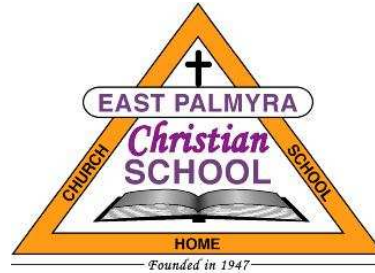


Through Our School Door

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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 life's calling in their community and world.*

Monday, December 1, 2008

Be sure to attend our annual
EPCS Christmas Program
Friday, December 5 at 7:15 pm in the EPCS Gym
EPCS Bands and Choirs will lead us in music of the season
in celebration of Christ's birth.

Refreshments will be available after the program.

A free-will offering will be taken.

Admission: Some canned or dry goods for the local food pantry

EPCS Calendar

Monday, December 01, 2008

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Hot Lunch

Thursday, December 4, 2008

EPCS Christmas Program—Seniors Performance
10:30 am

Friday, December 5, 2008

EPCS Christmas Program—7:15 pm

And Beyond....

Friday, Dec 19	Noon Dismissal
Mon, Dec 22 – Fri, Jan 2	Christmas Break
Monday, January 4	School Resumes
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

Building Expansion

At the last **EPCS Board meeting**, the topic of facilities expansion was discussed. It was proposed that the Board assign a committee (facilities expansion) to investigate possibilities relating to adding on to the existing building in order to make room for high school grades, lab facilities, and stage area. **If you are interested in being a part of this important and exciting venture**, please let us know at EPCS--597-4400! Please continue to pray for EPCS, its elementary, middle, and high school students, teachers, and programs, for meeting financial needs, and for allowing our

school to grow and continue to be a light in a world of darkness!

~ Teacher's Aide Position ~

EPCS is looking for someone who would work mostly with the first/second grade class, but would also help during the math period for the third and fourth graders. The hourse would be 8:30 – 11:00 AM. Monday through Friday, and would pay \$7.15 an hour. If you are interested, please contact either Keith Vanderzwan or Judy Rachow.

~ Zap a Snacks ~

Will arrive on Thrusday, December 4, 2008. Please pick up your order between 2:45 - 4:00 pm. If you cannot arrange to be here at this time, please call Maggie Cosh at 585-396-2093.

~ 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 - \$1155.50
Screen Vision Direct- West Wayne Theater
Advertising - \$76.96
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.

~ Christmas Concert ~

Each family is asked to bring refreshments for the Christmas program.

We will be offering two performances this year, as we did in the spring. The first performance is Thursday, Dec. 4th at 10:30 a.m., and the second is Friday, Dec. 5th at 7:15 p.m. The students have many great songs to share in celebration of our Saviour's birth. Invite your friends, neighbors and pastors to this musical event.

~ 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

~ Library ~

We are missing books in the Library. Whoever borrowed books 2,3 & 4 of the Kingdom Series by Chuck Black, please return them to the

library immediately. Please do not take any books without signing them out.

~ 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. ~ Campbell

Tues. ~ Fagner

Wed. ~ Hernandez

Thurs. ~ Hernandez

Friday ~ Doud

Next week

Mon. ~ Paid

Tues. ~ Fagner

Wed. ~ Fisher

Thurs. ~ Clark

Fri. ~ VanCamp

~ Geography Bee ~

The geography bee is coming soon! Have your student practice his/her geography skills at these web sites:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/>

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

~ Preschool ~

LI is our theme this week. "*This Little Light of Mine,*" "*Oh, How I Love Jesus*". Bible verses to memorize: "For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son." John 3:16. "Love one another." John 13:34. As we look forward to Christmas, we celebrate Jesus! He is the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world. He is the light of the world! This week we'll explore lights, from Christmas lights, bright lights, sunlight, star light, moonlight, shadows, northern lights (aurora borealis). Lots of light questions and discovery.

~ Kindergarten ~

Welcome to December, and to a month of celebrating the joy of Christmas, our Savior's birth! We are looking forward to the Christmas concert on Friday night. The students will be singing in two concerts this week, Thursday morning at 10:30 and Friday night beginning at 7:15. Please invite your relatives, pastors, and friends.

