

Through Our School Door

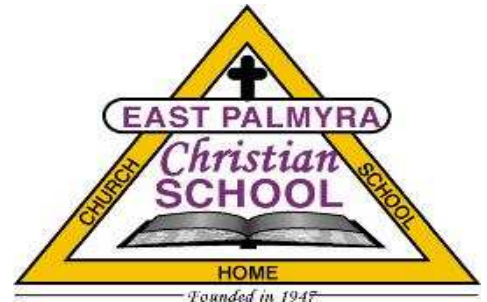
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EPCS School Theme 2008-2009:

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

Psalm 24:1a

EPCS Mission statement: To offer a Christian educational alternative that integrates faith and learning through a Biblical worldview. We strive to equip our students to develop their gifts, to become discerning disciples, and to joyfully serve God in their calling in their community and world.

Monday, December 15, 2008

Mary's Song

And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.

Luke 1: 46 – 55

Christmas Greetings

In this advent season, things seem in turmoil, in finances, in many relationships, and in the area of peace. But, you know, God works mightily in spite of recessions, upturns or downturns in the economy, times of war, low stock market numbers, housing crises, and governor debacles. After all, our time now is not unlike the time when the angel approached Mary, and when Jesus was born, so many years ago... Our God is faithful to us, has been for 60-some years at EPCS, and God will continue to be. I wish each of you God's grace in this time of Advent, in this time of waiting, in this time of self-examination, in this time of anticipation, in this time of seeming turmoil. God's grace! May you, each one of you and each one of your family members, each one in God's EPCS community, experience God's immeasurable love, peace, and grace, revealed to us through the Savior that was born, through the Christmas child, and may we continue to live in that grace as God's Easter, Resurrection people. May God bless you with a Holy Spirit-filled Christmas and an amazingly blessed New Year!!

EPCS Calendar

Monday, December 15, 2008

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Hot Lunch—12 noon

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Friday, December 19, 2008

Singing at Nursing Home

Class Christmas Parties

Noon Dismissal

Monday, December 22, 2008

Christmas Break begins—No school

Monday, January 5, 2009

School Resumes

And Beyond....

Friday, January 9 Geography Bee
Friday, January 16 Noon Dismissal—PD aft.
Friday, January 16 End of Term 2
Monday, January 19 M.L. King Jr. Day
Friday, January 30 Report Card Distribution

~ Education Committee ~

Will meet on Wednesday, December 10th at 4:00pm.

~ Adopt – A – Bill ~

Thank you to those who are supporting this program.
De Lage Landen - copier maintenance - \$134.84
E & V Energy- Fuel Oil budget - \$400
NYSEG - \$1152.00
Screen Vision Direct- West Wayne Theater Advertising - Paid
Usherwood - copier lease \$197.00
Contributions in small amounts are welcome toward any balances. These are all greatly appreciated, and helpful. Please write Adopt a Bill on any checks donated.

~ Student Council ~

The student council is again sponsoring a Christmas ornament exchange. Students may bring their ornaments in any time this week, and will select a new ornament next week, Thursday. If your child wishes to display an ornament, and then take it back, he/she may bring it in and then will be allowed to retrieve it before the exchange. Please limit the ornaments to inexpensive ones that cannot be easily broken.

~ Yearbook ~

Looking for volunteers to work on putting together this year's EPCS yearbook. Can you take photos? Can you navigate a program with digital photos? There won't be a yearbook if there aren't volunteers, so please consider this worthy project for the kids. Call Jane Ballesty at 926-5526 if you are interested. Thanks

~ School Cleaning ~

Please make arrangements if you need keys to clean after hours. Remember to initial the calendar in the janitor's closet after you finish. Thank you!

