

East Richland Christian Schools

Elem. #740-695-2005 * Middle School #740-695-2281 * HS #740-695-2279



Welcome Our New Faculty and Staff!

Mr. Travis McKinley – HS (7-12) Principal & Chemistry Teacher

Mr. McKinley has dedicated his life to reaching the world for Christ and has a desire and a calling to do so in the academic setting. He has been led to partner with East Richland Christian Schools and seeks to inject passion for Christ into his curriculum, to demonstrate excellence in the classroom, and to raise up leaders to impact the world for Jesus. As he nears completing his Doctor of Education program, he is excited to cultivate an environment where God is honored above all. He also has three children Isaiah (3), Rylee (11), and Eva (11) who all look forward to attending Friends church.



Mrs. Christian Atwood – Kindergarten Teacher

Hello! My name is Christian Atwood. I am very excited to be a new addition to the teaching staff at East Richland Christian School. I graduated from West Liberty University in 2016 with a Bachelor’s in Educational Leadership in Faith Organizations, with a concentration in Early Childhood Education. After college, I taught at the head start level for 4 years. Most recently, I was blessed with the opportunity to teach Kindergarten at Martins Ferry Christian School for 3 years using the Abeka and ACSI Bible curriculum. This upcoming fall, I will be teaching Kindergarten at East Richland. Being a graduate from East Richland (class of 2011), I am blessed to continue my teaching career at the place that set the foundations for my life not only academically, but spiritually. East Richland has always held a special place in my heart, and I am very happy to be back “home”. I am excited to see God move not only in my life throughout my teaching career, but also in the lives of the little ones that I will be blessed to teach this upcoming school year.



Important Dates:

- July 27 & 28 – Rummage Sale drop off days at HS from 9am – 9pm
- July 29 – Rummage Sale at HS 9am – 3pm
- August 11-12 -- Senior Class Retreat at Zion
- August 16 – Orientation (K-12)
- August 18 – First Day of School (K-12)
- August 22 – Preschool Orientation
- August 24 – First Day of 4-year-old Preschool
- August 25 – First Day of 3-year-old Preschool & Elementary Terrific Thursday
- August 26 – Grades 7-12 Fun Friday
- September 5 – No School for Labor Day

Enjoy the last weeks of summer!

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10



Mrs. Larissa Orr – First Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Larissa Orr. I will be East Richland’s newest first grade teacher. I am a proud 2015 graduate of East Richland Christian High School and a 2022 graduate of Ohio University, with a degree specializing in Early Childhood Education and Social Work. I am blessed to have been a part of East Richland’s staff since September 2019. After three years spent as a teacher aide, I am happy that God had a bigger story for me than what I expected. I have a growing passion for teaching and am blessed to be able to share that with upcoming students, parents, and co-workers as I take on this new chapter. I can’t wait to start the school year and to see how God moves in both the lives of our students and staff. God is definitely at work at East Richland Christian Schools, and I am excited to be a part of His plan! I am overjoyed to begin teaching at my alma mater, it’s a place I can forever be “home”.

Mrs. Sarah Close – Elementary Secretary

Hi! I am Sarah Close, and I will be the new elementary school secretary for this coming school year. I graduated from Malone University in 2006 with a bachelor's in Business Administration. After graduation, I married my high school sweetheart, Matt, and we immediately began moving to different locations along the east coast while he served in the Navy for 10 years. When his stint in the Navy was complete, he felt called to the ministry which led us down to this area, and recently to East Richland Friends Church. We have 3 children; Lilah, Josiah, and Leland, who have all attended ERCS for the past 7 years. During that time, I have witnessed how invested ERCS staff is not only in their education but their spiritual lives as well. I'm excited to get to know and encourage students as they come through the office every day! In my downtime I enjoy knitting and playing board games with my family.



Mrs. Mallorie Monas – Art Teacher

Hello ERCS Family, my name is Mallorie Monas, and I'm excited to be working alongside you this year! I grew up in the Ohio Valley and it's a privilege to be back teaching here. My children loved their experience at ERCS last year, and I look forward to helping students learn, create, and grow through art! I studied art as part of my bachelor's degree and love the process of putting ideas on paper. With a Christ-centered focus, our classes will be full of love, joy, color, pattern, shape, and lots more!

Mrs. Lindsay McKeen – Speech Therapy

My name is Lindsay McKeen, and I am the new speech therapist for the school. I have more than 10 years' experience in speech therapy. I look forward to working with the children. I live in St. Clairsville with my husband Tim and three children. All my children attend ERCS: Olivia 5th grade, Claire 2nd grade, and Lincoln 4-year-old preschool.



Rummage Sale – July 29th

The High School will be having a Rummage Sale in the Ickes Family Life Center on Friday, July 29, 2022. We welcome donations of items to sell; those may be dropped off at the IFLC on Wednesday, July 27th and Thursday, July 28th from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. The one-day sale will be on Friday, July 29th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm. From 2:00 - 3:00 pm, we will have a \$1.00 bag sale – everything you can fit in a bag for \$1! The proceeds for this sale will go to the 9-12th grade classes for their class accounts and activities.

Please note there are some restrictions: no tv's, computers, outdated electronics, tires, paints, encyclopedias, and pianos. At the time of the drop-off, we will evaluate whether we will accept the item(s) and may send it back with you. Any questions or concerns about the rummage sale can be directed to Kama Martin at kama.martin@eastrichland.org or 740-275-8908.

Student Orientations

The start of school is right around the corner! Make sure you save these important dates and be watching your email for more information and times coming soon.

August 16 – Orientation (K-12)

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