

# Through Our School Door

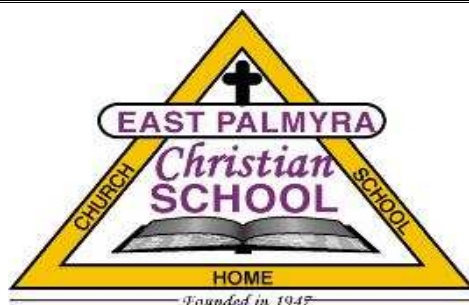
## East Palmyra Christian School

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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, March 16, 2009

### EPCS Volleyball

Our girls and boys Volleyball teams begin league play this week Thursday with a home game with Rochester Christian School. The schedule for both teams is found on page two of this School Door and on the EPCS website— [www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](http://www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com) . Please feel free to come out and support the players!

### EPCS Registration Forms

Please feel free to fill in the EPCS 2009-2010 registration forms as soon as possible. We will need the busing application before March 25, so please do not wait until the last day or minute. ☺ Also, if you require Tuition Assistance, please let the treasurer know at your earliest convenience either by telephone (597-4400) or by email ([epcsfinancial@rochester.rr.com](mailto:epcsfinancial@rochester.rr.com)). All requests will remain entirely confidential!

Please continue to pray for EPCS! We covet your prayers and thoughts as we prepare to transition into the new school year.

### EPCS Calendar

#### Monday, March 16, 2009

Boys VB Practice till 4:45 pm

#### Tuesday, March 17, 2009

Girls VB Practice till 4:45 pm

#### Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Staff Devotions—7:40 am

Hot Lunch—12 noon

Faculty Meeting till 4 pm

Boys VB Practice until 4:45 pm

#### Thursday, March 19, 2009

VB Matches with Rochester Christian Home 4 pm

#### Friday, March 20, 2009

Pizza for Lunch

Middle School Band Festival Rehearsal (2 – 5 PM)

### Saturday, March 21

All-County Band Festival—Lyons HS (8 AM – 3PM)

### Monday, March 23, 2009

Boys VB vs St Paul 4 pm Away

Girls VB practice till 4:45 pm

### And Beyond....

Thursday, March 26

End of Term 3

Friday, March 27 GRACE Conference—No School

Wed – Fri, April 1 – 3 EPCS Young Artists Festival

Fri – Fri, April 10 – 17 Easter Break No School

Friday, April 24 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Trip

Friday, May 1 EPCS Band Concert

Friday, May 8 EPCS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Toronto Trip

Friday, May 15 EPCS Choral Concert

Friday, May 22 EPCS Lap-a-thon

Tuesday, June 2 Track & Field Trip—Sussex

**~EPCS Website~**

Please be sure to check out the EPCS website at [www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](http://www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com). Check us out!

**~ Change for Education ~**

We are in the second week of the drive. Here are the amounts collected so far. Parents remember to send in your change. Keep up the good work!

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade ~ \$51.86
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade ~ 51.35
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade ~ \$45.07
- 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade ~ \$127.41

Preschool and Kindergarten classes may bring in loose change for our classroom projects! We hope to get a sand table, tactile sight words cards, and some educational CD's for our computers (Reader Rabbit, Learn Preschool), and perhaps upgraded computers to run our CD's. We invite other interested folks to help our class with their loose change as well! Big thanks from Preschool and Kindergarten!! God bless!

**~ Financial Aid Applications ~**

Any parents wishing to apply for financial aid for the 2009-2010 school year may do so on-line through the "Family Financial Needs Assessment" (FFNA) web site, [www.FFNA1.com](http://www.FFNA1.com). The school ID number is 4948.

On-line application fee is \$30.00 payable to FFNA with a 2 week processing time.

A fastback on-line application fee is \$40.00 payable to FFNA with a 2-3 business day processing time.

A paper application fee is \$20.00 payable to FFNA with a 4 week processing time. (We expect to have these available in the office by Friday 3/13). If you have any questions please contact the finance office to assist you.

**~ Adopt- a – Bill ~**

It is with sadness that I report to you that we are in a financial crisis. We have been supplementing our Adopt a Bill requirements with money from the school loan.

We are still requesting support for the adopt a bill program. Any money given to this will be applied to outstanding bills as well as to pay down the loan. I will continue to post a weekly update of what the needs are, and ask that you prayerfully consider helping. Remember that all donations are tax deductible and to please write Adopt a Bill on the memo line of your check.

