

# Through Our School Door

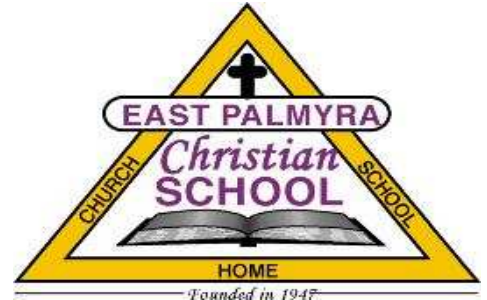
## East Palmyra Christian School

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EPCS School Theme 2008-2009:

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

Psalm 24:1a

*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 9, 2009

### EPCS 7/8/9<sup>th</sup> grades Spaghetti Supper

Please mark your calendar for Friday evening (this Friday evening), February 13, 2009 for the annual 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> grades Spaghetti Supper. Funds raised will be used to cover class trips for the 7 –9<sup>th</sup> graders and for gifts to the school. Present monies will be used to purchased lighting/sound equipment for the gym. We look forward to seeing you at this popular dinner. Tickets Adults and 12+--\$7, ages 6 to 11--\$4, 5 and under—free, family maximum--\$20.

### Boys' Basketball

Our EPCS Eagles Boys Basketball team ended their season this week with a 6 win-3loss record.

Congratulations to the boys and their coaches, Barry Dingman and John Ballesty, for an excellent season!

### Winter Break

Just a reminder that we will not have school next week, Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20. Have a relaxed time!!

### EPCS Open House

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, February 26, 2009 for the EPCS Open House. Please pray for a good turnout and for positive reactions!!

### EPCS Calendar

#### Monday, February 9, 2009

Girls VB Practice till 4:45 pm

#### Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Girls VB Practice till 4:45 pm

#### Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Staff Devotions—7:40 am

Hot Lunch—12 noon

Faculty Meeting till 4 pm

#### Thursday, February 12, 2009

Girls VB Practice till 4:45 pm

### Friday, February 13, 2009

Pizza for Lunch

### Monday, February 16-Friday February 20, 2009

Winter Break—No School

### And Beyond....

Thursday, February 26 EPCS Open House 6-8 pm

Fri-Sat, March 20, 21 Middle School Band Festival

Thursday, March 26 End of Term 3

Friday, March 27 GRACE Conference—No School

Wed – Fri, April 1 – 3 EPCS Young Artists Festival

**~EPCS Website~**

Please be sure to check out the EPCS website at [www.eastpalmrachsrianschool.com](http://www.eastpalmrachsrianschool.com). A number of EPCS soccer

**~ Open House ~**

**Three upcoming Open House evenings at EPCS. Please mark your calendars.**

**PRESCHOOL** Enrollment / Open House on **Feb. 12, 6 – 8.**

**OPEN HOUSE** for all grades, **February 26, 6 - 8**

**KINDERGARDEN** Enrollment Night on **March 10, 6 – 8.**

Please personally invite others. Pass these dates along to folks in your church and play groups. Also, let folks know that they can visit the school by appointment.

If anyone would like to send in refreshments for the Open Houses, please contact Jean Starkenburg or Kathy Cornwell.

**~ Ladies Night Out ~**

Please join us for a wonderful time on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will meet at the Corner Restaurant in Newark. Call Maggie to sign up.

**~ Student Council ~**

Is sponsoring a "Guess the Candy Count" contest again this year. Students will be allowed to make two guesses next week Monday and Tuesday, and the winning student will receive the candy on Friday, Feb. 13.

**~ Spaghetti Dinner ~**

Please mark your school calendar for Fri. Feb. 13th (from 5:00 - 7:30 pm) as the 7th and 8th grade classes have their annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! This fundraiser helps the students with the cost of their yearly activities and gifts to the school. This dinner includes: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Dessert and a Beverage.

Suggested donations and more information is on the enclosed Flyer. Every 7th and 8th grade family are asked to donate 2 desserts. Dessert donations by the EPCS community are also welcomed and would be greatly appreciated!

Please call the school office to make reservations and to volunteer in making a dessert. Questions please contact Erica Van Camp (926-0119). Thanks!

**~ Adopt- a – Bill ~**

Winter is synonymous with large bills, which causes everyone's budget to get tighter. The school is no different. Our energy costs have increased as

the temperatures continue to hover around freezing. 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)	\$ 975.00
NYSEG	\$1403.54
Palmer Dist.(janitorial supplies)	\$ 117.91
Casella (garbage)	\$ 111.51
E&V Energy (fuel oil)	\$ 400.00
Town of Palmyra (Water tax)	\$2183.41

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

**~ PE Equipment needed ~**

I would like to if I might borrow equipment for PE for a couple of weeks after break.

