



# RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Teaching & equipping tomorrow's Christian leaders

January 2018



Riverside students celebrated the birth of Christ with a fun-filled evening of worship, movement and joy during their Christmas production, held at Hope Church.





**Cindy Waind**  
Principal

## Principal's Corner

Happy *New Year!*

How many times have you said it in the last few weeks? It rolls off our tongue without a thought when, as Christians, should *new* carry greater meaning? Yes, because we

serve the Creator of *new*. He came to usher in the *new* covenant. When we believe in Him, he gives us a *new* name and puts a *new* song in our *new* heart. Each day He gifts us with *new* mercies and yes, we get to start afresh with a *new* year. He doesn't want us to be stuck in our "old" ways, thinking about our old sins, carrying our old baggage, but to be moved into *new* territory.

Are you feeling Him stretching you? I am. The Norwegian, "I am completely self-sufficient" mindset I've used to function in my past, is not meeting my *new* to-do list. When the burden feels too heavy, I know I'm back to my old ways. I have found that only by relying on His *new* Spirit within me, and the community in which He has placed me, am I able to do what He has called me to do.

So, let's meet the *new* year with our eyes fixed on Jesus and not be afraid of what lies ahead. I may learn to fly a drone with the middle school students who are learning to write code to compose flight plans for them. So cool! I am readying myself for the new experience of taking 7th and 8th grade students on a class trip to Washington, D.C. in a few months. I can't wait and I'm terrified, all at the same time!

I think that's a picture of where the Lord wants us to be as we live this abundant life with Him...excited and scared silly, but always trusting in the provision and peace he promises us each *new* day.

Happy *New Year!*

## Teacher Spotlight

Riverside's kindergarten classroom is a vibrant space, not only because it's colorful and active. Mrs. Rhonda Matson brings life and learning to that grade, as she teaches students all that's needed to be successful in school.



**Rhonda Matson**  
Kindergarten Teacher

Rhonda grew up in the Fosston/Erskine area with 5 older brothers. She went to college at Bemidji State University, majoring in elementary education, with a minor in early childhood education. She married her high school sweetheart, Ben, and after 18 years of marriage, they are raising daughters, Lauren and Maclaine, son, Jack and two pups.

Rhonda has been teaching kindergarten at Riverside for six years and when asked about her role she shared, "I love teaching, especially kindergarten! I see excitement in the students eyes on the first day of school when they explore the classroom. I love to see their great growth throughout the year, down to the last day of school when they march into the gym wearing their little red graduation caps and gowns!" RCS parents are thankful for the way Rhonda blesses her students and readies them for first grade.

When not in the classroom, you might find Rhonda doing some of the things she loves; following her kid's activities, baking and decorating cakes or relaxing by pulling weeds from her flower garden.

If you have a student entering kindergarten in the fall, give them the great start they need with Mrs. Matson. Call the school for a tour today.





# RIVERSIDE GIVES BACK

Teaching students to serve



RCS students collected over 500 non-perishable items for the food pantry. In conjunction with Thrivent, meeting this goal



Fifth grade students helped pack Operation Christmas Child pallets full of boxes to ready them for shipment around the



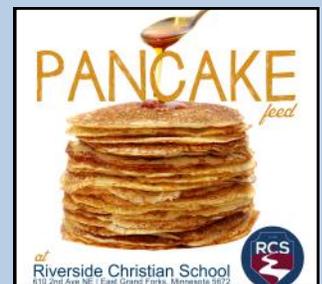
On the right, our eighth grade students are holding the \$639.63 raised by the RCS student body for *Feed My Starving Children*. This will provide more than 2,560 meals, feeding one child for 7 years. Yay Rams!  
On the left are several pastors who attended a pastor appreciation luncheon at Riverside, hosted by the members of the Riverside



## Flapjacks for Jake

Please mark **Sunday, January 28th**, from **11am-2pm**, on your calendar to assure you don't miss the **RCS Open House and Pancake Feed**. Along with having a delicious meal, you will be delighted by performances by our preK-4 and kindergarten students, starting at **12:45pm**.

Jacob Records, an RCS 5th grade student, is undergoing chemo treatments for a tumor in his arm called a Desmoid-Type Fibromatosis. All proceeds raised will be used to help defray medical expenses for the Records' family. Bring your neighbors, grab a friend after church and come to Riverside to enjoy this fun event and bless this family. See you there!





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### RCS Calendar of Events

- Pancake Feed/Open House  
Sunday, 1/28, 11-2
- Giving Hearts Day  
Thursday, 2/8
- RCS Spring Auction  
Saturday, 3/17
- RCS Dinner Theater  
Friday and Saturday, 4/27-28
- Kindergarten Graduation  
Tuesday, 5/22, 6:30pm
- 8th Grade Graduation  
Thursday, 5/24, 7:00pm



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## Happy New Year from the RCS Board!

Please consider designating a Giving Hearts Day gift to Riverside on February 8th. Doing so will bless the school and help to teach & equip tomorrow's Christian leaders.



Riverside's Board of Directors:

(Left to Right) Valerie Fulcher (Secretary), Dan Schott, Shasti Liang (Treasurer), Jode Gibbs, Pat Purcell (Vice Chairman), Scott Johnson (Chairman) and Jonathan Sundby

Please mark this date for Riverside!



# Giving Hearts Day 8TH

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The biggest charity giving day of the year.  
Donations of \$10 or more are matched!