

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, May 3, 2010

EPCS Spring Concert—EPCS Bands

Join us for an evening of beautiful music presented by the
Bands of East Palmyra Christian School

Jazz Band, 4/5th Grade Band, Concert Band

Friday, May 7, 7:15 pm in the EPCS Gymnatorium

A free-will offering will be taken for the Music Fund

EPCS 7th – 10th Grade Pancake Breakfast & Dessert Auction – May 8th

(Great way to honor **Mom** - treat her to breakfast out and buy her a dessert!)

Saturday Morning, 8:30 am—10 am Breakfast

Hotcakes, Sausages, Syrup, Coffee, Juice

Reservations not needed, but preferred for planning purposes – Thanks!

Saturday Morning 9:30 am Dessert Auction

We are auctioning off Cakes, Pastries, Desserts!

Bud Beckens, Auctioneer par excellence

Join us for breakfast and auction!!

Take your checkbooks. ☺ Proceeds for EPCS Budget

Thursday Evening EPCS Town Hall-Style Meeting

Some time ago I visited my son. I hadn't seen him for quite a while. At one point he asked me the question people often ask each other in that often awkward introductory time, "What's new?" My response was the response people often give each other, "Not much." I suppose I wasn't very far off. The writer of Ecclesiastes says that there is nothing new under the sun. What's new? Not much.

So, here's the question, is there anything in your life that is new and has you excited?

In the New Testament, Jesus, in his comments to his disciples and other listeners said, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another." Actually, it is the only time Jesus uses the word "new," the most important "new" in the Bible. A new commandment... What's new? Love is what's new. Jesus' new commandment is the distinguishing mark of the Christian church, of the Christian community. The new commandment is new, and we are excited about it! To love as Jesus loves! It's always brand new! It's a new commandment! It's a new beginning.

And what does the love of the new commandment embrace? I suggest the following: sacrifice, patience, listening, bearing burdens, grace, trust, dreaming, peace—all the qualities exemplified by Christian community. The next time someone asks you, "What's new?" please feel free to answer them, "Love, love is new, a new commandment to love as Jesus loves. That is new, "

In so many ways, "What's new?" is defined in our EPCS community. On Thursday evening, for example, we spoke together of love and sacrifice (of digging deeper—in time, talents, and finances), of grace and of bearing each other's burdens (of establishing a scholarship fund to help needy families), of patience and listening and communicating (especially in times when we did not agree with each other), of trust (transparency in sharing our financial situation), and of dreaming (of brainstorming to improve finances). And, there were those who, when asked how they felt about the meeting, said, "We were invigorated." As EPCS members, we experienced Christian community—a new commandment. For some, it was a new beginning.

So, on Thursday evening, we followed the devotions of Psalm 23 and we practiced Jesus' new commandment as our God led us to the green pastures and still waters of our meeting. We were led to lie down in safety in our discussions, our listening, our brainstorming, our decision-making, our conversing, our financial presentations, and our support for each other. A new commandment in action. A new beginning.

So, what's new? Love is. Jesus new commandment is. We at EPCS are.

- ❑ It was decided that the EPCS community would not give up on EPCS!! When Board President Julie O'Dell asked the question, "How would you feel if EPCS was not there anymore?" one could sense the absolute reluctance for that ever to happen.
- ❑ It was urged that all parents encourage and help their students fill out as many Lap-a-thon pledge forms possible.
- ❑ There was a commitment that all EPCS community members research whether "Corporate Matching Funds" are available in their working establishments—one's company matches dollar for dollar one's donations to EPCS.
- ❑ Suggestions were made to hold "summer school"-style activities at EPCS during the summer months to keep the building occupied. Question: who will oversee this project?
- ❑ The 25% down payment in August is recommended, but if this is an impossibility for a family, this family should contact Ned Morgan or Julie O'Dell or Gary Butterfield to make adjustments.
- ❑ It was suggested that we set up a Craigslist account and sell items on-line. Question: who will be willing to oversee and run this?
- ❑ It was strongly suggested that each member, if they hadn't already done so, approach their respective church council/mission committee to suggest EPCS become their mission outreach.
- ❑ There was some discussion for and against using the EPCS building to establish a mortgage and address the school debt in that fashion.
- ❑ Everyone was urged to spread the message of EPCS to all persons they meet/know.
- ❑ Members were also urged to encourage their fellow churchgoers to come walk with us on Lap-a-thon Day!!

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- ❑ A donor made a donation of \$2,000 the next day after the meeting
- ❑ The EPCS 7th – 10th grade students and families will hold a Pancake Breakfast and Dessert Auction on Saturday, May 8—Pancake Breakfast at 8:30 am and The Dessert Auction to begin at 9:30 am.
- ❑ An EPCS Scrap Metal Drive will be held in the near future to raise money. If you have scrap metal of any kind, please call Ed O'Brien, or the school office at 597-4400
- ❑ A family offered to look after and pay for two weeks of Penny Saver advertising to advertise the EPCS Scrap Metal Drive.
- ❑ Several ideas were submitted the next day by several community members regarding cost-cutting, fundraising, and book-keeping.
- ❑ The Strategic Planning Committee met on Saturday morning to discuss short-term and long-term ideas for raising EPCS finances and present these to the Board.
- ❑ A new Spirit is present.