This week

Mon. ~ Paid
Tues. ~ Fagner
Wed. ~ Fisher
Thurs. ~ Clark

Next week

Mon. ~ Paid
Tues. ~ Doud
Wed. ~ Hernandez
Thurs. ~ Hernandez

Friday ~ VanCamp

Fri. ~ Gardner

~ Geography Bee ~

The preliminary rounds of the bee were held today. The winners are Noah B. Meredith, Carolyn, Lauren M., Drew, Brian, Hunter, Ben, Catherine E. and Michelle.

The finalists should practice in preparation for the final rounds shortly after the Christmas break. All students will benefit from playing the games on these web sites:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/>
<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

~ Preschool ~

Magnets, microscope, and money are some of the things we'll look at this week during our Mm week. Bring in old Christmas cards for us to play "mail". Thursday is our Mm Show and Tell.

The Advent season is here, and we will talk about the travels of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Our new song this week is "Mary Had a Baby, My Lord.....She laid him in a manger, my Lord....Named him King Jesus, my Lord."

Next week Thursday the children can bring in Christmas treats for each other.

~ Kindergarten ~

Praise God for children's voices and instruments and the joy of Christmas! What a thrill it was to see the children performing their first EPCS Christmas concert! Kudos to Mrs. Cornwell for all her hard work and the love she's shown the children.

We'll continue celebrating Advent and the real meaning of Christmas in class and throughout the school.

Next Friday morning, on the 19th, the children will possibly be going to sing Christmas carols and their concert songs at a nursing home in Newark. Join us that morning, if you can. We'll be sending home information regarding a need for drivers as well. When we return to school, we'll share treats. The children can bring in Christmas treats for each other that morning.

Our Show and Tell Thursday has come to the end of the alphabet, Yy and Zz. We'll start over next week with Aa, Bb, and Cc.

~ First and Second Grade ~

Bible: We are learning about Joseph. We are also reading the Christmas story during devotions.

Spelling: Both grades have a new spelling unit to study this week. Be on the look out for homework.

Math: The second graders will have a math test on Tuesday. They will have math homework today. The first graders are learning ways to subtract.

Reading: Please have your child read to you every night. This is great reading practice for them.

Christmas Party: On December 19th we will be having an Around The World Christmas Party. I will be sending information home about it.

Spanish Buddies: Will meet again at 10:45 on Friday, January 9th, and at 10:45 on January 23rd. So far, we have studied all of the 30 letters in the Spanish alphabet. We will review Students will be able to recite the Spanish alphabet from memory, write down the letter they hear, and spell words using the Spanish alphabet. We will also play alphabet bingo the letters, then we will play alphabet bingo.

~ Third and Fourth Grade ~

Next Friday on December 19th we will be having our class Christmas party. Please let me know if you are interested in contributing food, paper supplies, etc.

Spelling: Lesson 10 lists are coming home today. We will not be doing a pretest. The final test for everyone will be on Friday.

Reading: We will be continuing literature circles for the next few weeks. Each student will be reading a Christmas book. The instructions for the book projects were sent home last week. They will be due December 18th.

Social Studies: We will be continuing to look at the early settlement of New York.

Math: Third graders will continue to work with subtraction of two and three digit numbers. They will have a test on Friday. Fourth graders are reviewing division facts. Flashcard practice at home would be helpful.

Bible: We will be learning about the Ten Commandments.

Report Cards: I do not have everyone's report cards, so if you have not sent it in yet please do that this week.

Spanish Buddies: Will meet again at 11:25 on Friday, December 12, then will not meet again till Friday, January 16th at 11:25. Our second meeting in January will be at 11:25 on the 30th. We have studied 15 of the 30 letters in the Spanish alphabet. When the students have learned all 30 letters in the Spanish alphabet, we will play alphabet bingo.

~ Fifth and Sixth Grade ~

Christmas party: We will have a small party next week Friday (Dec. 19) after we return from caroling at DeMay Nursing Home. If you are willing to drive

to the nursing home please let me know or contact the office.