My wish list:

- 2 sets of bowling pins (any color)
- 12 pool noodles (long, any color, any shape)
- Indoor horseshoe game
- Bago boards (I have the bean bags)
- 2 sets of shuffle board equipment

Even if you have only one, and would not mind if I borrow it that would be great! Please contact me if you have any questions, you may drop them off at the office at the school. Thank you, Terry Fernaays.

**~ Family in need ~**

One of our community families is in need of financial help in meeting their tuition requirements for the remainder of the year. A family has already stepped forward to embrace this need but we still desire 11 more families to prayerfully consider helping. The need is 11 families who will commit to donating \$20 or more a month for the remainder of the school year.

Please reference "family in crisis" on any donations. Thank you!

**~ School Board Candidates ~**

Needed for Next Year Please prayerfully consider your participation at EPCS as a member of the school board. School board members' terms are for three years. Members attend monthly meetings and act as a liaison from other committees. Board members also help get to know the new families applying to the school during the home visits. Please pray about this opportunity and call with any questions to Gary Butterfield, School Board President at 331-8157.

**~ I love EPCS Sale & Fundraiser ~**

**It's A Sale:** Ten percent (10%) discount\* (\*a few items are exempt from discounts) to ANYONE who mentions EPCS when they make a purchase at

Village Bookmarket during the week of **February 9-14.**

**It's A Fundraiser:** Village Bookmarket will give 10% of all in-store sales to EPCS. So, spread the word to family, friends, co-workers, your hair care professional, the clerk at Wegmans or Breens. . . everyone!

**No cards/coupons/proof of identity necessary, because ANYONE WHO MENTIONS EPCS** when they make a purchase will get 10% off\* (\*a few items are exempt from discounts). And Village Bookmarket will donate 10% of sales (from EPCS sales and non-EPCS sales) to EPCS. **Good one week only, February 9-14!** Village Bookmarket is located at 207 East Main Street, Palmyra, 597-0210  
**info@VillageBookmarket.com**

**~ School Cleaning ~**

Please make arrangements if you need keys to clean after hours. Remember to initial the calendar in the janitor's closet after you finish. Thank you!

**This week**

**Mon.** ~ Campbell  
**Tues.** ~ Mann  
**Wed.** ~ Bates  
**Thurs.** ~ Mann  
**Friday** ~ Mann

**Next week**

**Mon.** ~ Gardner  
**Tues.** ~ Morgan  
**Wed.** ~ O'Dell  
**Thurs.** ~ Mousso  
**Fri.** ~ Stenzel

**~ Preschool ~**

S s - Safety and Senses: God has given us our senses to enjoy His wonderful world, to enjoy the sunshine on the sparkling snow, to see the stars, to feel the sand (the kids love the sand in our room! Anyone going to a sandy beach by car this winter? We would love a bag of sand to replenish what we've lost). Our senses also help us enjoy our families, food and homes; our senses also help keep us safe. We'll be tasting and smelling: sweet (syrup), sour, salty.

Also we'll look at sea shells, at God's wondrous designs, and touch, feel, and sort the shells into "look alike" shapes. We'll also count and add with our shells. The children may bring in any shells they might want to share. We can sing when we are glad, but also, we can sing when we are scared or sad. We'll learn how God is with us always, helping us in every situation, whether we are sad or glad. Abraham believed God's promise when he looked at the stars; Paul and Silas sang songs to God even when they were in prison.

**~ Kindergarten ~**

Thursday Show and Tell letters (Pp, Qq, Rr) bring lots of topics this week!

Time once again to talk about staying healthy with quality "God candy" foods (sweet fruits, strengthening vegetables), as well as hand washing, catching our sneezes in our sleeves, resting to get over our colds, getting enough sleep for repairing our bodies. We'll talk about potting soil, potatoes, onions and other fun things this week! Sun and shadows, groundhogs, animal winter homes, spring, snow and melting, solids, liquids, gas...lots of science concepts and words. We thank God for his vast creation! *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease!* Praise Him!!

Valentine cards may be brought in next week for each child.

**~ First and Second Grade ~**

**Bible:** We will finish learning about the Ten Commandments this week and start learning about the Tabernacle. Our Memory Verse for the week is Matthew 22:37-39.

**Math:** The second graders will be learning about adding three two-digit numbers. They will also be learning about adding strategies. The first graders will be finishing their unit on shapes and fractions. They will have a test on Thursday. Be on the look out for homework.

