

Through Our School Door

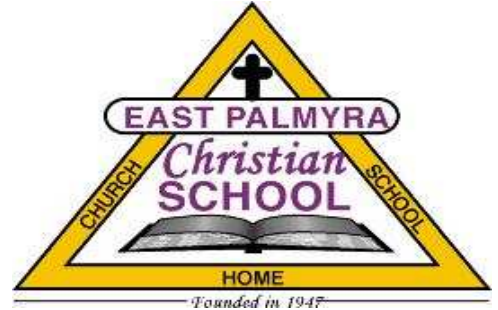
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EPCS School Theme 2011-2012:

“To equip God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” Ephesians 4:12

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 community and world.

Friday, November 18, 2011

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our annual fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 22 and 23. You should have received meeting dates and times by now. Please be on time for your conference. Also, please pray for positive interactions and God’s Spirit! We look forward to meeting with you! :)

“Bump-Set-Spike” Fun Fundraiser For Volleyball--You Are Invited!!

Mark your calendar for an evening of fun and entertainment--Tuesday, November 29 at 6:45 pm. The EPCS Girls Volleyball team will play a guest team, made up of adults--present and past EPCS parents and alumni--as a practice match, but also as a fundraiser for the volleyball trip to Toronto on December 1st and 2nd. The team will “pass the hat” at each of the games it plays, minimum of three games, so take your \$1s, \$5s, \$10s, and/or \$20s along. All money collected will help fund the team’s trip to the Toronto District Christian High School Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Our own resident whistle-blowing expert referee, Judy White, will officiate this extravaganza!! ***Come watch our EPCS Eagles VB Team in action!!***

Added to the chance of watching some great volleyball, audience members will be invited to watch or participate in other events as well, including a Spiking contest, a Serving contest, and a Shooting Hoops contest among others. If you are interested in participating in this match as a team member, let us know. 597-4400

We look forward to seeing you at this first-of-it’s-kind event! This event will be a great send-off for the girls and one boy--yup, Drew Winslow is also on this team!

(We realize that this is a middle-of-the-week event and, with an early 6:45 pm start, you can still get home by a reasonable hour to put the kids to bed.)

Christmas in the Country Holiday Bazaar

Please read about the Upcoming Bazaar – December 3rd – there is more information inside.

Poinsettia Sale

Please read important information inside on this sale. The deadline for sales is November 21st.

EPCS Calendar

Monday, November 21, 2011

Poinsettia Sale Papers and Money need to be in to the Office today!
Varsity Volleyball Practice 4 pm to 6 pm

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Full Day of School
Parent-Teacher Conferences Afternoon 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Varsity Volleyball Practice 5 pm to 7 pm
Parent-Teacher Conferences Evening 6:30 - 8:45 pm

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

No School
Parent-Teacher Conferences Morning 9 - 12 noon
Varsity Volleyball Practice 10 am to 12 noon

Thursday/Friday, November 24-25, 2011

Thanksgiving Recess – No School

Monday, November 28, 2011

Varsity Volleyball Practice 4 pm to 6 pm

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Bump-Set-Spike Fundraiser 6:45 pm

And Beyond:

Wednesday, November 30	Poinsettia plant pick up 2pm-6pm
Thursday, December 1	Volleyball Team leaves for Toronto--3:00 pm
Friday, December 2	Toronto VB Tournament
Saturday, December 3	Christmas Bazaar 10am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, December 7	Giving Project Items are due
Friday, December 9	EPCS Christmas Program--7:15 pm
Wednesday, December 21	EPCS Lessons and Carols--7:15 pm Soles4Souls and New Eyes for the Needy items due
Friday, December 23	Nursing home Concert
Friday, December 23	Noon Dismissal

Operation Christmas Child

We collected 45 shoeboxes for needy children through Operation Christmas Child. Thank you so much for your gifts.

School Bus Flashing Lights

On a daily basis one School Bus picks up students in our school parking lot (not in the loop), and the driver makes sure the bus lights are a-flashing. Although cars need to heed those flashing lights, even in the parking lot, and hence need to stop, at times drivers have not done so and have passed the loading School Bus. Please regard the flashing School Bus lights, even in our parking lot and stop for it. Thanks.

Cleaning this Week

M – Lochner
T – Winslow
M – (11/28) – Morgan
T – Goetz
W- Orlopp
R – Paid
F – Cramer

High School Christmas Projects

Our East Pal High Schoolers have taken on 3 projects to help the needy. Two are on-going* and one is specifically for this Christmas season.

The Giving Project

We are collecting gifts for the Open Door Mission in Rochester, NY. This is a local homeless shelter that presently has 6,000 children on their list. We are making up care packages for these children. Below is a list of items that can be included in a care package. You can provide a care package or individual items. There is a drop box at the school for your items. Thank you and may the Lord bless our generosity in helping bring His light to a needy child/family. We will be collecting items until **December 7th**. Do not wrap them...we will take care of that. Thanks!