Outstanding bills: 4951.88  
 Loan balance: 19,110.90  
 Cash available: 8,243.77

Payroll cost: 9,052.96 (in order to meet this payroll cost and keep current on outstanding bills we will be needing to borrow from the loan.)

**~ Auction News ~**

Please help the Auction Committee out and take a look around your town for businesses that have recently opened or closed. Let us know you are willing and call Don or Cheri Winslow at 986-4240 or email us at [reroteacher@verizon.net](mailto:reroteacher@verizon.net). So far we have: LYONS = Winslow, MARION = Ballesty, WILLIAMSON = Smith, NEWARK = Butterfield

**~ Dutch Dinner ~**

We have been calling to recruit volunteers for the Dutch Dinner. Thank you so much for continuing to bless us with your wonderful traditional dishes!

**~ School Board Candidates ~**

Needed for Next Year, please prayerfully consider your participation at EPCS as a member of the school board. School board members terms are for three years. Members attend monthly meetings and act as a liaison from other committees. Board members also help get to know the new families applying to the school during the home visits. Please pray about this opportunity and call with any questions to Gary Butterfield, School Board President at 331-8157.

**~ Family in need ~**

We are grateful for all the support that has come forward to help this family. It is but one example of what a strong Christian community we have here at East Palmyra Christian School. We are one donor family away from fulfilling their need. Would you prayerfully consider if this is an area that God has called you to help. Just \$20 a month for the rest of the school year is all they need. Thank you again for all who have come forward.

**~ 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.** ~ Kellogg
- Wed.** ~ Bates
- Thurs.** ~ Cornwell
- Friday** ~ Cramer

**Next week**

- Mon.** ~ Paid
- Tues.** ~ J. O'Dell
- Wed.** ~ Boss
- Thurs.** ~ Cornwell
- Fri.** ~ Webb

**~ Preschool ~**

Xx is our alphabet letter this week! With our field trip last Thursday, we missed our Ww Show and Tell, so bring both Ww and Xx this Thursday! Xx

can be at the start of words, but we'll also notice the x in "Exit" and words like box, fox, six, and mix.

Enrollment continues this month for next year's preschool and Kindergarten. Pass the word along to your friends.

*~ Kindergarten ~*

Thank you for all who drove to our field trip last week. Look for news of another field trip or two in April. This week we will focus on

TWO in our math and our Show and Tell this week, adding with two, and learning to recognize and spell the word. Bring two items this week, talk about the items, and also talk about how  $1+1=2$ .

*~ First and Second Grade ~*

**Bible:** We are finishing our unit on Ruth and starting to learn about the early Monarchy. Please continue to work on the sheet of bible verse that were sent home on Friday. Our new verse is Isaiah 55:6-7.

**Math:** The first graders are learning about skip counting and using the hundreds chart. The second graders will be having a test on Tuesday. Be on the look out for homework. They will start learning about Geometry and fractions.

**Reading:** Remember to read with our child for 15 minutes every night. Part of that time they should be reading to you.

**Show and Tell:** Don't forget that we have show and tell every Friday. Your child can bring in anything they would like that fits in their backpack and they can talk about. If they would like to bring in a pet please talk to me by Wednesday. This way I can know ahead of time.

**Spanish Buddies:** We will meet again at 10:45 on Friday, March 20. We have now studied all of the 30 letters in the Spanish alphabet. We will play alphabet bingo. Next, students will review/learn numbers in Spanish.

*~ Third and Fourth Grade ~*

**Spelling:** Spelling lists will be coming home this week

**Bible:** We will be talking about God's forgiveness of the Israelites.

**Reading:** We will be continuing to read plays.

**Social Studies:** We will be continuing to look at New York during the Revolutionary War.

Friday: We did not go on our walk in the woods last Friday, so we are going to try again this Friday.

**Tab:** Please keep sending tabs in. We are at 66,000 and we have many, many more to go before we get to 1,000,000.

**Math 3 & 4:** Third graders have now learned how to find all of the basic multiplication facts and will spend time this week doing various activities to try to make

the recall of them more automatic. They will have a test sometime next week. At this point, they aren't expected to have all of the facts memorized, but should be able to find answers by skip counting, drawing arrays, or other strategies. Flash card practice at home is highly encouraged.

