

School Newsletter – November 12, 2020

** East Richland Christian Schools **

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Thanks (devotional excerpt from Howard Vanderwall)

It was once said that belief in the providence of God makes it possible for us to be "thankful when things go well" and "patient when things go against us" (Heidelberg Catechism). So sometimes we are thankful, and sometimes we are patient. In scripture, Paul sums things up this way: he says it is God's will for us to be thankful "in all circumstances." Paul is not saying we should be thankful for all circumstances but in them. When things seem to go against us, I think God expects us to be grateful that his hand holds us and helps us to endure under the strain. That's a big challenge—to look for reasons to be thankful when the going is tough.

Sometimes it can be equally as difficult for us to be thankful when things are going well. We might not think it would be that way. After all, when things go well, we have so much to be grateful for. But the very nature of human beings, even if we are Christian, is to overlook the crowd of God's good gifts to us every day. Let me suggest that today you sit still where you are and exercise the gift of noticing. Notice what you see, what you have, and who is with you. Notice the color, beauty, and variety around you. Keep noticing, and make a list of the gifts you notice. Then give thanks to God, the great giver!

Remote Learning

While we always prefer face-to-face instruction, this brief time of remote learning has proven the resilience of our school and has strengthened us all as Christians, as parents and teachers, and as a school family. We appreciate every student, parent, and family; the commitment everyone has shown to virtual learning is a testament to our collective perseverance and fortitude. We sincerely look forward to the time when we can all be back together in fellowship! Together we are better! We can't wait to see you soon!

Enjoy Books

The 2021 Enjoy® Coupon Books are HERE!! The coupon books may be purchased for \$40 per book; checks should be made out to East Richland Christian Schools (ERCS). Money is due before books will be released. A portion of each book sold goes toward your family's yearly school fundraising goal. Please call the Elementary Office to make arrangements for Enjoy Book purchase/pick-up.

Craft Fair

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we will not be able to host a face-to-face craft fair this year. Instead, we still planning on a virtual gift basket auction and hope to have a rescheduled date soon. Should you have any questions, please call the school and ask to speak with Judy Bischof (Grades Pre-K – 6) or Kama Martin (Grades 7 – 12).



Office Hours

Although school is currently being taught remotely, school staff is still reporting to campus. Should you have any questions or need anything, office secretaries and Finance Office staff can be reached by phone during regular school hours.

Important Dates:

- Nov. 11-16 – Theme Basket Auction - **postponed**
- Nov. 17 – Grades 7-12 Midterms emailed
- Nov. 24 – Grades K-6 Midterms emailed
- Nov. 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 17-18 – HS Exams
- Dec. 21-Jan 1 – Christmas Break
- Jan. 4 – Classes Resume
- Jan. 8 – K-6th End of Term
- Jan. 12 – K-6th Report Cards



"For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

~ 2 Corinthians 4:17