**Reading:** Don't forget to read with your child for 15 minutes every night. Have them read to you for part of that time.

**Spelling:** Both grades are starting new units be on the look out for homework.

**Spanish Buddies:** We will meet again at 10:45 on Friday, February 6th. We have now studied all of the 30 letters in the Spanish alphabet. We will play alphabet bingo.

**~ Third and Fourth Grade ~**

**Spelling:** There will not be a spelling test this week.

**Bible:** We will be looking at the 10 Commandments.

**Reading:** We will be starting dioramas this week. If you have a shoebox that you can send in please do by Tuesday.

**Social Studies:** We will be finishing everyday life in colonial New York.

**Math 3 & 4:** Third graders start a unit on multiplication this week. It would be very helpful if they would work on memorizing the multiples of 3 at home, as well as practice counting by 2's and 5's if they are not good at them.

Fourth graders are learning about various types of graphs, as well as some statistics terms (mean, mode, range, median, and average.)

**Spanish Buddies:** We will meet again at 11:25 on Friday, 13th. We have studied 25 of the 30 letters in the Spanish alphabet. When the students have

learned all 30 letters in the Spanish alphabet, we will play alphabet bingo.

**~ Fifth and Sixth Grade ~**

**Valentine's Day Party:** We will have a small party on Feb. 13 during lunch. If you would like to send small treats, they would be appreciated.

**Math:** Fifth graders are learning to divide with decimals and money. Sixth graders continue working with adding and subtracting fractions. Sixth graders will have a test, probably on Thursday or Friday

**Social Studies:** We are looking at the colonies' relationship with England, and some of the events that lead to the Revolutionary War.

**Reading:** The next book report will be from the fantasy genre. It will be due Mar. 6.

**Spelling:** Regular tests this week.

**Bible:** Our new work is the Love Chapter, I Cor. 13. We will look at the Crucifixion and Resurrection this week.

**Spanish:** Students will learn the vocabulary to put on several skits depicting various situations in a restaurant.

**~ Seventh and Eighth Grade ~**

**Bible:** We will spend much time this week looking at the geography of Israel and the surrounding areas during New Testament times. Students will start working on a map of in class, which will be due on Friday

**History:** We will be we will be continuing to look at the constitution.

**Spanish 7:** This week, students will take a test on Unit 2. The test will involve grammar concepts, vocabulary, listening, writing, and speaking.

**Spanish 8:** This week we will review for a unit test, to be given next week.

**~ Ninth Grade ~**

**Global Studies:** We will be continuing Ancient Rome.

**Spanish 9:** This week, we will review for a unit test, to be given next week.

**~ Band ~**

**Tues.** 10:00 Amber 10:30 Shannon 12:40 Alyssa

**Thurs.** 9:05 10:00 10:30 Brian Fri. 8:45 Molly 9:15 Emily

10:00 Noah 10:30 Andrew 11:00 Ben 11:30 Drew

1:10 Kaitlyn 1:40 Jessica 2:10 Garrett

**Next Mon.** 9:05 Amanda 9:30 Meredith 10:00

Carolyn 2:00 Caitlin

Our school was well represented this weekend at the Wayne County Vocal All-county festival. Ben Cosh, Alyssa Mann and Cathryn Bartlett performed with the 7&8 chorus, which sounded wonderful. EPCS alumni Emily Stoep and

Dillon May sang in the high school chorus as well. Congratulations to all!

Solo festival is this Saturday. Each student who is going should be practicing every day this week, and parents can help by quizzing your child on scales. Letters were sent home two weeks ago with each musician with all the important details. Parents, if you did not see this letter, please let me know. [jklmcornwell@hotmail.com](mailto:jklmcornwell@hotmail.com) or 331-3979.

<b>4/5 band:</b> American Patrol	\$38
Ancient Hunters	\$40
<b>6-9 band:</b> Air for Band	\$48
Patriotic Snippets	\$46
Proud Mary	\$45

**~ Circle News ~**

**Hot Lunch News:** Grilled cheese sandwiches, soup, salad and dessert made by Sadie O'Brien. Helpers are Lisa and Melissa Butterfield, Sadie and Kathy Hayes.

**Breen's and Tops Cards:** are available in the office if you'd like to purchase them. They are like having a prepaid gift card. The school gets 5% back on these sales.

**Box tops and Labels:** are still being saved throughout the year. Please save the Campbell Soup (entire label – especially the UPC code) labels and the Box Tops for Education labels from selected products. Thanks!

**Old Cell Phones, Empty Ink Cartridges and Rinsed Pop Cans:** are still being collected. This is an easy way to raise \$\$ for the school.