

# Through Our School Door

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### EPCS School Theme 2009-2010:

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14

*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.*

## Tuesday, September 29, 2009

### EPCS Magazine Sale

Please support your student with encouragement and (possibly) some of the legwork for the first annual EPCS Magazine Subscription Sale. Please help your student contact your friends and family members and neighbors, your mailman/woman, your bus driver, your dentist or doctor, your sanitary engineer, your gas station attendant, your boss, your co-workers, your pastor, your church friends, your Facebook friends, your email friends, any one you know, and see if he/she/they wish to subscribe to any of your magazine options, or to renew magazines to which he/she/they may already subscribe(s). Each student is encouraged to obtain at least 15 or more subscriptions. You can also encourage your friends and neighbors and all the others to visit the website **QSP.com** and log in with the school number—**425090049**—or to visit the EPCS website at [www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](http://www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com) where each can find the link to QSP. From there each can order subscriptions from the QSP website. At the purchase page, customers are encouraged to indicate which EPCS student is to be credited with that sale. EPCS earns 40% on each subscription, new or renewed. This fundraiser will be a major source of income for EPCS, should everyone give him/herself to it to make it work.

Student prizes are also available: a do-able 15 subscriptions/CD orders=1 T shirt, 16 – 20 subscriptions = T shirt and \$10 gift card, 21 – 25 subscriptions = T shirt and \$15 gift card, and 26 and above = T shirt and \$20 gift card. Gift cards are your choice from Target, Borders, iTunes, Game Stop, or Build A Bear. All written orders are recorded as are those orders placed by customers on the QSP website.

Have fun!

### EPCS High School Car Wash!

Thanks to those of you who had your cars washed at the first ever EPCHS Car Wash! The group held the high school fundraiser at the Quest Fitness Center in Newark. Owner, and EPCS parent and supporter, Steve Brown, provided the students and several parents and a principal/teacher with all the car wash equipment needed—hoses, buckets, rags, water, space, and customers. The high school group provided soap, bottled water for the Quest customers, and elbow grease. Each car was carefully inspected by the "quality control" committee before being released, and car wash customers were very pleased.

The group raised \$100 for their efforts. Thanks to the high school parents who helped and to the students. All had a great, God-blessed time, and celebrated the afternoon event with ice cream at Bee Tees in Newark!



**Condolences**

As members of this EPCS community, we extend our heart-felt condolences to our kindergarten teacher Kelly Hooge and to Dan Hooge, in the passing away of Dan's mother this past week. Mrs. Hooge has been gone these past few days to be with Dan and his family in Pulaski, NY, and today (Monday) is attending the funeral. Please pray for Dan and Kelly's families in this time of grief. Mrs. Hooge hopes to be back on Wednesday.

Mrs. Deb Thompson of Palmyra has been substituting for Mrs. Hooge, and we have much appreciated her presence here!!

**Grandparents' Day at EPCS**

Please mark your calendars for Friday morning, October 9 for the Grandparents' Day at EPCS. The festivities will commence with an all-school assembly at 10 o'clock followed by time to visit and spend with your grand-child(ren) during recess and in classrooms. Goodbyes can be said around 11:30am. Coffee and donuts will be available. If your student(s) do(es) not have grandparents in the area, please feel free to substitute anyone in your family or circle of friends as a designated grandparent. I pray we may celebrate God's faithfulness to all our EPCS generations in the wonderful event.

possible, so we can fill the schedule. Thank you to Dave and Pam Mann, who will be cleaning on days that no one has signed up for.

- Monday 9/28: Fagner Family
- Tuesday 9/29: Terry Family
- Wednesday, 9/30: Fagner Family
- Thursday, 10/1: Tyler family

**Perfect Grandma: A Short Essay** written by EPCS 10th Grader, Christina Baker, ELA assignment after reading the story "A Celebration of Grandfathers" by Rudolfo A. Anaya

*PG; I don't know why, but she's always been PG to me. She's always been the one with a free shoulder for my things. She was never one to share stories of her past, but instead, she'd tell me about the world. Please pick up a remembers, clearer than the morning's breakfast I expect, the day she held me for the first time. Every time she told the tale, her hazel eyes would glaze over with the love bubbling in her heart. As I watched her many wrinkles fold up into a smile, I felt an unconditional love drape around me like her old red and blue quilt covered her pudgy knees. I'd listen keenly from her lap, then from the floor, and now from across the dining table, as I am too heavy for her lap, and she is too much work to care for for my parents.*

