

# Through Our School Door

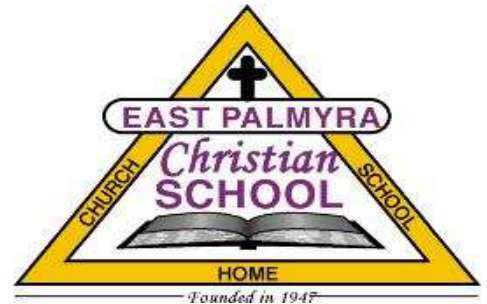
## East Palmyra Christian School

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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, February 1, 2010

### God Loveth Adverbs (from Devotional by Philip Yancey)

The Puritans wisely sought to connect all of life to its source in God, bringing the two worlds together rather than dividing them into sacred and secular. They had a saying, "God loveth adverbs; and careth not how good, but how well." Adverbs describe verbs—our words of action and activity. The proverb implies that God cares more about the spirit in which we live than the concrete results.

Pleasing God doesn't mean that we must busy ourselves with a new set of "spiritual" activities. As the Puritans said, whether cleaning house or preaching sermons, shoeing horses or translating the Bible, any human activity may constitute an offering to God.

We spend much time immersed in the mundane. "But we have the mind of Christ," Paul reminds us (1 Cor. 2:16). That truth is to guide everything we do. Caring for an elderly parent. Cleaning up after a child. Sitting on the porch with a neighbor. Fielding a customer's complaint. Filling out patients' charts at a nurses' station. Sitting in traffic. Reporting tips. Shopping for groceries.

We need faith and the mind of the Lord Jesus to recognize something of lasting value in even our most ordinary tasks.

*In the common round of duty  
lift thy heart in praise;  
For the Lord has surely promised  
strength for all thy days. --Tovey*

**The world crowns success; God crowns faithfulness.**

### A Word from Our Treasurer

As I sit here in the office and wonder where the future of the school is going, I become a little disappointed in myself for doubting that things will work out. "Ask and you shall receive."

It's hard not to get discouraged, while numbers are so cold, and the realness of our dilemma sits on my computer screen, staring at me everyday, feeling that our school community doesn't understand how much we need its support. But we know we have a caring school family, and when I open a piece of mail to find that a family wants to Adopt-a-bill for the remainder of the year, or how our tax bill receipt has the words "Anonymous Payer" written on it, then I am delighted in the Lord, and at the same time a bit ashamed for not trusting.

Thank you to all families who have helped over the years, and who continue to help. Please pray and ask the Lord where He would have you help. It is so important at this time, from this finance person's point of view. We struggle, and we need your prayers most of all.

When you pray for EPCS, keep all the little (and not-so-little) children in your thoughts, as they will one day care for you, too.

I would like to thank families for their promptness with tuition payments, and everyone contributing to "Adopt-a-bill," and those "put it where it is needed" donations! I Thessalonians 5:17

Thank you  
Holly Gardner

### **World Vision/Haiti Offering**

The student body at EPCS will be sending some \$582 to World Vision for Haiti Relief. The check was sent on Thursday. Thanks to the EPCS Student Council for organizing the fundraising Bake Sale, to the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade and the 9<sup>th</sup>/10 grade classes for their generous donations of \$200 and \$50 respectively, for the students who gave at Wednesday morning offerings, and for the donor who sent in a \$100 check. Please continue to pray for God's precious people in Haiti and by doing so, for all people around the world.

### **Pasta Dinner**

Please reserve the date of Friday evening, February 12, for the annual 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pasta Dinner. The menu will include Meat Lasagna, Cheese Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage. The children's menu will feature Penne Pasta with sauce. Tickets will be available from any 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grader or through the office. Prices are: 12 years and over - \$7.00, Ages 6-11 - \$4.00 and Immediate Family members, no more than \$30 per family. This looks to be another wonderful evening of delicious food, with proceeds going towards the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade fund. Please plan to be there! ☺

### **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Graders to Punxsutawney**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders are off with their teacher and parents to see if Phil will see his shadow tomorrow or not. Please pray for safety for this group as they experience the sights and sounds of Punxsutawney, PA!

