



Founded in 1947
EPCS: School Theme (2008-2009):
"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."
Psalm 24:1



Young Artists Festival 2009

Focus on the Future

It's summer, 2009, and as I look back over the past year, I realize again, the goodness of our faithful God to this EPCS community. We continue to be on the move, as God's people ought to be.

And now, in God's goodness, we continue this movement! Since our last correspondence, many things may have changed at EPCS. Our wonderful Kindergarten teacher of the past many years, Mrs. Jean Starkenburg, has taken a "leave of absence", and will be spending more time with her husband, Stan, traveling around the country. We wish Jean and Stan God's richest blessings as they begin this new phase in their journey. In Mrs. Starkenburg's place, we have hired Ms. Jennifer Meiser to be the teacher of our Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students. A strong Christian, Jen comes to us from Canandaigua, New York, and we look forward to having her on staff! We also welcome Mr. Scott Chamberlain, who has agreed to be our part-time (mornings) Middle and Senior High School science teacher and teacher of Math 10. Scott lives in Gananda with his family, and teaches (afternoons) at Webster Christian High School! Having Scott on board will give me some time to do administrative duties, and I greatly look forward to that!

When you come to visit our campus, you will notice that the Facilities Expansion Committee and volunteers have been busy giving the classrooms and hallways a sorely needed coat of paint. Classes have also been re-arranged to give designated space to our middle and senior high school students. This will be the first year that we will have a tenth grade. To date there are nine high school students enrolled at EPCHS and we look forward to adding 11th grade and 12th grade the following years. A high school at East Pal!! Who'da thunk... Our God is faithful!

As you know from past communications of this nature, some years ago I took over the duties of the Development Committee (Focus on the



EPCS Soccer Team 2009

Future) and I have been in touch with you from time to time (not as often as I would have liked...). This letter has been sent to ask you to consider making a pledge toward our "Focus on the Future" program, or to continue your pledge of this past year. Let me explain.

Many years ago, our Development Committee set up a program whereby supporters of East Palmyra Christian School were given the opportunity to donate to EPCS on a regular, planned basis. The fund was initially developed with a plan for future expansion, in those days a gymnasium for the students and EPCS community. The gym was built and was paid off some time ago, and there are new dreams in the offing.



In adding space for the new high school, the Strategic Planning Committee and the EPCS Board have been discussing the need for a working Science Lab. This dream will come to fruition over the summer. Lab tables have been ordered and plans have been drawn up to develop a working lab. Small as it may be, it will be functional!

At the same time, the main MS/HS hallway will be transformed with carpet and computers, and will function as a computer lab and classroom. It will host some 16 computers, complete with access to the EPCS network and Internet. Wireless capabilities are in the works as well!

The hope is that this present, modified structure will house the EPCS and EPCHS students for the next couple of years.

Then what? Well, there has been much discussion about the possibilities of adding on to our school building. That will be down the road and much planning is in the works to get that accomplished.

In the meantime, the Focus on the Future (FOTF) program will be instrumental in completing these amazing plans. FOTF is a budget item, whose monies are used for the greater EPCS good—teacher salaries, musical instruments, campus upkeep, classroom materials, computer needs, etc. Focus on the Future funds are used where needed in God's kingdom at EPCS. And the need is great! ***Please prayerfully consider making your pledge to EPCS.*** Please fill in the information below and prayerfully choose an amount suitable for your situation.



I wish to thank you for your prayerful support of East Palmyra Christian School. I wish to thank you also for financial support you have given in the past and for your thoughts about pledging to this very worthwhile program. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 315-597-4400 during the day or to email me at keith@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

If you are not on our EPCS Newsletter mailing list, please let us know. Oh, and check out our EPCS website!

Shalom,

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