*Often times, my heart aches at the thought of her being alone in her assisted living apartment. I know there is not much I can do, but I feel bad. No one deserves to be cooped up like she is right now. I miss her, and I miss how she'd ask for breakfast right after she finished lunch. I miss hearing "Something funny happened yesterday." Her furry eyebrows would draw close with her deep concentration and I'd wait with eagerness for the humorous story. "Well, never mind," she would say, "I don't remember it."*

*I have many regrets when it comes to my great-grandmother, and I hope she won't pass on without the belief that I took her for granted. Because I don't, and I never will.*

So, PG: Perfect Grandma.

Friday 10/2: Tappan Family  
Monday 10/5: Timon Family  
Tuesday 10/6: 11:30am. Coffee and donuts will be available. If your student(s) do(es) not have grandparents in the area, please feel free to substitute anyone in your family or circle of friends as a designated grandparent. I pray we may celebrate God's faithfulness to all our EPCS generations in the wonderful event.

**Operation Christmas Child** - EPCS will once again be participating in the shoe-box project.

Students who normally bring home the school book should have brought home brochures already. The boxes should be returned to EPCS by November 6.

**Preschool & Kindergarten**  
This week we will be learning about the letters E and F. We will practice writing E's and F's, as well as identify words that start with these letters. Remember to bring in one item that starts with "E" and one item that starts with "F" for Show and Tell on Tuesday.

<b>EPCS Calendar</b>	
<b>Monday, September 28, 2009 Day E</b>	EPCS Soccer Team Practice until 4:45 pm
<b>Tuesday, September 29, 2009 Day F</b>	EPCS Soccer @ Homeschool Knights 4 pm Girls' JV VB Practice until 4:30 pm (Tentative)
<b>Wednesday, September 30, 2009 Day A</b>	Hot Lunch Faculty Meeting until 3:20 pm (New)
<b>Thursday, October 1, 2009 Day B</b>	EPCS Soccer @ Destiny 4 pm Meeting with Rebecca Battle—3 pm
<b>Friday, October 2, 2009 Day C</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pizza Sale
<b>Monday, October 5, 2009, Day D</b>	EPCS Soccer vs. Greece - Home - 4pm

**School Cleaning**

Thank you to all who signed up for their 5 days of cleaning for the year. If you have not done so, please contact the school office as soon as

**And Beyond** - EPCS Soccer vs. St. Paul - Tuesday, October 6

Here is an overview of our topics this week:  
Thurs., October 8: Math - Graphs  
Friday, October 9: ELA - Letters E & F

Friday, October 9: Parents Day (Morning)  
Friday, October 9: Noon Dismissal

Monday, October 12: Columbus Day - No School (nutrition, exercise, etc.)

Weds, Oct 14: Bible - We are wrapping up our Creation Unit, and will begin talking about Adam and Eve and how sin came into the world.

Saturday, October 17: EPCS Harvest Fest & Auction  
Weds, October 20: Wednesday (October 7) - We are planning a class trip with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to Shenandoah Park Zoo.

**Safety/Security Information** - Heads up, according to New York State, the last person out of the building must make sure that the front door is locked, AND shut tightly. There have been instances where the door has been locked, but not shut tightly, therefore, open.

Please continue to practice our Bible verse for our Creation unit, Genesis 1:1, 31a ~ "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

Important Reminders:  
**Gym** - \*\*\*Monday and Thursday (\*\*\*)our gym schedule changed!

## First & Second Grade

**Bible:** We are learning about the split of the kingdom of Israel. We will also be learning about the prophet Elijah this week. Our memory verse is Jeremiah 10:5.

**Social Studies:** We are learning about communities and the people who make up the communities.

**Science:** We are learning about measurement and the tools we use to measure with.

**Math:** The first graders are learning about the order of numbers and we will start working with patterns at the end of the week. The second graders are finishing addition strategies and start to work on subtraction strategies. We will not have the homework that is on the calendar this week. That homework will be assigned next week.

**Spelling:** Be on the look out for spelling homework for second graders. First graders are learning about the beginning and ending sounds of words.

