



# RIVERSIDE

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Teaching & equipping tomorrow's Christian leaders

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"I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and not rejected you."

That's the first verse of our theme passage this year. (Is 41:9) Rejection. We have all felt it. It's not pleasant and it's a feeling from which we valiantly and vigorously want to shield our children. But we can't. It's impossible to control what another person accepts or rejects. All we can do is educate.

We show our children, in as many ways as we can think of, that Christ in us means we accept others and not reject them. When I taught first grade, I preached it this way, "If anyone at recess asks, 'Can I play?' the answer is always "Yes!" Rejection is isolating, hurtful and dishonors God, who says **He** has not rejected us. God does the opposite...**He** accepts us, and even more, **He** chooses us.

To me, acceptance means freedom. I don't need to be something I'm not...I'm accepted as is. To be chosen, in my thinking, brings purpose. God, in his wisdom, chose me to do things for him that he prepared before I was born. My purpose is to seek out what those things are, and then do them. We want our students to know that they are accepted and chosen. It's who they are in Christ. It's where they can find their purpose and knowing it can take away the sting of the world's rejection and put our focus on the job God gives us to do.

You are chosen. Let that sit and sink. We so easily diminish our worth/purpose, but God never does, because it's not about us. It's about Him choosing to work through us. No rejection....only purpose.

(so thankful to be) In Christ,  
Cindy Waind

Back to School Night (K-5) 7:00pm-8:00pm	Thursday, Sept. 7
Volleyball: RCS @ Heritage 4:15pm	Friday, Sept. 8
Potato Bowl Parade <i>See info below</i>	Saturday, Sept. 9
Middle school retreat	Sept. 18-22
Wild Hog Marathon	Saturday, Sept. 23
24 Hours of Power	Tuesday, Sept. 26
Volleyball: RCS @ Sacred Heart	Thursday, Sept. 28
 Registration deadline for Washington, D.C. trip	Thursday, Sept. 28
RCS K-8 go to Valley Corn Maize	Friday, Sept. 29
 Ground Round Pancake Breakfast 8-10am	Saturday, Sept. 30



## Parade Info:

- Every family donate at least one bag of candy- look for the box by the gym door.
- Decorate the float-Sept. 6-8, starting at 3:30, at Bethel Lutheran Church parking lot, in GF.
- Represent RCS in the parade-wear Rams apparel or colors.
  - \* Students in PreK-ride in wagons or strollers with parents.
  - \* Students in K-2nd grade-ride on the float.
  - \* Students in 3rd and up-walk and pass out candy.
- We are float #66.
- The parade is on University Ave. this year.
- Meet at 9:15am at the corner of Dyke Ave., and N 18th St.

**Theme Verse  
2017-2018**

Isaiah 41:9-10

I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Prayer and Praise**

- Clear communication tonight at Back-to-School night
- For the people in many states effected by floods and fires
- God's provision for an after-school facilitator
- God's protection and strength for Madelina Tuinder as she prepares to "Run For Riverside" in the Wild Hog Marathon
- Safety and fun for all participants of the Potato Bowl Parade
- God's peace to continue to reign at Riverside
- Wisdom for the early stages of banquet preparations



**Chapel Recap\***

Yesterday, we were blessed to be taught by Riverside's own Col. Barbara Chine. She used the Bible account from Daniel 3 of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the theme "You are Chosen" to communicate when we should stand, and when we should take a knee (or bow down.) Those 3 honored the king as their authority, but they did not bow down and worship him, even at the risk of death. They were chosen to stand firm in their faith.

In the same way, we are chosen to honor our country and our flag. We stand to show respect during the national anthem and bow only in prayer to, and worship of, the One True God.



\*We want great fruit to come from our chapel teaching. Because of this we will take this space, most weeks, to recap, in order that you may go deeper with your child/children in your home.

**Around the School**

**Tonight!** Back to School Night: K-5th grade parents, visit your child's classroom and hear expectations and procedures for this year.

Middle School Parents: Look for information concerning the upcoming retreat at Living Waters Bible Camp in today's envelope.



On September 23, Madelina Tuinder will be running in the Wild Hog Marathon. She is doing this to honor God and bless Riverside. She and Josh, her husband, have sold t-shirts and gathered pledges/donations from all around the country to give to the school. Plan on finding a spot along the route to pray for her and cheer her on! Go Lina!

**Our contest starts September 11th!** We'll be collecting box tops and Our Family Labels from food packaging. Don't throw away (pun intended) this opportunity to help Riverside!



Our Washington D.C. bound students are busy raising money for their trip. On September 30th you can help them, as well as have a fine breakfast. They will be at the Ground Round from 8-10am serving up pancakes and bacon or sausage. Find your favorite 7th or 8th grader (who could pick just one?) and purchase a ticket to breakfast for just \$5.00. Get one for your hubby and your neighbors; your relatives and your friends. Let's help these kids fly!



We had a blast last year so we are going again...that is if we can secure drivers. On September 29th, from 12:40-2:40, students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will head to Valley Corn Maize for the afternoon. If you can drive, please let your classroom teacher know how many students you can take. The office will make a copy of your driver's license and proof of insurance if you are driving. Kindly stop in with those two things. RCS covers the cost for students. Chaperones will be charged \$4.00.