You are the members of the EPCS community, a community of saints, a new-commandment-in-action community, a flock that is God-led to lie down in safety.

What's new? Love is! EPCS is! When you see me, ask me "What's new?" When you see each other, ask each other, "What's new?" Our answer? Love is. EPCS is!

This is a new beginning!

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Lap-a-thon

The EPCS Lap-a-thon will be held on Friday, May 28!!! **Please fill in ALL your pledge sheets (and more)!** Our \$\$ budget depends on it! Thank you in advance. Note: If you put postage on your pledge sheets, that is tax deductible.

EPCS Calendar

<u>Monday, May 3, 2010 Day E</u> Track and Field Practice until 4:30 pm
<u>Tuesday, May 4, 2010 Day F</u> Education Committee Meeting—4 pm Track and Field Practice until 4:30 pm
<u>Wednesday, May 5, 2010 Day A</u> Collection for World Vision Child—Godfrey Hot Lunch
<u>Thursday, May 6, 2010 Day B</u> Track and Field Practice until 4:30 pm
<u>Friday, May 7, 2010 Day C</u> EPCS Band Concert 7:15 pm
<u>Saturday, May 8, 2010</u> Pancake Breakfast and Dessert Auction 8:30 am—Breakfast 9:30 am Auction
<u>Monday, May 10, 2010, Day D</u> Track and Field Practice until 4:30 pm

Enrollment Packets

Please turn in your enrollment packet information as **soon as possible** so we can begin to make plans for next year. Financial Aid packets are available in the office. ~Julie O'Dell, Board President.

Future HS Field Trip Invitation

The EPCS High School students are planning a trip to visit Stratford, Ontario, Canada, on June 5th and see the Shakespeare play "As You Like It," after which the students will spend the weekend in Toronto. Their invitation to you is to join them in Stratford at the play, after which we will have supper at a local Amish Restaurant. More information on this exciting trip will be forthcoming. Mark your calendar.

Red Cross Blood Drive

EPCS will once again be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive in our gym from 2pm – 7pm. Come out and save a life. One pint of blood will help 3 people. You can sign up by calling 1-800-REDCROSS (733-2767).

Committee Members Needed

The Promotion & Enrollment committee is looking for new members. If you can help out in ANY capacity, please contact the school at 597-4400.

And Beyond:

- Friday, May 14 Pig Roast 5pm-7:30 pm
- Saturday, May 15 Community Scrap Metal Pick-up day!!!!!!
- Friday, May 21 EPCS Choral Concert/Cinderella 7:15 pm
- Thursday, May 27 Annual Corp. Mtg 7:15pm
- Friday, May 28 EPCS Lap-a-thon
- Tuesday, June 1 T&F Meet—Sussex, NJ

School Cleaning

M – Morgan Family

T – Lockwood Family

W – Fisher Family

Th – Carol Rosati

F – Brenda Cramer

Mon. 5/10 – Webb 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!

Adopt a Bill

Budgets are tight right now. 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.

Screen Vision Direct - **\$156.00** (monthly item)

Toshiba Copier - **\$165.75** (monthly item)

Time Warner - **\$126.18** (monthly item)

E & V Energy - **\$585.00** (\$190.00 monthly item)

Q's Lawn and Landscape (plowing) **\$750.00**

Palmers. – **\$166.05**

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.

Track and Field Team members

\$4 fee needed this week! Our host schools at the Sussex, NJ Track and Field meet have divided up the cost of administering the meet among the participating schools, and have advised us that our part of that cost is \$4 per student. Some of you have already turned in your money - thanks! We need to send our fee in this week, so if the rest of you could turn in your \$ this week to Coach Marsille, that would be greatly appreciated! Please note that this is NOT the cost for travel and side trip to the meet - that will be figured out and announced later. This is just the cost for Meet facility rental, ribbons, supplies, etc.

Please fill in and return your
Lap-a-thon Pledge Sheets 😊

Athletes

Please check your closets and drawers for your uniforms from past seasons. I am missing quite a few, especially from soccer. Those that don't turn in their uniforms will be given a bill to purchase a new uniform. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kindergarten & Preschool

Math – We will be introducing addition vocabulary: plus sign and sum. The students will practice joining two parts together by using manipulatives and by drawing pictures.

Reading – To increase alphabet awareness, the students will be introduced to organizing a variety of sight words alphabetically.

Writing – The students will practice writing by responding to prompts in their alphabet journals.

Bible – Samson

Social Studies – We finish up our current unit by creating “Earth Books.”

