt from "How to Survive a Spiritual Winter by: S. Hagerty)

The winter season can be a bleak and challenging time. For some, this winter season reflects the weather; for others, it represents a cold and difficult season of life. But just as a tree doesn't survive the winter weather without healthy roots, neither do we. While our "winter" may look barren and dark, here are a few reminders to help sustain your roots:

1. Receive your season instead of giving your energy towards wishing for another. The surrender, although painful, positions us to receive all that God intends for that particular season much better than if we fight against it. God is always oriented towards our growth, a truth given to us in John 15.
2. Create new spaces; find areas where you can fall in love with God afresh. Ask His Spirit to direct your eyes to the ways He is working in the small areas of your life. Winter is a time when the inside can be nourished even when what is outside feels barren.
3. Don't forfeit your dream for fruit. Our culture is largely oriented toward action, but dormant dreams are not dead dreams. They are often further opportunities for dialogue with God. He created you to desire fruit, and He desires fruit for you (John 15:8). Winter is a time to take those desires to God in prayer and can also be a season where dreams are cultivated.
4. Be thankful for winter, because God calls us to be thankful in all circumstances. His promise to us is this: "I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel." (Isaiah 45:3).

****** Science/Academic Fair ******

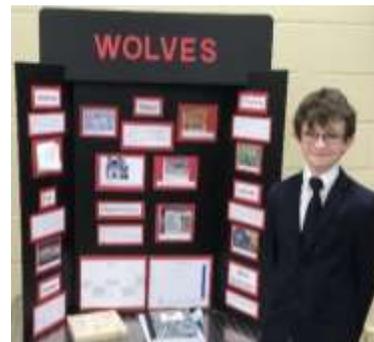
As part of the yearly curriculum here at East Richland Christian, 5th and 6th grade students complete science fair projects. This is a several month process that requires students to perform meaningful research, maintain a scientific journal, write a detailed research paper, perform scientific experimentation, and orally present their findings. In 7th and 8th grade, a project is still part of the curriculum, but students may choose to instead complete an academic project. These projects are still research based, but instead of doing scientific-method experimentation, students may choose another subject of interest to research; they also write a research paper, construct a model, and present their findings. Once our students reach high school, participation in the Science Fair is optional; if a student chooses to participate, the work is done independently and outside of school. This year, our local judging was at the end of February, and our students did fantastic work! The informative presentations included projects dealing with topics such as animals, medical conditions, chemistry, botany, and physics. Four of our students have chosen to go on the District 16 Science Fair competition at Belmont College: Abram Miller (6th grade), Hannah Shepherd (7th grade), Danica Stoffer (8th grade), and Emma Conners (Senior). Blessings to each of them as they move forward and represent our school at this next level! Go Lions!

Tessa Connor, 6th Grade

Ashton Hagerman, 6th Grade

Sam Bruner, 7th Grade

Josie Figaretti, 7th Grade



Important Dates:

- Mar. 12 – End of Term, Grades 7-12
- Mar. 16 – Report Cards E-mailed, 7-12
- Mar. 17-18 – Picture Retakes and Class (Group) Pictures
- Mar. 19 – End of Term, Grades K-6
- March 20 – Faith Walk School Display at Mall
- Mar. 23 – Report Cards E-mailed, K-6
- Mar. 29 to April 5 – Easter Break
- Apr. 6 – School Resumes
- Apr. 12-16 – IOWA Standardized Testing

~ Zechariah 10:1 ~

"Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone."

Faith Walk

Our annual Faith Walk will look a little different this year, but we are still looking forward to sharing the light of Christ with the community! The new tentative date is March 20. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of supporting our school! Remember that donations may be made online through the *PayPal Donate* button on our website!