Students want to do a gift exchange at the party. Boys are to buy a small gift (around \$3.00) for a boy, and girls for a girl. If you are willing to provide refreshments, please let me know.

Math: Fifth graders are reviewing long division. Sixth graders will be working with fractions, including finding least common denominators and simplifying fractions.

Social Studies: We hope to finish our unit on explorers this week, with a test early next week. We will also share our PowerPoint presentations.

Reading: We are doing literature circles for the next couple of weeks.

Spelling: Regular tests this week.

Bible: Test over John 3:16-21 on Thursday. We will continue looking at some of the parables in the Book of Luke this week

Spanish: Students will be able to recite the Spanish alphabet from memory, write down the letter they hear, and spell words using the Spanish alphabet. We will also play alphabet bingo.

~ Seventh and Eighth Grade ~

Bible: Students are looking at the time period leading up to the Birth of Christ.

History: We will be finishing up the French and Indian war this week and completing a project. More details will be sent home this week

Spanish 7: The written segment of the Unit test begins tomorrow, Tuesday, and will take two days. On Thursday, I will administer the speaking part of the exam. Students are encouraged to switch their music lessons if they have one scheduled during Spanish. Students have two copies of the assignment calendar for December. One to keep in their notebooks and one to keep at home. Students are responsible for making changes!

Spanish 8: We have begun reviewing for a unit test, which will take place immediately before Christmas vacation. Students are encouraged to switch their music lessons if they have one scheduled during Spanish. Students have two copies of the assignment calendar for December. One to keep in their notebooks and one to keep at home. Students are responsible for making changes! **Please encourage your child to study each day for this exam, starting now. Waiting until the night before each section of the exam is too late!**

~ Ninth Grade ~

Global Studies: We will be finishing up our unit on China and India and we will be having a test next Tuesday.

Spanish 9: We will be reviewing pertinent parts of Units 1 and 2, with a test scheduled immediately before Christmas vacation. Students are encouraged to switch their music lessons if they have one scheduled during Spanish. **Please encourage your child to study each day for this exam, starting now. Waiting until the night before each section of the exam is too late!**

~ Band ~

Congratulations, everyone, on a wonderful concert Friday night! All of your hard work helped us to inspire and entertain the audience, and to give Glory to God.

The band will travel to Newark hospital this Wednesday at 10:25 to perform for the Adult Daycare program. Drivers are needed for this trip, so please call the office if you can drive.

The choir will perform and carol at the DeMay center on Friday, Dec. 19th. Many drivers are needed for this event, so please contact the school office if you can drive. Thank you!

Tues. 10:00 Carolyn 10:30 Meredith 12:40 Caitlin

Wed. 12:40 Ben

Thurs. 9:05 Brian 10:00 Noah C. 10:30 Noah B.

Fri. 8:45 Molly 9:15 Kaitlyn 10:30 Garrett 11:00

Andrew 11:30 Mara, Ciara 12:40 Jessica 1:10

Emily 1:40 Drew 2:10 Hunter

Next Mon. 9:05 Amanda 9:30 Amber 10:00

Shannon 11:15 Alyssa

~ Circle News ~

Hot Lunch News: Sloppy Joes, Tater tots, corn and dessert made by Kit Deperna. Helpers are Kit DePerna, Ashley Conley and Maggie Cosh.

Breen's and Tops Cards are available in the office if you'd like to purchase them. They are like having a prepaid gift card. The school gets 5% back on these sales.

Box tops and Labels are still being saved throughout the year. Please save the Campbell Soup (entire label – especially the UPC code) labels and the Box Tops for Education labels from selected products. Thanks!

Zap-a-snack Orders and money are due Nov. 3rd. Please send in your orders and money!

Old Cell Phones, Empty Ink Cartridges and Rinsed Pop Cans are still being collected. This is an easy way to raise \$\$ for the school.

Please pray for the staff and their families, the needs of one another and the growth and outreach of our school as we strive to lift up the name of Jesus.