

# 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.*

## Monday, December 7, 2009

### EPCS Christmas Program

Thanks to all of you who attended the annual EPCS Christmas Program! Wow! A SRO audience! Thank you for your support of our endeavors. I pray we were encouraged to celebrate and be thankful!!! Our God is good!

### EPCS JV Volleyball

The first ever EPCS JV Volleyball team will be competing on Friday, December 11 at the Toronto District Christian High School JV Tournament. (I taught at TDCH before I came to EPCS). The team will be competing with other Christian schools and some public schools in this Tier II tournament. The Tier I tournament is on Saturday—we are not part of that—and includes more skilled teams. We look forward to playing some great volleyball, developing positive friendships, and glorifying God on, and off, the court!

On Thursday evening the team will be lodging at the home of good friends of mine in Waterdown, Ontario, and will commence play at 9:15 am on Friday. We hope to be back at EPCS later on Friday evening.

Thanks to the EPCS Circle for financing a part of our tournament entrance fee!!

Please pray for health, good spirits, positive attitudes, good traveling weather and safe travels, great on-court play, and for God's Holy Spirit to guide and direct us to do God's will. kv

### Service of Lessons and Carols

Please plan to attend the **EPCS High School Service of Lessons and Carols, Thursday, December 17**, at 7:15pm, a tranquil, intimate evening of Scripture reading, carol singing, and quiet reflection. There will be a free-will offering.

## **EPCS Calendar**

### Monday, December 7, 2009, Day F

Girls JV VB Practice till 4:30 pm

### Tuesday, December 8, 2009 Day A

Girls JV VB Practice till 4:30 pm

### Wednesday, December 9, 2009, Day B

Hot Lunch

Boys BB Practice until 4:45 pm

### Thursday, December 10, 2009, Day C

Girls JV VB Practice till 4:00 pm

Leave for Toronto @ 4 pm

### Friday, December 11, 2009 Day D

Pizza Sale

Boys BB Practice until 4:45 pm

### Monday, December 14, 2009, Day E

Boys BB practice until 4:45 pm

## **And Beyond:**

Thursday, Dec. 17 Service of Lessons and Carols  
Wednesday, Dec 23 Noon Dismissal  
Monday, Jan 4 Back to school—full day  
Friday, Jan 8 Geography Bee

## **Boy's BB Game Schedule**

1/7 at Destiny  
1/14 at RHS (Rochester Homeschool)  
1/21 Home vs. St. Paul  
1/25 at RSD (Roch. School for the Deaf)  
1/28 Home vs. Destiny  
2/1 Home vs. RHS  
2/8 at St. Paul  
2/11 Home vs. RSD

## **EPCS Website**

Especially middle and high school students/families, feel free to check out the EPCS website, and click on "Teachers"!

## **School Cleaning**

**M** – Butterfield Family  
**T**- Lamar Family  
**W**- Wieber Family  
**T** – Brennan Family  
**F** – Stenzel Family  
**Mon. 12/14** – Paid

If you need keys to clean after hours, please let the office know so that we can make arrangements for you to get keys. Thank you!

## **Geography Bee**

The 5-8 graders of EPCS will participate in a geography bee again this year. The actual bee will occur the afternoon of January 8, but it would be very helpful if students start preparing now. Two useful websites are:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee/>  
[http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web\\_games.htm](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/web_games.htm)

## **Mark Your Calendars**

The date for the **Progressive Dinner** is Saturday, January 23rd. Appetizers at the Morgan's, Soup and Salad at the VanCamp's, Main Entree' at the school hosted by the Butterfield's and Julie O'Dell and Dessert at the Priem's. Please call Julie O'Dell (1-315-548-2483) to make reservations. Thanks!

## **Kindergarten & Preschool**

**Math** – Counting, reading, and writing numbers 18-31. We will also preview skip counting by 2s and 5s, and estimating.

**ELA** – Letters W and X, and we continue with our Zoo-Phonics program to help us learn the

letter sounds. We are also learning sight words and blending sounds to create words.

**Bible** – Jacob and Joseph

**Social Studies** – Communities

**Science** – Solid, liquid, and gas. We will be doing a few experiments with freezing (solid) and melting (liquid) water.

## **Reminders:**

-Gym Wednesday

-W & X Show and Tell Wednesday

## **First & Second Grade**

**Bible:** We are starting to learn about the coming of Christ and the Christmas Story. Our memory verse is Luke2: 8-20. We will be splitting this verse up so make sure that you check your child's folder for the part we will memorize this week.

**Spelling:** All groups will have spelling test this week. Be on the look out for homework. If the homework paper is misplaced the words are on the website.

**Math:** The second graders are starting to learn about adding tens and ones and place value. The first graders are continuing to learn about strategies for addition and subtraction.

**Social Studies:** We are continuing to learn about Christmas through history. This week we are going to learn about Christmas during the Great Depression and during the Victorian Era.

**Science:** We are continuing to learn about water.

**Field Trip:** We will be going to the George Eastman House on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Cost will be \$3 each and drivers are needed!!!!!!

## **Third & Fourth Grade**

**Spelling:** List 10 is being sent home today. Test will be on Friday.

**Bible:** We will be starting to learn about Abraham

**Social Studies:** We will be continuing to look at people moving into communities.

Have a great week! ☺

**Math: Grade 3:** Test on Wednesday over adding and subtracting three digit numbers.

**Grade 4:** We will continue reviewing multiplication facts.

## **Fifth & Sixth Grade**

**Bible:** Our new memory work is Psalm 8. This week we will start a unit over the poetry books (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes.)

