Thank You Parents!

Thank you for taking the time to read about the events and activities of East Hill. The calendar on page 5 is a great resource to print out and keep handy!

As I continue to meet and get to know each of you, I am listening and taking note of East Hill’s strengths and weaknesses. In fact, before long, I’ll be sending out a survey where I would appreciate your honest appraisal of our school and its many programs. This will also help us as we go through our re-accreditation in the Fall. Mrs. Smith’s 8th grade class just recently sent me some “bills” that their class wrote that need a signature or a veto. There were several great ideas that I’d love to get implemented. In addition to a parent survey, I will also be getting our student body involved with their ideas and suggestions for a better school!

The most important thing to me as Headmaster is the direction we’re going in regards to teaching and instructing students morally in a loving, Christian environment based on the Word of God. When we keep this mission as our focal point, we’ll keep a strong foundation and a humble heart in doing God’s will for our lives.

Thank you for partnering with us this year at East Hill Christian!

-Glenn Dickson

Tailgate. Tuesday. 3 Games.

We’re hoping to have a crowd on Tuesday, February 3, as all three of our basketball teams play at Home! We are asking our student body to participate in a ‘black-out’ in support of our teams and coaches. From 3:00-4:30 in our parking lot, we’ll be tailgating as PTF hosts another great activity. We will be grilling out and selling a hamburger, chips and drink for $5 that will also give you free admission to the 6:30pm Varsity game. (the other 2 basketball games are free).

Spring Carnival

Looking for an opportunity to jump in and get involved? Do you think it’s impossible to be a part of the planning, organization and execution of an East Hill event? Simply put, we need you! I’m talking to parents, mom, dad, grandparent. If you have been looking to get plugged in, here is your opportunity. We already have a committee working on the Clay Shoot, and now we need to get started on our Spring Carnival (Friday, March 20). We won’t need to reinvent the wheel, but we need some fresh voices and ideas. Shoot me an email to let me know you’re interested!

g_dickson@ehcseagles.com
Thank You!

We want to thank all those who gave towards the parking lot project! In time, you will be seeing a new gate, our ‘new’ school sign, and new landscaping. Your donations helped tremendously! We give God the glory and celebrate His goodness!

EHCS Booster Club

Our winter sports are almost coming to a close. What an awesome year we have had with regards to our basketball and cheer programs. We will be celebrating those sports during the Winter Sports Banquet on February 27 at 6:00 p.m.

We are also looking forward to seeing the parents of our upcoming spring teams (baseball and softball) on Monday, February 02 at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing these sports as well as other Booster Club news. As always, everyone is invited to attend. See you there!

For questions, please feel free to contact the Booster Club secretary Laura Kelly at l_kelly@ehcseagles.com.

Eagles Sports

The Varsity Eagles Basketball team earned a fifth seeding in the regional tournament this week with a win over Bayshore this past week. We swept the series against Bayshore with 3 point wins in each game. The guys will play at 1pm on Friday, February 7 in Atmore.

Middle school basketball (10-14 yr olds) is in mid season form, with the teams getting more competitive as they settle into a routine of practices and games. They are getting better each week in the developmental league. They will have the opportunity to play before the Varsity game on Tuesday, February 3. The season wraps up the first week of March.

Elementary basketball kicked off in the YMCA league with our 9-10 year olds playing 3 on 3 to develop their skills.

Baseball and softball are starting up with interest among the students. Several days of work has been put into the field at Belleview Athletic Park. The first games are February 24 at Belleview (baseball) and Lion’s Park (softball).

For questions about the sports program at East Hill, please contact Mr. Steve Thomas at s_thomas@ehcseagles.com.

Financial Office

Step Up For Students Reminder: Families currently receiving Step Up Scholarships for one or more students who haven’t reapplied for the scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year should do so as soon as possible. The scholarship is awarded on a first come first served basis to those who qualify. The application window for new families will open in early spring. Please visit http://www.stepupforstudents.org/ for more information.