**Field Trip:** Last night an information sheet went home about a field trip for next week. We will be going to the Morgan's Farm. If you have any questions please contact me at [aszymanski@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](mailto:aszymanski@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com) or write a note or call the school after school.

## Third & Fourth Grade

**Spelling:** Your child should have their lesson 3 list. Spelling tests will be on Friday.

**Bible:** We will be continuing Genesis and the story of Creation this week and memory verses are also being sent home. Please help your child memorize their verses.

**Social Studies:** We will be looking at United States communities and world communities.

**Reading:** Ask your child about the book they are reading in reading group.

**Math: Grade 3:** We continue looking at our number system, including comparing numbers and problem solving techniques.

**Grade 4:** We will look at some of the same topics as third graders but with larger numbers. We will also learn about rounding numbers to tens, hundreds, and thousands.

**Upcoming Field Trip:** To Seneca Park Zoo on Wednesday, October 14 with Mrs. Fernaays. Leaving school around 9am – please bring a bag lunch. DRIVERS NEEDED.

## Fifth & Sixth Grade

**Take-home folder:** Each week, your child will bring home a form with grades from the major tests and projects of the previous week listed.

Please look over this form, initial it, and have your child return it on Wednesday.

**Auction Basket:** Our class has chosen a Disney theme for our basket. Mrs. Snelling will pick up items while her family visits Orlando this week. Students are asked to contribute either \$5.00 or Disney items.

**Computer Lab:** Students are creating a PowerPoint presentation about themselves. They will need pictures of their family members, friends and themselves. The easiest way to do this would be for them to save picture files on their memory sticks, but digital pictures may also be emailed to me ([jrachow@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](mailto:jrachow@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com)) or saved to a DVD. Prints of pictures may also be sent in and I will scan them on the copier.

**Bible:** This week we will look at Abraham. Our unit memory work is Psalm 78:1-4.

**Reading:** Students should continue reading their book for September's book report. This report will consist of filling out a form listing basic components of a story. The form will come home tomorrow and will be due Oct. 8.

**History:** We will look at the Assyrian and Babylonian cultures.

**Spelling:** Practice test on Wednesday, final test on Friday.

**Math: Grade 5:** Our topics this week include patterns in numbers and strategies for adding and subtracting with mental math.

**Grade 6:** We look at order of operation, mental math strategies, and problem solving.

**Spanish 5/6** We will be studying the pronunciation of Spanish letters, specifically the vowels, and words. We will meet on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Students should bring a folder to class in which they can store papers for Spanish class.

**Upcoming Field Trip:** To Seneca Park Zoo on Wednesday, October 14 with Mrs. Fernaays. Leaving school around 9am – please bring a bag lunch. DRIVERS NEEDED.

**Wish List:** Empty ice cream bucket to use for collecting compost materials in our room

Curtains for the classroom (please see/call me first)

Paint and/or painters to touch up the students desks

## Seventh & Eighth Grades

**History:** We will be discussing the growth of the United States after the Civil War.

**Spanish 1A (7<sup>th</sup>)** This week we will continue study of how Spanish words are divided into syllables and how to determine which syllable is stressed. There will be a quiz on Tuesday. Then we

move on to study of the formal and informal forms of address.

**Spanish 1B (8<sup>th</sup>)** We have begun study of family vocabulary and some possessive adjectives. The verb hacer will be presented this week and there will be a quiz on the six forms of this verb, on Tuesday or Wednesday.

**Bible:** We continue our unit on Esther this week. Students should work on memorizing Mark 8:35-37 and also on their journal entries. Both will be due next week, Tuesday

**Ninth Grade**

**Spanish 2 (9<sup>th</sup>)** We are continuing review of people nouns, common descriptive adjectives, adjective position, and the use of the verb ser.

**Global Studies** We will be discussing the Reformation this week.

**Bible:** This week we will look at results of the Fall and also start an outline of Genesis.

**Tenth Grade**

**Bible:** This week we will look at results of the Fall and also start an outline of Genesis.

**Spanish 3 (10<sup>th</sup>):** We are continuing review of people nouns, common descriptive adjectives, adjective position, and the use of the verb ser.