Our alphabet focus is all the way to Ww and Xx. We'll practice writing the letters. Ww is for winter weather, white snow, whistling wind, frosty windows, warm mittens, wool sweaters, wet socks; also white whales (belugas), wrinkled walrus with whiskers, wandering wolves. Xx is for X-rays, xylophones, xylem (the tree's wood that carries water from the roots to the leaves), xiphius (swordfish), and other words with x in them, like fox, box, ox, exit and taxi.

~ First and Second Grade ~

Bible: We are continuing to learn about Jacob and his family. Continue to work on the memory verse you already have.

Spelling: Both grades will be starting new spelling units this week. Be on the look out for spelling homework.

Math: The first graders will have a math test tomorrow. Be on the look out for homework tonight. The second graders are continuing to work with money.

Social Studies: We will be starting our Christmas Around The World unit this week. Talk with your child about your Christmas traditions.

Reading: Don't forget to have your child read to you every night.

Spanish Buddies: Will meet again at 11:25 on Friday, December 5th. So far, we have studied 25 of the 30 letters in the Spanish alphabet. When the students have learned all the letters, we will play alphabet bingo.

~ Third and Fourth Grade ~

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. It was wonderful to see all the students back at school. In the 3rd and 4th grade class we did agree that we are ready for Christmas vacation.

Spelling: Lesson 9 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 doing literature circles for the next few weeks. Each student will be reading a Christmas book.

Social Studies: we will be starting to look at the early settlement of New York

Math: Third graders will continue to work with subtraction of two and three digit numbers. Fourth graders are reviewing multiplication facts. Flashcard practice at home would be helpful.

Spanish Buddies: Will meet again at 10:45 on Friday, December 12, but NOT on Friday, December 19. So far, 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 ~

Math: Both grades are starting new units this week.

Social Studies: Our topic of study is explorers. We have looked at the Vikings and Columbus, and this week we will look at Spanish, English, French, and Dutch explorers. We will also share our Native American PowerPoints as our schedule allows.

Reading: Your student should be reading his/her animal novel. The form for this report will be an

oral report. A guide will come home sometime this week. The reports will be presented the week we return after vacation. In class, we will start on literature circle books this week.

Spelling: Regular tests this week.

Bible: Our memory work is John 3:16-21. 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 will have a journal entry due on Friday. We will start our overview of the New Testament this week.

Spanish 7: The listening segment of the Unit test begins tomorrow, Tuesday, and will take two days. Next week, we will have a final review on Monday, then complete the exam Tuesday through Friday. 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 review/study material in Unit One each night. Studying a night or two before the unit test is too late!

Spanish 8: We will finish Unit 6 this week and then begin reviewing for a unit test, which will take place immediately before Christmas vacation. 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!

~ Ninth Grade ~

Bible: Students will have a journal entry due on Friday. We will start our overview of the New Testament this week.

Spanish 9: We will review direct and indirect object pronouns and their use, then learn how to use both pronouns together in a sentence. We will then review pertinent parts of Units 1 and 2, with a test scheduled immediately before Christmas vacation.

~ Band ~

Music donations: If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, consider donating some music to the band or choir. Please let the office know if you can donate any of these pieces for the Christmas concert:

Jazz Band	Hooked on Holidays	\$45
Choir	Pavane on a Silent Night	\$35
	In Excelsis Deo	\$38
	La Loo La Low	\$17
	Fa la la la la	\$40

Christmas Concert details:

Dress for the Friday night concert will be formal: no jeans or sneakers, dresses or dress pants for the girls, button-down shirts, sweaters or polos for the boys. The Thursday morning concert does not have to be as dressy, but please look neat. As usual, the school dress code applies to the concert as well.

Band members need to be here to warm-up at 6:45 Friday night. Thank you!

~ Circle News ~

Hot Lunch News: Hot Dogs, mac. & cheese and dessert made by Sadie O'Brien. Helpers are Sadie, Lisa and Melissa Butterfield and Cathy Hayes.

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.