Please feel free to contact Tracy Van Norman at 438.7746 x 119 or by e-mail at t_vannorman@ehcseagles.com if you have any questions regarding your account.

Nominations to Board

We are a couple weeks away from accepting nominations for the EHCS Board of Trustees.

Nominations for new Board Members will open on Monday, February 16 and the deadline to turn in nominations is Friday, February 27.

The function of the Board is to protect the philosophy and mission of the school. Members of the Board make the major policy decisions of the school, oversee financial operations and offer counsel to the Headmaster. Board members are elected for a 3-year term.

Is there someone you would like to nominate? Please be in prayer over this decision and be sure to have obtained that individual’s permission to be nominated. In the next few days, we will send Nomination Forms by email and will also have it on the school website (www.ehcs.org) under Admissions/Forms.

Business Owners

We only have a few spots left for your Yearbook Business Ads. Please contact Lisa Dickson at l_dickson@ehcseagles.com by February 6 if you would like to reserve an ad spot for your business in the yearbook. Payment will be due in full by February 1. The cost for the ads are as follows: Full page $200, 1/2 page $160, 1/4 page $90, 1/8 page $60.
Re-enrollment 2015

We are already looking ahead to the 2015-2016 school year in many ways, and are excited to get the re-enrollment process under way. The online re-enrollment is quick and easy. Simply go to RenWeb and click on the Family Information tab and then click on the Enrollment / Reenrollment link. Don’t forget, families save $100 if they register by February 28!

If you have any questions about the steps, please contact Mrs. Laura Kelly at l_kelly@ehcseagles.com.

Final Call for Yearbook

Last chance! Order your yearbooks now for $65! Order forms may be picked up in the front office. After February 10 the yearbook will no longer be available to order. Don't miss your opportunity to purchase this book of memories that your student will treasure for years to come.

For questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Lisa Dickson at l_dickson@ehcseagles.com.

8th Grade Guidance

Mr. Steve Thomas will be holding an 8th grade Guidance Meeting for parents on Tuesday, February 17 at 5:00pm. This will be an informative meeting about High School at East Hill and the plan for courses and credits needed for graduation. Among the topics covered will be community service hours, Bright Futures Scholarships and Honors Courses.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Thomas at s_thomas@ehcseagles.com.

Candy Grams

Have some Valentine’s fun with Candy Grams!

The 8th Grade Class will be selling candy grams: 1 for $2.00 or 3 for $5.00. They are perfect for teachers and friends. Delivery will be on Thursday, February 12th for VPK students and Friday, February 13th for all other students. Orders should be pre-paid and may be turned in to the office or your student’s teacher by Tuesday, February 10.

For questions, please email Marydean Keyes at md_keyes@ehcseagles.com.

FCA

Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet during lunch on Thursday, February 5 and February 19. All students in grades 6 – 12 are invited to join us in Room 5.

For more information or for questions, please contact Steve Thomas at s_thomas@ehcseagles.com or Marydean Keyes at md_keyes@ehcseagles.com.

Spanish News

Spanish classes excel at East Hill!

On Friday, Jan. 30, the Spanish III Honors class presented their own personal Spiritual Armor to the class in Spanish, naming each piece, what it is for, and why it is important to them. This was an exciting event, as the students explained the whole thing in Spanish, and had also drawn and cut out their own armor to mimic the Biblical armor in Ephesians 6:10-18.

February 6 marks a special day for the Spanish II class. The girls will dress in PJ's and present the poem "Anoche Cuando Dormia" ("Last Night While I was Dreaming"), by Antonio Machado, to the class. The guys will dress as pirates and present "La Cancion del Pirata" ("The Song of the Pirate") by Jose de Espronceda. There will be judging and ribbons handed out.

Finally, on February 9-11, the Spanish I class will present their Libro de Mi Familia (My Family) scrapbook to the class in Spanish. Each student will have collected pictures of his entire family, including aunts, uncles and cousins, grandparents, and even pets. They will describe each picture to us in Spanish.