**Reading:** We finish with literature circles this week.

**History:** Students are finishing their Egypt posters. If they aren't finished during class time by

Friday, students will need to do some of the work at home.

**Spelling:** Regular spelling tests this week. We are doing Unit Ten this week. It may be viewed on my page on the school's website.

**Math: Grade 5:** The test over multiplying whole numbers and decimals will be tomorrow. Our next unit is about division.

**Grade 6:** We will do some review work early this week and will hopefully have the test over multiplication, division, exponents, and scientific notation by Thursday. Our next unit is about fractions.

**Spanish 5/6** We meet today, Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will review the nouns that were introduced in the last two sessions and do some drills to make sure that students know these nouns. The next time we meet, December 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a quiz on these nouns. Students should bring their folders and a writing instrument to class.

### Seventh & Eighth Grades

**Health:** We are going to the Adult Daycare at Newark Hospital from Noon to 2:30pm. **We need a minimum of 3 drivers for this trip to be possible.** Please call the office, or Mrs. Fernaays directly at 315-576-8558 to sign up. Thank you.

**Bible:** We started a unit over Deborah and Surviving Expectations today. Many students have not turned in their journal entries from the Jacob unit. Please ask your student if his/hers is turned in. The new assignment is posted on my page on the school's website and is due next week Tuesday. The memory work is Matthew 11:28-30.

**History:** We will be having an open book test on Tuesday and moving on to the Progressive Era. I will also be sending home a copy of the homework guidelines for both you and your child to sign and then return to me. This is so I know they have shown it to you. I gave the students a copy at the beginning of the year, but I am not sure all parents have seen it.

**Spanish 1A (7<sup>th</sup>)** This week, students will be taking a test on Unit One. Monday we will complete the listening part, Tuesday, vocabulary; Thursday, structure; Friday, Speaking.

**Spanish 1B (8<sup>th</sup>)** We have started work on Unit 6, Lesson 1. There will be a quiz on the verb pedir on Wednesday. Students will also be assigned a composition on 'money'. This will be due on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, even if class doesn't meet that day!

The **field trip** to the Beckens' apple farm will take place in the Spring. I want to thank the mothers who have offered to transport the students there. I'll be in touch!

### Ninth Grade

**Global Studies:** Chapter 16 test will be on Thursday.

**Bible:** We will continue a study of the Toledoth of Terah. Test over the books of the Old Testament on Wednesday.

### Spanish 9/10

**Spanish 2:** The Spanish 2s have begun study of Unit 2, Lesson 1. There will be a quiz on the verb conocer for the 2As on Wednesday, and for the 2Bs on Thursday.

**Spanish 3:** Sarah is working on the geography of Spain. There will be an oral quiz on this material on Tuesday or Wednesday.

### Tenth Grade

**Global Studies:** Chapter 16 test will be on Thursday.

**Bible:** We will continue a study of the Toledoth of Terah. Test over the books of the Old Testament on Wednesday.

### Band/Chorus

#### **Band lessons this week:**

**Tues.** 8:30 Jessica 9:00 Amelia 9:30 Garrett 12:40 Claire

**Wed.** 8:30 Katie 9:00 Michelle, 9:30 Jaelyn 10:00 Carolyn, Caitlin 12:40 Hannah Sn. 1:30 Karen 2:00 Jonah

**Thur.** 8:30 Amber, 9:00 Brian 9:30 Devin 10:00 Genesis **12:40 Band and Jazz band leave for Newark Hospital**

**Fri.** 9:00 Amanda & Cathryn 9:30 Alyssa 10:00 Ben, Paul & Garrett 10:30 Will 2:00 Hunter

**Next Mon. 12/14** 8:30 Noah 9:00 Kaitlyn 9:30 Drew 10:00. Josiah 10:30 Emilee

**Thank you** for your wonderful musical effort on Friday night! You represented yourselves well, and gave glory to God. Congratulations to all! Thanks also to everyone who baked treats, served, and cleaned up afterwards. It was a great community event.

**The Band and Jazz band** will be traveling to Newark hospital on Thursday during band time. **Drivers are needed if this trip is going to be possible**, so please call the office if you can drive. We will leave school at 12:45 and return before 2:00. You do not have to have a child in band to drive. Thanks!

### Circle News

**Hot Lunch** this week will be sloppy joes, tater tots, veggies and dip and dessert. Helpers are Maggie Cosh, Brian Collom and Laura Boss.

**Candy Bars:** The Gertrude Hawk candy bar sale will be an optional fundraiser this year. If you would like to sell candy bars, and you weren't

able to pick them up at Friday's concert, they are available in the office. If you need additional boxes, they are in the office as well. Please remember to sign your boxes out before taking them home.

**Stevco Foods Pick-up will be Thursday, Dec. 17 between 2pm and 4pm only!!** You must pick up your items as we do not have the freezer space to keep them here at school. Call Lisa Butterfield if you have questions. 331-8157

**Ladies Night Out:** Because everyone's December is so busy, we have changed the date our next Ladies' Night Out to Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 7pm at the Corner Restaurant in Newark. Please call Lisa Butterfield (331-8157) to make your reservation.

### **EPCS Logo Items**

EPCS Logo items that were available at the auction are still available. T-shirts, hats, mouse pads, window stickers, car door magnets, tote bags, etc. Ask about them in the office.