Science /Health – Senses: Sight & Smell

Reminders:

- Gym Monday and Thursday
- World Vision Child Wednesday
- Show and Tell – 5

Pledge Sheets. Remember?

First & Second Grade

Bible: We are finishing our unit on the parables of Jesus. We are going to start to learn about the early church. Our memory verse this week will be Romans 8:31b-32.

Math: The second graders are continuing to learn about the hundreds. The first graders are finishing their unit on skip counting. The first graders will have a test on Thursday. Be on the look out for homework.

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

Field Trip: We are planning a trip to the Rochester Museum and Science Center and the Planetarium for June 1st. The cost will be \$8 per person. Check your schedules and see if you are able to come with us. I will need four other adults. More information will come home soon.

Reminder: Don't forget to fill out and turn in Lap-A-Thon sheets. The goal is to have 25 sheets turned in per student.

Third & Fourth Grade

Spelling: List 26 will come home either today or tomorrow.

Reading: We will be finishing up our current reading books.

Book Orders are due this Friday May 7th.

Have a great week. 😊

Math: Grade 3: We continue learning about division. This week, we will focus on dividing by 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Grade 4: We will review multiplying by 2 digit factors and will learn some problem solving strategies.

Lap-a-thon—May 28, Friday

Fifth and Sixth Grade

Math: Grade 5: We will look at quadrilaterals and congruent and similar figures. We will also do some problem solving.

Grade 6: We continue our study of ratios and will also look at proportions.

Bible: We finish our study of the prophets by looking at the various portraits of the Messiah presented by Isaiah.

History: We continue our study of the Roman Empire, but are also working on group PowerPoint projects that will show what civilizations we have studied so far this year. We finish our study of the Roman Empire either late this week or early next week.

Spelling: Regular tests this week.

Reading: Students should start their book for the last book report. They will have a free choice of genre for this report.

It's a-comin'.....

Seventh-Tenth Graders and Parents!!!!

Parents and students need to sign up to help with the breakfast and dessert auction. This is not an option! Your student should have received a yellow paper explaining what is required of you. We NEED workers AND bakers, and need to hear from you soon to make this a success. Please call Jill Beckens to sign up. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the office.

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Bible: Our unit is over Mary and Martha. The memory work is Psalm 100, and the test will be next week, Thursday.

Spanish 1A (7th): We are starting Unit 4

Spanish 1B (8th): Students should follow the assignment sheet.

Ninth and Tenth Grade

Bible: We watched the beginning of *The Ten Commandments* last Friday. We will watch a little more of the movie and will continue our study of Exodus this week.

Spanish 2: We are starting Unit 5

Spanish 3: Sarah will be practicing her speaking.

Soooooooooon....

Music

Musical: Main cast members in grades 7-10 will be traveling to Newark Middle School for a

Cinderella rehearsal **tomorrow (Tuesday)**. We leave school at 12:30, and return by 2:30. Drivers are needed, so please call the office or Mrs. Cornwell if you can help. Another rehearsal is scheduled for May 18th.

Band: The Spring Band concert is this Friday, May 7th, at 7:15 p.m. in our school gym. Concert band members need to be here at 6:30 for a rehearsal of Nicaea with our guest performers. Other band members should arrive by 6:50.

Concert Band members and family/alumni performers arrive at school at 6:30 p.m. Friday to practice for the concert.

Choir: Our spring musical is "**Cinderella's Glass Slipper.**" The performance date is May 21st, and the whole school is included in this fun production. Please mark the date on your calendar, and invite your friends!

Help is needed with costumes, set and refreshments. Please contact Mrs. Cornwell if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Lessons:

Tues. 8:30 Karen 9:00Amber 9:30 Emilee
10:00 Jessica 10:30 Noah 11:00 Claire
11:30 Amanda

Wed. 8:30 Cathryn 9:00 Jonah 9:30 Genesis
10:30 Kayla 12:40 Michelle1:20 Jaelyn 2:00 Katie

Thurs. 8:30 Amelia 9:00 Hunter 9:30 Brian
10:00 Will 10:30 Ben 12:40 4/5 Band, Jazz Band, Concert Band in the gym

Fri. 8:30 Hannah St. 9:00 Carolyn 9:30 Caitlin
10:00 Devin 2:00 Brianna

Circle News

Hot Lunch this week will be tacos, veggies & dip and dessert (provided by Sadie O'Brien). Workers will be Lisa Butterfield, Sadie O'Brien and Irene Webb.

Pig Roast: Please mark you calendars for Friday, May 14th for our Annual Pig Roast. Please see the enclosed Flier. More are available to post if you need them. We will need people to make desserts and cook salt potatoes. Please contact the office if you can help. Thank you!

EPCS Logo Items

EPCS Logo items 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!

Please remember our HUGE scrap metal pick up day Saturday, May 15th. Please call the school if you can donate scrap, help pick it up or have a truck to drive or let us borrow.

Our goal: \$20,000