## **EPCS Calendar**

### **Monday, February 1, 2010 Day F**

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders leave for Punxsutawney  
Boys BB HOME game with Pavilion CS 4 pm

### **Tuesday, February 2, 2010 Day A**

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> graders see Phil...  
Boys BB Practice till 4:45 pm

### **Wednesday, February 3, 2010 Day B**

Pajama Day  
Collection for World Vision Child—Godfrey  
Hot Lunch—Noon

### **Thursday, February 4, 2010 Day C**

Boys BB practice till 4:45 pm

### **Friday, February 5, 2010 Day D**

Friday Pizza Sale

### **Monday, February 8, 2010 Day E**

Boys BB AWAY at Roch Home School  
**3:45pm start (note change of time)**

### **Tuesday, February 9, 2010, Day F**

Boys BB HOME with RS Deaf—4 pm

### **And Beyond:**

Wednesday, Feb. 10 Ed. Comm. Mtg – 4pm  
Friday, Feb. 12 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pasta Dinner

Thursday Feb. 25 EPCS Open House 7-8:30pm  
Mon-Fri, March 8-12 Young Artists' Festival

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

Thur. Feb 11 @ St. Paul

### **Change for Education**

Change for Education drive will begin today and run through the month of February. Please save your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars for this event. The format will be the same as last year, with each class raising money for their own classroom.

### **EPCS Open House**

The East Palmyra Christian School will be holding an **Open House on Thursday, February 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Invite others to come see the campus, tour the classrooms, meet the teachers, and talk with other parents about the difference a Christian education can make in the life of their child. From preschool through high school, quality academic, fine arts and athletic programs will enrich their child, all within a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.

For more information, call the office or go to [www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](http://www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com),

## **School Cleaning**

**Mon.** - Paid

**Tues.** – Paid

**Wed.** – Wieber Family

**Thurs.** – Paid

**Fri.** – Van Camp Family

**Mon. 2/08** – Morgan Family

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!

## **Student Council News**

**Pajama Day:** Wednesday (Feb. 3) will be a pajama day. ☺

**Secret Valentine Week:** Students and staff will enjoy a week of exchanging secret valentines' treats during the week of Feb. 8-12. Boys have been paired with boys and girls with girls. Each day, students will give and receive small items, such as handmade bookmarks and magnets. Students in grades K-6 will make these in class for Monday through Thursday gifts. They are asked to bring in something (perhaps a card and a cookie) for Friday's gift. Older students are asked to make and give similar items. On Friday, the last gifts will be given and the givers will be revealed. Please limit the amount of the gifts to no more than a couple of dollars for the whole week.

## **Young Artists Festival – March 8-12**

Your student should bring home a sign-up paper for the workshop part of the YAF either today or tomorrow. Please help him/her fill it out and return it by Friday. Please also write on the bottom of the form if you are willing to help with a workshop.

## **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.

General donation of \$250.00 to be put towards any bill – **Thank You!**

Q's Lawn and Landscape (plowing)-**\$ 400.00**

**(\$500.00 donated – Thank You!)**

Screen Vision Direct - **\$156.00**

Toshiba Copier - **\$165.75**

Time Warner - **\$126.18**

NYSEG - **\$1,458.14**

**(\$1,000.00 donated- thank you!)**

E & V Energy - **\$390.00**

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

**THANK YOU!**

**Casella bills will be taken care of for the remainder of the school year. Thank you!**

We are running low on **copy paper**. There is a great sale at Staples this week if you can help out. Thank you. (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.

## **Finance News**

Tax receipts for 2009 donations will be sent out soon.

## **Kindergarten & Preschool**

**Math** – We continue with time concepts, specifically months, seasons, ordering events (first, next, last), and time of day (day/night). We will continue to review days of the week and how to use a calendar.

**ELA** –Long vowels, sounding out three-letter words, and the importance of the order of letters in a word.

**Bible** – The Israelites in the Desert

**Social Studies** – Needs: We need food, clothes, and shelter!

## **Reminders:**

Gym Wednesday

Show and Tell Wednesday

Bring in a cereal and shoe box

## **First & Second Grade**

**Bible:** We are continuing to learn about Jesus' early ministry. There will be no memory verse this week.

**Spelling:** All groups have spelling this week. Be on the look out for homework.

**Math:** Second graders are still learning about adding two digit numbers by two digit numbers. The first graders are finishing their unit on addition and subtractions. They will have a test on Wednesday. We will then start a unit on geometry and fractions.

