



Science Fair 2026

Our local science fair took place February 17th and 19th. We had 46 students participate this year. Junior High and High School Scientific Method projects included 18 students, 8 of whom used digital presentations. Approximately 85% of the Junior High and High School projects received Superior ratings. Middle School Scientific Method projects included 28 students, 3 of the 6th graders used digital presentations. Approximately 96% of the Middle School projects received Superior ratings. The students earning Superior ratings in Scientific Method are eligible to advance to the Regional Science Fair, which will be held on March 21st. Regional sign-ups are due by March 3rd.

Additionally, the Junior High Academic Fair also took place that week and included 17 students, with 16 choosing to present using digital presentations. Approximately 90% of participants earned Superior ratings. We are proud of the preparation, effort, and growth demonstrated by our Middle School, Junior High, and High School students throughout this year's Science & Academic Fair season.

Open House March 9th

Our annual Open House is coming up on the evening of Monday, March 9, starting at 6 pm. This is a great opportunity for people to visit and learn more about our school! If you know someone interested in East Richland Christian Schools, please extend an invitation to them to visit on the 9th. If possible, have them call the main office (740-695-2005) to let us know they are coming.

In addition, all children applying for our preschool program for the first time, must meet with at least one of our preschool teachers. The Open House provides an opportunity for you to do so. If, however, you cannot attend the Open House and are planning on enrolling your child, contact the school office and we will schedule a time for you to bring in your little one to meet with one of our preschool teachers.

Annual Faith Walk

We had a wonderful day at the Faith Walk Saturday, February 21st. Thank you to everyone that helped in any way to make the morning a success! Now we need everyone to continue to raise money to hit our \$25,000 fundraising goal. By raising money for our school through the Faith Walk, not only will it help to keep our tuition cost down, but our students will earn pieces of duct tape based on how much money their family raises to have some fun and duct tape their principal to the wall!

Redirect Your Tax Dollars to ERCS

You still have time to take advantage of the tax credit and give a student the chance to attend ERCS that their family might not otherwise be able to afford. Ohio's Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) tax credit allows donors to receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction in state taxes, up to \$750 per individual, \$1500 per couple. Your OCEN SGO donation can be claimed when you file your Ohio taxes. Gifts made before the filing deadline (April 15th) can be applied to the previous year's taxes owed. Go to OHIOCEN.org/SGO and click either the Give Online or Mail a Check button to contribute. Be sure to select East Richland Christian Schools in the dropdown menu so that the entire contribution will be designated for scholarships to students at our school. If you give online, OCEN SGO will immediately email you a receipt for the gift. If you mail a check, they will send a receipt once the check is received. This is the receipt you will use to claim your credit when you file your state taxes.



REDIRECT YOUR TAXES



Important Upcoming Dates:

March 5 — Junior/ Senior Meeting 6 pm
 March 7 — Speech Meet
 March 9 — Open House 6 pm
 March 13 — End of Term 3
 March 13 — 7-12 Student Council Social
 March 17 — Report Cards emailed
 March 19 — CCP Meeting 6:30 pm
 March 21 — Regional Science Fair
 March 24 — Junior ACT Testing
 March 27-28 — Spring Play
 March 30 — Easter Vacation starts
 April 6 — Last day of Easter Break
 April 7 — Classes Resume



Enrollment Reminders:

Open enrollment begins March 1st, and the enrollment fee will go up to \$100. Some of our classes are full this year, so it is very important that you get your students' seats reserved as soon as possible. Re-enroll before March 1st to save \$40.00, you will have until May 1st to pay your fees in FACTS. Go to the family portal, or click the re-enrollment icon in the app to get started. If you have any questions about re-enrollment, contact Lindsay in the main office, 740-695-2005.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 John 4:9