

School Newsletter – November 2, 2023

East Richland Christian Schools

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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. Each year our school participates in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox collection. In previous years, our school has filled over 70 shoeboxes for children around the world, and we hope to complete even more this year! The national collection week for the shoeboxes is November 13-20. Teachers will be sending information home about how their class will participate. Families can also prepare and send in boxes. For more information, please visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



Important Dates:

Nov. 3 – Grades 7-12 Harvest Party
Nov. 8 – PS 4 -12 Individual School Pictures
Nov. 9 – PS 3 Individual School Pictures
Nov. 13-20 – OCC Shoebox Collection Week
Nov. 14 – Consortium Spelling Bee
Nov. 21 – K-6 Grandparents Day
Nov. 21 – Mid-Term Grades Emailed
Nov. 22-24 – NO School Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 30 – PS 3 Grandparents Day
Nov. 30 – 7-12 Christmas Celebration
Dec. 1 – PS 4 Grandparents Day

Consortium Spelling Bee - November 14th

We have 9 students who will be participating in the Consortium Spelling Bee on November 14th with Martins Ferry Christian School and St John's Academy. The 9 students are the finalists from our in-house bee on October 13th: Charlie Gooch (7th), Adalynn Brown (5th), George Gooch (5th), JazMyne Waterhouse (6th), Jackson Conway (6th), Mason Kiene (6th), Josiah Close (6th), Olivia McKeen (6th), Ava VanZyl (6th) and alternate EJ Vujnovic (4th). Prayers and best wishes to these students as they study and prepare!



*Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.
I Peter 5:8-9*

It Pays to Recycle!

Did you know that you can help raise funds for the school just by recycling your cardboard and paper waste with us? Through JB Green Team's Business, School, and Non-Profit recycling program, wastepaper recycling containers are placed at participating schools and businesses for paper and cardboard collection. Then, twice a year, we receive a check based on the weight of the recycled items collected. To participate in this program, use the two blue recycling bins located at the south exit of the MS/HS (IFLC) parking lot.

A general rule of thumb is if it is made of paper, and you can easily tear it, it will qualify for recycling. Specifically, acceptable paper recycling items are cardboard (please break down), office paper and envelopes, newspapers, magazines/ catalogs, flyers/ junk mail, phone books/ paperback books, cardboard egg cartons (not foam), and paperboard which includes cereal/ food boxes, tissue boxes, toilet paper/ paper towel roll cores, and any similar thin boxes or packaging. Please keep in mind that the wastepaper shouldn't be contaminated with grease, wax, or moisture, and all foam, bubble wrap, or plastic packaging must be removed before recycling. Thanks for your help in supporting our school!

Bike-a-Thon Goal Update

It is not too late to collect for the Bike-a-Thon and help us reach our goal of \$35,000. So far, we have just over \$22,300 raised, and we will have 5 dress-down days when we reach our goal. Thank you for your continued support!

Grandparents Day – Save the Date!

Grandparents Day is set for Tuesday, November 21 for kindergarten through sixth grade. We will not share a meal together this year, however, there will be a snack and program where our students will share their talents.