Additionally, the Costa Rica mission team is still selling World’s Famous Chocolates, if you would like to buy some.....perhaps you have a business where you could sell them for us. They are also collecting toiletries from any motel stays you have had.....and small toys and happy meal toys, and clothing that is in really good shape to take to Costa Rica. All donations are graciously accepted.

For questions or donations, please feel free to contact Mrs. Janene Dyster at j_dyster@ehcseagles.com.

Re-enroll now!
Valentine Cotillion

On February 7, 2015 we will have a Valentine Cotillion for students in grades 06-08. This traditional Valentine’s Party is one of the highlights of the middle school year. Our party will be held in the EHCS gym beginning at 6:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm that evening. The cost of this event is $15.00. We will be selling tickets in Room 3 during the week of February 2. This is a special evening our middle school students look forward to each year. We hope to see everyone there!

Art Department

EHCS is excited to be participating in the 2015 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION! "The Congressional Art Competition celebrates the limitless artistic talents and creative spirit of local youth, while providing a unique opportunity for students to showcase their work."

This is the first year that EHCS will be competing in this competition and we are excited to have the following students participating: Lauren Bryan (09), Alyssa Dickson (12), Kaylie Dickson (10), and Nathan Granger (09). EHCS is allowed five student entries, so we still have one slot available. The categories will be: paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer generated art and photography. If you know a high school student who would be interested please see Mrs. Jocson ASAP for more details. All submissions are due February 20, so do not delay.

If you have any questions or want more details please contact Mrs. Tiffany Jocson at t.jocson@ehcseagles.com.

Student Leadership

Seventeen of our eighth through twelfth grade leadership students sponsored by Mrs. Smith had the awesome opportunity to attend Student Leadership University 101 in Orlando, Florida. Students were challenged to Think, Dream, and Lead at this year’s conference sessions.

Over the four days, our students were privileged to be taught by Dr. Jay Strack, President and founder of SLU, Brent Crowe, Vice President of SLU, Chuck Allen, Pastor of Sugar Hill Church in North Atlanta and President of the Chuck Allen Agency, Pat Williams, Sr. Vice President, Orlando Magic, David King, former NASA Launch and Space Center Director, and Dr. Alvin Reid, Professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. During the twenty hours of seminars, the students were instructed on the topics of components of leadership, time and goal management, personality profiling, and how to strive for excellence in all things. Students were able to experience the lessons taught in image-rich environments such as in front of the shark tank at Sea World as they learned about the “Shark in the Mirror”. Other seminars were held in the convention rooms where students were treated like business professionals as they listened to corporate executives teach them principles they teach their own employees worldwide.

Please pray that our SLU students will be motivated and enabled to develop the character of a servant leader that will help them rise above the crowd and circumstances to become people others will want to follow.

*Special thanks to all of you who supported the fundraising efforts that enabled us to make this trip possible.

LEADERSHIP BEGINS AT THE FEET OF JESUS!

Spring Book Fair

The spring Book Fair, "Under the Sea," begins on Wednesday, February 25 and will run through Friday, March 6. We are having a couple of new spring events this year so be sure to watch for more details coming your way soon.
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**Sporting Clay Shoot on February 21**

There will be **2 ONLINE SIGNUP LISTS** being emailed to our school family. We will be using the online tool, **SignUpGenius** to assist us in coordinating this effort. One signup is for materials and items. The other is for breakfast casseroles, your famous chili, and volunteers. The email will be sent on **Monday, February 2**. We need your help to make this important fundraiser a success.

If you know someone that would like to sponsor the event, or participate as a shooter, please have them contact us or check out the forms on our school website. (see ad)

If you have any questions about the Clay Shoot, please contact Glenn Dickson at **g_dickson@ehcseagles.com**.

Looking for an opportunity to donate? Maybe you’ve never given towards an East Hill project and God has blessed you recently. Please consider a tax-deductible gift for a great ministry. We appreciate your consideration!