

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, January 11, 2010

EPCS Boys Basketball

Please feel free to peruse the EPCS Boys Basketball schedule and familiarize yourself with their schedule. Let's get lots of us out to not only the home games, but also away games that are within distance. Players on the team are Hunter Beckens, Paul Dingman, Drew Winslow, Brian Ballesty, Kevin Collins, Ben Cosh, and Garret O'Dell. Have a great season guys! Represent your school (and your God) well!

Faculty Professional Development Day

Originally, Friday, January 15, 2010 was scheduled for a half day. Please take note that this day will be an all-day Professional Development Day and there will be no classes.

EPCS Letter

Sometime this week you will be receiving an EPCS Board letter, outlining the EPCS financial situation, and making some recommendations as to how you might be able to help. Please be on the look out for that correspondence and prayerfully consider how you may contribute to make the situation a positive one.

World Vision Offering

The World Vision offering for our World Vision child, Gerald, will now be held in each homeroom on Wednesday mornings at devotions time. Please remind your student that this offering will be taken at that time. Thanks.

EPCS Calendar

Monday, January 11, 2010 Day E

Boys BB Game at Pavilion—4 pm start

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 Day F

Boys BB Practice till 4:45 pm

Wednesday, January 13, 2010 Day A

Collection for World Vision Child--Gerald
Pajama Day for 7th/8th Graders
Hot Lunch--Noon

Thursday, January 14, 2010 Day B

Thursday Pizza Sale
Boys BB @ Roch Home School—4 pm start
EPCS Board Meeting—7 pm

Friday, January 15, 2010

Professional Development Day—No School
Faculty/Staff Luncheon at 11:30am

Monday, January 18, 2010,

Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Day—No School

Tuesday, January 19, 2010, Day C

Boys BB practice until 4:45 pm

And Beyond:

Saturday, Jan 23 Progressive Dinner
Friday, Feb. 12 7th/8th Grade Pasta Dinner
Thursday Feb. 25 EPCS Open House 7-8:30pm
Mon-Fri, March 8-12 Young Artists' Festival

Annual Faculty/Staff Luncheon

Our annual staff luncheon will be held this **Friday, January 15, during the teacher's conference day.** The Circle committee is looking for 1 or 2 people to help set up and serve from 9:30am to 1:00pm, or if you'd like to prepare a dish, we need: 2 pans of lasagna, 2 green salads, rolls or Italian bread, a fruit or jello salad, and 2 desserts. Please plan to drop food by 10:00am. Call Lisa Butterfield (331-8157) to sign up.

Boy's BB Game Schedule (revised)

All games begin at 4pm unless otherwise noted.

Thur. Jan 21 Home vs. St. Paul

Mon. Jan 25 Home vs. Rochester Homeschool

Thur. Jan 28 @ Rochester School for the Deaf

Mon. Feb 1 Home vs. Pavilion

Tues. Feb 9 Home vs. Rochester Sch. for the Deaf

Thur. Feb 11 @ St. Paul

Young Artists' Festival

YAF will be held from March 8-12. Please see the enclosed flyer for important information.

EPCS Website

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

School Cleaning

Mon. – Morgan Family

Tues. – Paid

Wed. – Beckens Family

Thurs. – Brennan Family

Fri. – VanCamp Family

Tues. 1/19 – 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!

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!

Warm Clothing Drive

If you received a new warm clothing item for Christmas or have outgrown your warm clothes (coats, sweaters, hats, mittens, snowpants, etc) please consider donating them. It's hard to imagine that there are local students, and students in the Rochester area who do not have warm clothes to wear. Please bring your donation to the EPCS

Office and it will be given to a local needy family or sent to the Open Door Mission.

Adopt a Bill

Winter is synonymous with large bills, which causes everyone's budget to get tighter. Our school is no different. Please look at the list of bills and prayerfully consider if you may be able to help in any way.