**Science:** We are going to start to learn about the Sun, Stars, Moon and Earth. We are going to have fun pretending we are astronauts in space.

**Report Cards:** Report cards are coming home on Friday. Please return them to school by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Third & Fourth Grade**

**Punxsutawney Trip** today and tomorrow. Pray for safety and a good time for all.

**Math: Grade 3:** We will continue working with graphing this week.

**Grade 4:** We are starting a unit about time and graphing. This week we will look at different ways to tell time, different units of time, and elapsed

time. Our next unit, which we will probably start after winter break, is over multiplying one digit by two and three digit numbers. Since it would be VERY helpful to have most multiplication facts memorized, please encourage your child to work with flash cards every night and over the vacation.

### Fifth and Sixth Grade

**Assembly:** Our class is in charge of Assembly on Friday. Please feel free to join us.

**Math Grade 5:** We are working on dividing numbers by two digit divisors this week.

**Grade 6:** Our new topic is adding and subtracting with fractions.

**Bible:** We will share some of the psalms that we have written at assembly on Friday. This week, we will look at the Proverbs.

**History:** We continue a unit about the Ancient Greeks.

**Spelling:** Regular tests this week.

**Spanish 5/6:** We meet today, Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Ten new nouns will be presented. 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. Remember to sell your tickets!!! Please see Mrs. Beckens if you have questions. Thank you.

**Bible:** Journal entries are due on Thursday. Our current unit is about John. The memory work is I John 4:21-5:2.

**Spanish 1A (7<sup>th</sup>):** Students are learning how to ask questions to obtain information and how to answer yes/no questions. There will be a quiz on the interrogative words and their meanings this week. We have also added additional subjects and verb endings, and those will be on the quiz, also.

**Spanish 1B (8<sup>th</sup>):** Compositions are due on Tuesday. Students will be reviewing the material in Unit 6 and then they will have a five part unit test.

**Music:** The 7/8 music class will be finishing the guitar unit this week. If you lent us a guitar, please come and pick it up anytime after Tuesday. Thank you!

### Ninth and Tenth Grade

**Bible:** We will finish our look at the life of Joseph. Next, we will write the script for a puppet show about the patriarchs.

**Spanish 2:** Students are learning the names of pastimes and hobbies. We are reviewing how to say 'I like' and adding similar phrases. We are also reviewing how to express an opinion of concepts and activities as being interesting, dangerous, etc.

**Spanish 3:** Sarah will have a quiz on imperfect tense forms on Tuesday. Then she will review using the preterit and imperfect tenses together.

### Band Lessons

**Tues.** 8:30 Caitlin, Carolyn 9:00 Amber 9:30 Alyssa 10:00 Kayla

**Wed.** 8:00 Josiah 8:30 Hannah St. 9:00 Michelle. 9:30 Jaelyn. 10:00 Hannah Sn.

10:30 Jonah 12:40 4/5 BAND, 1:20 5<sup>th</sup> grade All county practice 2:00 Hunter

**Thurs.** 8:30 Genesis 9:00 Brianna 9:30 Devin 10:00 Katie 1:20 Jazz Band

**Fri.** 9:00 Amanda, Cathryn 9:30 Ben 10:00 Brian 10:30 Will **2:00 Claire**

**Next Mon.** 2/8 8:30 Noah 9:00 Jessica 9:30 Drew 10:00 Kaitlyn 10:30 Emilee

**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

#### 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade band

Beethoven for Band \$45

What a Wonderful World \$45

Hallelujah Chorus \$40

Eye of the Tiger \$45

### Jazz Band

Come Sail Away \$40

Jericho \$45

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### Circle News

**Hot Lunch** this week is Hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, veggies and dip, and dessert provided by Art Orlopp. Workers will be Lisa Butterfield, Sadie O'Brien, Dottie Holtz, Irene Webb and Art Orlopp

**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.

**Catering Request – we need your help!**

The circle has been asked to cater an event on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the EPCRC Church. We are still looking for donations of the following salads: Macaroni, Pasta **and** Desserts. If you can help in any way, please call Maggie Cosh at 1-585-396-2093 as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Circle Meeting** will be on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the School Library.

**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!