

Through Our School Door

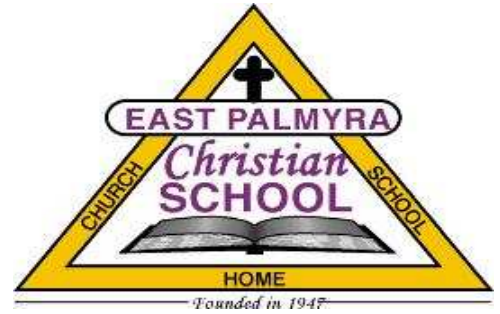
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EPCS School Theme 2010-11:

“And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8

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.

Friday, December 17, 2010

Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the faculty and staff at EPCS, the EPCS Board and Committees, I wish you God's richest blessings in this Christmas season, the celebration of our King's birth! May God surround you with God's presence. May God bless you and keep you. And may God's face shine upon you!

Season of Advent

This past Thursday evening our high schoolers, supported by EPCS staff and community members, presented a Festival of Lessons and Carols, celebrating the season of Advent and of Christmas. The group shared beautiful music with the audience, and together, we worshiped God in scripture readings, prayers, and song! Thanks to Mrs. Stephanie Mercer for accompanying the group on the piano!

Piano on Loan

As I reported at the EPCS All-School Christmas Program on December 3, our school piano is in the shop for repairs. As it turns out, the instrument is so old that many parts are broken, deteriorated, and on the way out. Unfortunately, parts are not available to replace broken and worn ones. We will investigate more in the next several weeks, whether there is any hope for our faithful piano.

In the meantime, the Nielsen family has allowed us to use a piano in the interim. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen of Syracuse, Mrs. Butterfield's mom and dad, have loaned us their piano until we secure another one, or until the old one is restored. Thanks so much, Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen, for your generosity, and also to Gary and Lisa Butterfield for arranging to have the instrument here in time for yesterday evening's program. We are grateful!

OK, so now the scouting begins for another school piano. I have researched a variety of makes and styles, and have settled on one in particular. Schools where I have taught in the past have had much success with the Yamaha P22, an institutional piano that is made specifically for schools and other music institutions. The Yamaha P22 has an excellent reputation as a sturdy piano, and yet, a piano that has an excellent touch and sound. I have seen this instrument (used) on craigslist for around \$2500. The P22 is not an electronic piano. Here's what I'm asking of you: please keep your eyes open for a Yamaha P22 or, for that matter, for sales of pianos from music institutions like Eastman School of Music, Hochstein School of Music, or local colleges and universities. These organizations recycle their instruments somewhat regularly to accommodate their budgets, and may have an instrument available for a reasonable price. We are not necessarily in a hurry, but I think we should begin the process! Let me know if you have any leads. :)

EPCS Calendar

Monday, December 20, 2010 Day A

Secret Pal Gift Program Begins--Small Item as Gift
Gingerbread House Making--Afternoon

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 Day B

Faculty Devotions 7:35 am
Secret Pal Gift Program--Small Item as Gift
Co-ed Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Wednesday, December 22, Day C

Secret Pal Gift Program--Small Item as Gift
Sub Slice Sale for Lunch
Co-ed Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 23, 2010 Day D

Caroling at DeMay Nursing Home--9:30 am
Secret Pals Identity Revealed--Gift Given
Class Christmas Parties
Noon Dismissal--Christmas break begins
EPCS Wear needs to be picked up

Friday, December 24 - January 2, 2010

Christmas Break

Monday, January 3, 2010 Day E

Welcome back!!!

And Beyond

Friday, Jan 7 Mr. Marsille at EPCHS
12:40pm

Magazine Sale

Monies/Orders Overdue!! Please get these in soon.

EPCS Wear

Orders for EPCS wear are in! If you ordered a purple zip front sweatshirt, your orders are postponed, but will be here by Dec. 23rd.

We have 4 full zip sweatshirts available in **RED** for \$20 each. There are 3 adult Mediums and 1 Adult Small. Please call the office if you are interested. **These NEED to be picked up by Thursday at noon...please!**

Christmas Caroling

We will be caroling at the DeMay Center in Newark on Thursday, December 23rd. The entire school will be going, and we will need lots of drivers. We will leave school at 9:10 and return about 10:45. Please call the office and let them know if you can drive and how many students you can transport.

Directory Correction

Please change Mrs. Admiraal's e-mail address to padmiraal@rochester.rr.com.

Sub Slice Sale

This Wednesday, rather than our pizza sale, we will be offering Ham or Turkey Sub Sections (3") for \$1 each. If your student wants to bring along chips and a dessert, for themselves they can, as these items will not be offered. We will still have milk available. They can order with their teachers on Monday. If you have a pizza account, this money will be deducted from that account as usual.

Thank You

Thanks to all of the generous bakers who have been providing treats for the staff. The yummy baked goods have been much appreciated.

Tissues Needed

With the cold weather here and the cold and flu season coming, we are running out of tissues in ALL classes. Please send a box of tissues in with your students soon. Thank you!

Student Council

Secret Pal Gift Exchange: We will be doing a secret gift exchange from December 20th to the 23rd. The Student Council will assign who you will be exchanging with. The first 3 days will be homemade gifts, such as a bookmark, ornament, card, etc. On Thursday the 23rd the students will reveal their identity with a gift costing no more than \$5.00.

Gingerbread Houses

Please send in candies to decorate the houses on Monday if you have not done so already. We will start at 12:40 on Monday. If helpers could come early to set up the gym, that would be great.