Toddler Toys (18months+), Action figures,
Hot wheel type cars, Leggo and Duplo sets,
Puzzles, Board games, Fleecy blankets, Sport balls,
activity and coloring books, Play-Doh, Barbies or baby dolls,
socks, mittens, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

***Soles4Souls**

“Changing the World one Pair at a Time”. More than likely you probably have a pair of shoes lying in your closet that you’ll never wear again. Why not donate them to someone who needs them and will actually wear them. This is a Nashville based organization that provides shoes for those who don’t have them. In some countries, children cannot begin school because they do not have shoes. They have distributed over 16 million pairs of shoes to 127 countries including the US.

There is a drop box at school and we will be collecting shoes until **December 21st**.

***New Eyes for the Needy**

New eyes for the needy is an organization set up to help people around the world who are in need of and unable to afford eyewear. Eyewear that is in good condition will be sent to medical missions and international charitable organizations for distributions to the poor. Proceeds from the sale of scrap metal, hearing aids, jewelry and silverware are used to support the U.S. eyeglass voucher program.

Needed:

- Eyeglasses, reading glasses, sunglasses that are all in good condition
- Hearing aids
- Prescription glasses
- Silver & Gold jewelry, Costume Jewelry and watches
- Silverware

Please have your jewelry, watches and silverware in plastic bags.

There is a drop box in the school for this mission. We will be collecting until **December 21st**.

Candy Bars

The candy has arrived! We have over 50 cases (of 52 assorted bars) to sell so please contact Cheri Winslow if you are willing to sign out a box or two. They will be available in the office for pick-up but I need to know who has them. Please call 986-4240---Thanks.

Auction News

Please see flyer in this School Door.

Christmas in the Country Holiday Bazaar

The Christmas in the Country Holiday Bazaar is quickly approaching! Please continue to contact Dawn McIntyre (315-573-2618) if you are interested in being a crafter or a vendor at this event! Space is still available, but you need to reserve your spot by Monday, November 28.

Please also remember to contact Erica VanCamp (315-926-0119) if you are able to donate a craft item to the EPCS table or if you have new items that you would like to donate for the sale.

Bakers and soup/bread makers are also needed for the tea room style lunch room! Please contact Rachel Kuperus (585-721-3440) if you can help in this capacity.

WE NEED YOU to help make this bazaar a huge success for our school! Please call Dawn (315-573-2618) to sign up for a shift or two to work at the bazaar! The sign up sheet is in this edition of the School Door. Thank you in advance for your support! Thank you for your interest so far and hope to see you there! Let's work together to make this an awesome fundraiser for the school!

Poinsettia Sale

Please turn in your poinsettia sales sheets and money to the office by **Monday, November 21st**.

There is an addition to the sale – the plants can now come in white, red or pink. If you see the new order sheet in this School Door, it has the adjustments. The prices are still the same, but now we have a choice of colors. If you have questions, please call Henry at 576-1400.

Pick up will be Wednesday, November 30 from 2-6pm. If you cannot make it at that time, please let Henry know and other arrangements can be made.

Geography Bee

The Geography Bee is coming! This is a contest for students in grades 5-8. Students will do some preparation work in class, but it would be good if they did some studying at home, too. There are many websites such as the National Geographic website and the Sheppard Software site that have games and activities that might help. Simply spending time looking at maps and globes can also be beneficial. Talking about trips that your family has taken and finding the locations on a map can be a fun and meaningful study aid as well. That actual date for the first round of the bee has not been set, but will be either the last week of school in December or the first week after Christmas vacation.

Needed: Modified Soccer League Coordinator

The modified co-ed soccer league is looking for someone to take over the role of league coordinator for a 2-year assignment. This role is rotated through the teams in the league, and the current coordinator has served his two years. This role would include creating the schedule, keeping track of team records, creating and distributing school and coach contact information, making sure league guidelines are followed, etc. The current coordinator will help clarify exactly what your role would be. Please consider

whether you would be willing to serve in this role. Contact Kelly Hooge at khooge@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com if you are interested.

Kindergarten and Preschool

All our focus this week will be on celebrating Thanksgiving and what it means to give thanks and praise to our God.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please remember that we will still have school on Tuesday (Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the afternoon and evening hours). If you have not signed-up and desire a conference, please call the office ASAP.

Next week (11/28-12/2)

Star of the Month

December is Nolan B.

Reading/Science

We will be doing a mini-lesson on shadows.

Show and Tell

One object that begins with 'U' and one that starts with 'V'.

Word of the Week

'and'

Math

We will finish Chapter 4 and have our assessment on Friday.

Bible

We begin a short study on Joseph before we jump into our Christmas story. New memory verse is Romans 8:28.

Social Studies

We will be talking about American celebrations, changes in travel, and city growth this week.