**Global Studies:** We will be discussing the Reformation this week.

**Library News:**

Books can be checked out from the library on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Videos and DVD's will be checked out on Thursday afternoons. Please return the materials the following Tuesday. Books can be renewed as necessary. In order to eliminate the loss of library books, please designate a place for them and keep them there when not reading them. Thank you very much.

**Band**

If you would like to honor or remember a loved one through the gift of music, please consider donating one of these pieces for our Christmas Concert on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Your dedication will appear in the concert program now and each time your piece is played in the future. Let the office know which piece you would like to purchase or donate towards. Thank you!

**Band:** I'll Be Home for Christmas.....\$55.00

The Angels Mix.....\$45.0

**Jazz Band:** Rock on Merry Gents.....\$36

Swingle all the Way.....\$40

**Choir:** Joyful, joyful (gospel version)....\$36

In the Bleak Midwinter (paired w/ Pachelbel's Canon) \$39

Little Star (for girls' choir).....\$39

Do you have an **acoustic guitar** in your home which you don't use? The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade class would like to study guitar, but we need 17 of them. If you can lend one for a few months, please let Mrs. Cornwell or the office know. Thank you so much!

**Band lessons this week:**

Tues. 9:00 Kayla 9:30 Kaitlyn 10:00 Garrett 10:45 Jessica 11:15 Karen 12:40 Amber

Wed. 8:30 Jonah 9:00 Michelle 9:30 Katie 10:00 Claire

Thurs. 9:00 Hannah St. 9:30 Genesis, Devin, 10:00 Jaelyn 10:30 Caitlin, Carolyn

Fri. 8:30 Amanda 9:00 Brian 9:30 Hunter 10:00 Alyssa 2:00 Ben

Next Mon.: 9:00 Josiah 9:30 Drew 10:00 Emilee 10:30 Noah

**Donations Wanted**

Do you have scrap metal, old auto, motorcycle or lawnmower batteries or old appliances laying around just looking for a place to call home? EPCS will take them off of your hands, as we can recycle these items for cash, which will go to the school. Please call Edison O'Brien at 331-4622 if you can help out. Thank you.

**Circle News**

**Hot Lunch:** This week will be Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, veggies & Dip and dessert.

**Workers:** Maggie Cosh, Sadie O'Brien and we could use one other volunteer. Please call Maggie ASAP if you can help - 1-585-396-2093

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Hot Lunch Program. If you are available from 10:00 am - 1:30pm on a Wednesday, we'd love to have you join us! We will form teams to cover each Wednesday of the month. We need leaders, helpers, and dessert bakers. Please call Maggie Cosh if you are interested.

The weekly price for hot lunch year will be \$1.75. If you are able, please pay \$14.00 for 8 lunches, or you may send in \$70.00 at the beginning of the year to cover all lunches for the school year.

**Circle Items**

**Target \$\$\$ for EPCS**

Did you know that, if you register with the education program at Target, each time you use your Target VISA card at one of their stores, EPCS receives 1% of your purchase price? Also, if you use their card on any other store that accepts VISA, the school receives 1/2% of your purchase price. Register now to earn dollars for scholars!

## **St. Pauly Donations**

Please continue supporting EPCS and the St. Pauly Mission by bringing in your unwanted clothing linenes, and stuffed toy items, and dropping them into the dropping them into the drop off shed in the school paring lot. This a great way to help the school with minimal effort involved:

### **Items accepted:**

All clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys.

(Your donations **will not** be cut up or shredded)  
(Please...**NO** rags, fabric scraps, pillows, toys or household goods, **please understand that the above unwanted items are hardship and expense to dispose of.**

## **St. Pauly Mission:**

St. Pauly is locally owned company and a member of the Better Business Bureau. Their mission is to get USEABLE clothing to people who can use it, here in the U.S. and 3<sup>rd</sup> World Countries.

**\*\* Help us keep your donation clean and dry. \*\***

If possible, please put clothing in plastic bags.

Thanks.

## **Items needed year round**

**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.

## **Items available year round**

**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.

**Items for Sale:** Book Sox, Mints, Water Bottles, Cookbooks, Napkins, Cards, Rada Cutlery, Comfort Kits and Fleece hats and Scarves. Check with one of the secretaries and they can show you the selections we have available.

**Buy-A-Brick:** If you've been thinking about purchasing a brick to honor, or in memory of a loved one, please contact Sue Priem at 597-5420 for information.