School Cleaning

M-Th: Paid

M-Jan 3: East Family

Should you need keys to clean after school hours, please let the office know, so that we can send them home with your student. Please remember to turn them back in the next morning.

Yearbook

Help!!! Sorry to sound like a broken record but we need MORE pictures for the yearbook. Please remember that it is very different this year from years past. Previously, Jane Ballesty did a wonderful job being at the school frequently to take pictures. This year we need more help because I am simply putting the yearbook together for publication. YOU are the photographers!!!

Thank you Mrs. Lent for the pictures you passed on to us. We need more! PLEASE don't let

them sit in your camera. Take the few moments to transfer them on a FREE cd located in the schools yearbook mail slot. TEACHERS and STAFF, please use the schools camera. If it is in the drawer it isn't doing the kids any good.

We have no pictures from any recent field trips. We need good GROUP pictures as well as candid shots. We'll take everything you have so we have a decent choice for the book. Thank you, in advance, for your help sharing in this project.

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Kindergarten and Preschool

Important Events to Remember:

Secret Pal Gift Exchange Monday-Thursday!

Monday afternoon we will be making gingerbread houses or cookies.

Thursday caroling at the DeMay Center - please send CARSEATS!!

Half day Thursday!

NO Show and Tell this week.

Word of the week: Christmas

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday! See you in the new year! ☺

Raz-Kids: We now have access to raz-kids.com, which will supplement our reading program! Informational sheets will be going home with instructions on how to access this at home for extra practice and reinforcement.

First and Second Grade

Reading/Social Studies: We will be completing our study of how others around the world celebrate Christmas.

Spelling: No spelling!

Bible: Christmas story and memory verses: Luke 2: 10-11, 13-14.

Math: Money unit and test is scheduled for Wednesday.

Other News: A note went home about our Christmas party. We will need drivers for the DeMay Center visit and you are welcome to stay for our party upon our return! Please let me know if you are able to help.

Also, each student received the Secret Pal name yesterday. Our gift exchange begins Monday. The first three days is a homemade gift. The reveal will be on Thursday with a gift exchange of no more than \$5.

Third and Fourth Grade

Spelling: We will be having spelling this week

Social Studies: We will be talking about Christmas in the colonial and pioneer times this month.

Reading: We will be reading Christmas books this month.

Other News: On Monday, December 20th the entire school will be making gingerbread houses in the afternoon. Please let me know if you would like to help with this project.

Have a Merry Christmas! ☺

We will be doing a school wide secret gift exchange through out the week of December 20th to the 23rd. The first 3 days will be homemade gifts, such as a bookmark, ornament, card, etc. The homemade gifts will be done in school. On Thursday the 23rd the students will reveal themselves with a gift costing no more than \$5.00.

Math: Grade Three: We continue leaning about graphs.

Grade Four: Our next unit is about time, so if your student doesn't regularly tell time at home, please review this. While we will do a quick review, most students will have mastered simple telling time and our focus will be on elapsed time.

Fifth and Sixth Grade

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Bible: We will spend some time looking at the Christmas story this week.

Math: Grade Five: Our new unit is over dividing with two digit divisors.

Grade Six: We are doing some preparation for working with fractions.

Reading: Book reports must be in by Wednesday.

Spelling: No tests this week.

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Sub Slice Sale: This Wednesday, rather than our pizza sale, we will be offering Ham or Turkey Sub Sections (3") for \$1 each. If your student wants to bring along chips and a dessert, for themselves they can, as these items will not be offered. We will still have milk available. They can order with their teachers on Monday. If you have a pizza account, this money will be deducted from that account as usual.

Bible: We continue learning about Nehemiah.

ELA: There are no spelling or vocabulary tests on Tuesday!

Answers to p. 654 are due on Tuesday.

Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Grade

Bible: We are doing projects on the Early Church and Christmas.

Band and Chorus

Lessons this week

Mon. 8:45 Connor, 9:15 Flutes, 10:00 Kayla, 10:25 Kaitlyn, 10:50 Liam

Tues. 8:45 Garrett, 9:15Karen, 10:00 Trisha, Caitlin.

Wed. 8:45 Leah, 9:15 Morgan, 10:00 Ian, 10:25 Hannah T., 10:50 Noah.

4th and 5th grade band begins the Friday after vacation, Jan.7, at 12:40.

Circle News

NO Hot Lunch – 7th/8th Grade Sub Slice Sale.

Gertrude Hawk: Gertrude Hawk candy bars are available in the school office. There are 48 per case and they sell for \$1 each. Please feel free to stop in and sign out a box to sell or send in a note if you would like us to send a box home with your child. Please send in your money as soon as possible. Thank you.

Pop Cans: Please bring in your rinsed empty pop cans for redemption.

Boxtops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels: Please bring in your boxtops for education tabs and the complete label from Campbell Soups. We get money for every one we send in.

Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges: We continue to collect old cell phones and used ink cartridges.

St. Pauly Clothing Box: Please continue to bring your used clothing to our St. Pauly shed located in the school parking lot. Please be sure your items are in plastic bags.

Reflections Boutique (behind McDonald's in Newark) accepts housewares and clothing for East Palmyra Christian School. Please place all items in bags and mark them for EPCS with our account number: 95018 clearly written on it. Thank you.

Donations Wanted

Do you have scrap metal, old auto, motorcycle or lawnmower batteries or old appliances lying around? EPCS will take them 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!