Scholastic Orders

A new scholastic order form has been sent home this week.

Party

We have earned a party for good behavior! We will have a pajama party on *Thursday, December 1st*! The kids can come dressed in the PJs and bring a stuffed animal to share that day.

First and Second Grade

Skit

On Tuesday we will have our Charlie Brown Thanksgiving; please remember to bring in your contribution either Monday or Tuesday. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Field Trip

**Please send in your \$6.50 for the *Annie* field trip.

Math

1st - subtraction strategies; 2nd - Mental math with addition and subtraction.

Writing

Students will be introduced to using quotation marks in dialogue, and apply it to their stories.

Bible

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and loving our enemies.

Science

Oceans - octopus and sea turtles.

Next week (11/28-12/2)**Math**

1st - we finish up subtraction strategies and have a test on Tuesday. Then we are starting a unit on geometry and fractions. 2nd - mental math with addition and subtraction.

Spelling

2nd - words with /sk/, /mp/, and /ng/

Bible

We will finish up our unit on Jesus' Ministry, and start the next unit, "Jesus Preaches." Our focus this week will be on the Sabbath and Jesus' power. Memory work for this unit is Matthew 11:28-30 and Matthew 16:24-25.

Science

Oceans - we learn about sting rays, cool fish, star fish, and manatees. Then we'll talk about pollution in our oceans and food chains.

Third and Fourth Grade**Math**

Third graders will review subtracting with regrouping. Fourth graders will review division facts.

Spelling

We will be doing list 10 in spelling this week.

Science

We will be learning about force and motion.

Social Studies

We will be looking ancient civilizations and folk tales.

Bible

We will continue learning about the Judges.

Smocks Needed

If you have any old shirts to spare that we could use as smocks for art class that would be greatly appreciated.

Soda Bottles

If you have any 2 liter soda bottles please that you could send in with your son/daughter that would be great. We will use them through out the year for science.

Writing

The students have made a 'product' to sell and we will begin videotaping commercials on Tuesday.

Next week

We will be finishing our persuasive commercials this week.

Have a great weekend! ☺

Fifth and Sixth Grade

Spelling

No spelling tests next week. The following week we will do Lesson 10.

Bible

Our new memory work is Amos 5:14, 24. We will wrap up our look at the historical books of the OT and will start a new study of the poetry books.

Reading

Historical fiction book reports will be due Thursday, Dec. 2. We are starting a new unit in our readers

Math

Fifth grade will start a unit reviewing long division on Monday. Sixth graders will have a test on Tuesday and then will start a unit on fractions.

History

We will have a test on Tuesday over our Egypt unit and then will start a unit about Greece.

Science

We are having a Pizza Party on Tuesday (22nd) to celebrate everyone turning in all of their homework for the Unit. Great Job!

Writing

Our presentations are wrapping up on Tuesday.

Next week

We are moving on to some descriptive writing exercises and daily language practice.

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Old Testament Survey

We will continue our study of Abraham.

Math 7

Chapter 3 Quest – Monday 11/21

High School

Old Testament Survey

We will continue our study of Abraham.

ELA 9

Mockingbird Essay is due on Mon., 11/21: Analyze the childhood world of Jem, Scout and Dill, and their relationship with Boo in part 1.

Global Studies

Short report on St. Augustine Due Monday, 11/21.

Earth Science

We are continuing our exploration of renewable and non-renewable resources.

Band and Chorus

Lessons:

Monday

7:45 Alex, 8:15 Kayla, 10:00 Jaelyn, 11:20 Katie.

Tuesday

7:45 Noah, 8:15 Jordan, 11:20 Kayla E., Hannah L. 12:35 Natalie, 1:05 Hannah T., 1:30 Michelle

Music Donations

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one, consider purchasing a piece of music for the band or choir. This gift will be used at our Christmas concert this year, and in years to come. Your dedication will appear on the music and in the concert program. The pieces which are available are:

Band

Fantasia on Christmas Comes Anew.....\$50
Jingle Bell Rock.....\$50

Jazz band

No L in Swing.....\$40
Christmas Fantasy\$40

Choir

Winter Night.....\$36
Christmas Glory Hallelujah.....\$45

Circle News

Hot Lunch

No Hot lunch this week, but Nov. 30th we will have French Toast and Sausage for lunch with Dessert provided by Mrs. White. Workers will be Maggie Cosh, Michelle Bailey and Joan Barton.

Kitchen Towels

Our supply of kitchen towels has diminished. If you brought some home to wash, please bring them back quickly. They are much needed. Thank you.

Pop Cans: Please continue to 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.

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.

Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges

We continue to collect old cell phones and used ink cartridges.

Reflections Boutique

(behind McDonald's in Newark)

Reflections 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. We cannot accept microwaves, TV's, or computers, as we have to pay to have these recycled. Please call Edison O'Brien at 331-4622 if you can help out. Thank You.