Q's Lawn and Landscape (plowing)- **\$ 900.00**

Screen Vision Direct - **\$156.00**

Casella – Garbage & Recycling - **\$111.00**

Toshiba Copier - **\$165.75**

Time Warner - **\$133.04**

Town of Palmyra – water - **\$2,098.22**

Donations of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper are always appreciated (20lb weight, 92 or 96 brightness).

Please specify adopt a bill with your donation and remember that all gifts are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

Kindergarten & Preschool

Math – Measurement

ELA –We continue to focus on phonemic awareness. We are also reading and learning about shadows.

Bible – Moses & the Plagues

Social Studies – Earning money

Health – Reporting emergencies and review of fire safety

We will also be working to memorize our phone numbers and addresses. Please review these with your child at home.

First & Second Grade

Bible: We are continuing to learn about Jesus' early ministry. Our memory verse for this week is Matthew 4:19.

Spelling: Both grades will have spelling this week. Be on the look out for homework. We will have our spelling test on Thursday because there will be no school for students on Friday.

Math: The first graders will be starting to learn about subtraction. The second graders are going to be learning adding and subtracting patterns and the parts of 100.

Social Studies: We are continuing to learn about our country and the holidays we celebrate.

Science: We are going to learn about measuring temperature. We will also start learning about air.

Reminder: Students do not have school on Friday. This is a teacher development day. We also do not have school next Monday due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Third & Fourth Grade

Spelling: Lesson 14 lists will be sent home today.

Bible: Please remember to send in a shoebox for our project. Each student will be creating a diorama. If you don't have a shoebox please let me know.

Social Studies: We will be continuing to learn about different customs

Math: Grade 3: We will work on, elapsed time, using a calendar and using tally marks (in preparation for graphing) this week.

Grade 4: This week we will focus on multi-step problems and working with variables.

Fifth and Sixth Grade

Bible: Test over our memory work, Psalm 8 on Thursday. This week we will look at the psalms of penitence.

Reading: We will read an article in readers called "The Island of the Bulls." It explores the early Greek civilization.

Students are reading a biography for their homework book report, and should start thinking about what they will wear (costume) when they present their report to the class.

History: We continue a unit about the Ancient Greeks.

Spelling: Because this week and next are shortened weeks, we will spread out one unit over the two weeks. Our practice test will be on Thursday of this week and the final test will be late next week. Our unit is Unit 13, which may be downloaded from my page on the EPCS website.

Math Grade 5: We will look at rules for divisibility, prime and composite numbers, working with remainders, and possibly start on order of operations.

Grade 6: Our topics are equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions, benchmark fractions, and possibly start converting fractions to decimals.

Spanish 5/6: We meet Tuesday, January 12th. I will return the quizzes. Students will learn ten more nouns. Students should bring their folders and a writing instrument to class.

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Pasta Dinner: Parents please mark your calendars for Friday, February 12 for our annual pasta dinner. An e-mail AND a flyer will be coming to you this week.

Bible: We will continue learning about Moses. There will not be a test for this unit. The unit grade will be based on the quality of worksheets that we are completing in class and an in-class journal entry. Please continue filling out

your Christian service reports. The quarter ends Jan. 22, and the reports are due on the 21st.

Spanish 1A (7th) All went well with the quiz on Friday. Thank you, parents, for your support. There will be a quiz on the 'little words' on page 54 this week and then we will start Lesson 2. Students will learn six more –ar verbs and how to say s/he travels, swims, doesn't visit, doesn't dance, etc.

Spanish 1B (8th) There will be a quiz on the forms of all stem-changing verbs tomorrow, Tuesday. On Thursday, there will be a quiz on the meanings of these verbs. The rough draft of the compositions will be returned to students today, Monday, and the final draft will be due on Thursday. These compositions are weighted double for averaging purposes and are a major building block for the writing exercises required on the Proficiency exam in June.

Extra, Extra! The Piñata party went well last week. Cassidy McKaig broke the piñata. Thanks to Steve Marsille for coming to take pictures!