Fourth graders are finishing up a unit on multiplying two and three digit numbers by one digit numbers. They will have a test tomorrow. Flash card practice for them would be very valuable, as their next unit is multiplying two and three digit by two digit numbers.

**Spanish Buddies:** Due to the GRACE conference, Good Friday, and field trips, we will not meet in April, unless the schedule is adjusted.

*~ Fifth and Sixth Grade ~*

**YAF:** Please encourage your student to continue working on his/her art project. It should be completed and brought to school by Thursday, Mar. 26.

**Math:** Fifth Graders are learning about probability and outcomes. Their test will be either on Friday or early next week. Sixth Grade: We have started a unit on ratios, proportions, and percentages. While we work on this unit, we will do more practice for the last unit on multiplying and dividing fractions, and will have that test when we feel we are ready, probably on Friday or early next week.

**Social Studies:** After an open book test tomorrow over some economic principles of our country, we will start on a series of units over the regions of America. The first one that we will look at is the Northeast. Students will be expected to be able to label a map showing the states in that region, and identify the state capitals.

**Reading:** Our book reports are almost finished. After completing the last selection in the current unit in our readers, we will start literature circle books.

**Spelling:** Regular tests this week.

**Bible:** Our memory work is the Love Chapter, I Cor. 13. We continue to learn about the start of the Church.

**Spanish:** Students have prepared bingo boards of their favorite foods and we will play bingo for a few sessions.

*~ Seventh and Eighth Grade ~*

**Bible 7- 9:** We are looking at the parables. Christian service reports are due next week, Wednesday, so encourage you student to finish filling out his/her report.

**History:** We will be discussing the Lewis and Clark expedition.

**Spanish 7:** Students are learning how to say how old they and others are, that they feel or don't feel like doing something, and that they have to, or don't

have to, do something. There will be a quiz on Tuesday or Wednesday on this material. We will also be starting review for the test on unit three. We will review a topic one day and then have that section of the test the next day.

**Spanish 8:** Students have completed their skits and are presenting them this week. I hope to video the skits. We will also be preparing for a test on unit eight.

*~ Ninth Grade ~*

**Global Studies:** We are starting our next chapter on Europe

**Spanish 9** Students are becoming familiar with the imperfect tense and how it differs from the preterite tense.

*~ Band ~*

**Tues.** 9:30 Shannon, Alyssa, Amber 10:30 Noah  
12:40 Emily

**Thurs.** 9:05 Hunter 10:00 Ben 10:30 Kaitlyn 12:40  
Cathryn

**Fri.** 9:15 Brian 10:00 Garrett 10:30 Ciara 11:00  
Drew 11:30 Jessica, Andrew

**All County:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders Shannon Cramer, Amber Lamar and Alyssa Mann will be representing our school at the Jr./Sr. high All county festival on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We will leave school for Lyons at 12:45 on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, and return to EPCS by 6:00 p.m. We leave from EPCS again Saturday morning at 8:20 am. The concert is at Lyons High school at 2:30 on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Music donation request:**

Choir ~ Evening Prayer \$34

*~ Circle News ~*

**Hot Lunch News:** Grilled Cheese and soup. Helpers are Laura Boss, Linda Kellogg and Maggie Cosh.

**Change for Education:** The Classroom that raises the most money per student will also receive some type of party after our Change Drive is over.

**St. Pauly Clothing Drive:** If you are cleaning your closets, save your old shoes, belts, purses, linens and clothing. Please put them in garbage bags (not boxes) and save them for school. We will let you know when you can bring them in. We get paid by the pound, so the more items we have the more money EPCS makes. Let's CRAM THE VAN!!!!

**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!

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

**EPCS Board Mini Minutes February 12, 2009**

- Ed O'Brien updated the Board on boiler and fire extinguishers needs
- One board member has resigned for personal reasons – three needed for next year
- Reminded board of Village Bookmarket fundraiser
- Finance committee will prepare '09-'10 budget
- Tuition prices set for next year
- Town Hall meeting planned for February 24<sup>th</sup>
- We are continuing to borrow from the line of credit
- Education committee is planning science fair for May
- Promotions Committee advertising at the Newark bowling alley
- Also getting free advertising at Lyons National Bank
- Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting within the month
- Auction Committee looking for help updating the business list
- Continuing to work on school waiver form for accidents
- Society meeting date probably to change
- Discussed reimbursement of teacher's co-pays
- Parents will have an option to pay to opt out of cleaning