History: We will continue to look at the Progressive Era.

Ninth and Tenth Grade

Bible: We will look at the stories of Jacob and Esau.

Spanish 2: There will be a quiz on the beach vocabulary and saber vs. conocer this week.

Spanish 3: Sarah will review irregular verbs in the preterit, and have a quiz on those forms.

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Global: Test will be on Thursday.

Band

Lessons Tues: 8:30 Amber, Alyssa 9:00 Jessica, Karen 9:30 Hunter 10:00 Caitlin, Carolyn 10:30 Kaitlyn

Wed: 8:00 Josiah 8:30 Hannah Sn. 9:00 Jonah 9:30 Hannah St. 10:00 Kayla 12:40 4/5 BAND 1:20 Brianna 1:40 Michelle 2:00 Jaelyn

Thurs: 8:30 Katie 9:00 Amelia 9:30 Genesis 10:00 Cathryn, Amanda 10:30 Devin 10:50 Claire

Music donations: Earlier in the fall, the 7/8 music class surveyed their parents and grandparents, and themselves, about their favorite pieces of music. When the results were compiled, we were able to see many repeats on the list of favorites. I have chosen band music for the next concert based on these top favorites. If you would like to donate a piece of music in honor or memory of a loved one, please let the office know. Thank you!

Concert band

King of Rock and Roll... \$50

4th & 5th grade band

Beethoven for Band	\$45
What a Wonderful World	\$45
Hallelujah Chorus	\$40
Eye of the Tiger	\$45

The **7/8 guitar class** is need of 4 more guitars for short-term loan. Please let Mrs. Cornwell know if you can help fill this need!

4th & 5th grade band begins rehearsing on Wed. Jan. 13th at 12:40-1:20.

Solo fest participants, please practice with especially great enthusiasm!

Circle News

Hot Lunch this week will be Spaghetti, bread, veggies and dip and pudding for dessert. Workers will be Maggie Cosh, Brian Collom and Laura Boss.

Candy Bar sale is still ongoing. Please continue to sell your candy bars and return your money to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

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.

Donations Wanted

Do you have scrap metal, old auto, motorcycle or lawnmower batteries or old appliances lying 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. This cash will go towards the school. Please call Edison O'Brien at 331-4622 if you can help out. Thank you!

Young Artists' Festival

Week of March 8-12, 2010

Information Sheet

The Young Artists Festival (YAF) at East Palmyra Christian School is a much-anticipated event. The goal is to use our gifts and talents for God's glory, and to share them with each other. The festival has three parts, including an arts and crafts display, individual and group performances, and workshops.

Artwork Display: Students display up to three original works of art, crafts, or writings. Students may enter work that they have completed as class work, but are also encouraged to plan and enter pieces that they complete at home. They may display projects using (but not limited to) paint, drawing, clay, photography, wood, cloth, or other media. We discourage the use of Legos, especially in the upper grades. **Students should bring in their artwork on or before Mar. 5.** The following week, usually on Monday or Tuesday, students and staff vote for their favorite pieces. Artists in the EPCS community also judge the work. Parents who stop by on those days may also be asked to vote. ☺

Performances: Students may prepare and present musical or other types of performances. In the past, we've had instrumental and vocal music, both by individuals and groups, poem and Scripture recitations, dance and gymnastic performances, and even a unicycle routine. Selections may come from a wide range of styles, but should reflect Philippians 4: 8 "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." **Sign-up forms should be completed and turned in by Feb. 12.** Participants perform for their peers on Wednesday, Mar. 10 and before judges on Thursday, Mar. 11. Some selections will be presented during an evening performance on Mar. 12.

Workshops: Students participate in two art or craft workshops on the afternoon of Mar. 12. Many parents and other community members, as well as teachers, present a wide variety of workshops. If you are available, we can use you! If you have ideas for workshops, please send an email or note to the office or your student's teacher. This is a great way to get to know your school community better.

Please encourage your student to start planning now. The YAF will be here before you know it!!!

