There is great news to announce: The Spaghetti Dinner / Silent Auction is back:) This event is not only a great fundraiser, but it is an opportunity for the EH family to come together for fellowship, a delicious spaghetti meal, and the opportunity to bid on some exciting packages! Clear your calendar for Thursday, March 10, from 5:30-7:00pm. We are accepting auction donations. Please bring all auction donations to the Front Office as soon as you are able. We would like to begin basket assembly ASAP!

Tickets are on sale now for the dinner! PTF sent an email that has an order form attached. Print off the dinner order form and make your checks payable to EHCS. Your order form can be sent in your child’s folder or dropped off at the Front Office.

If you have any questions regarding ticket sales or auction items, please contact Morgan Gleason by email at morgan.m.gleason@gmail.com or by phone at (850) 529-1842. More details are coming about the contents of each package! Join us March 10th!

RE-ENROLLMENT 2016

Thank you for the opportunity you’ve given us this year to teach your son or daughter. We believe it is important to continually share the purpose and mission of East Hill Christian. Simply stated, the purpose of EHCS is to educate students morally, intellectually, physically and socially, based on the Word of God, in a loving, Christian environment. A Christian education makes an eternal impact on the heart, mind, and life of a child. With God’s help and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are able to partner with you in seeing this happen!

As we look forward to the 2016-2017 school term, we are providing our current families with the opportunity to secure a place during the month of February. Then, on Tuesday, March 01, we open up enrollment to the public. Since students currently enrolled are not automatically re-enrolled, please take a few moments and read the re-enrollment instructions that were emailed on February 1.

ACSI ACCREDITATION TEAM ON CAMPUS

Every five years, an ACSI Team of educators arrive on the campus of EHCS to affirm the standards of excellence that exist. Much time and effort has gone into keeping the standard high in the areas of Mission, Academics, Governance, Spiritual Development, and many other areas.

The Visiting Team will be on campus Monday, March 14 through Wednesday, March 16. During that time, the Team will arrange interviews with students, parents, faculty, administration, and the Board.

Stay tuned for more details!
EHCS STUDENT LEADERS LEARN LESSONS

Twelve of our eighth through tenth 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, Dr. Bill Brown, President of Cedarville University, and David King, former NASA Launch Space Center Director. 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 taught principles of leadership through a Christian worldview.

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.

VALENTINE COTILLION

On Saturday, **February 6**, 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 years.

Our party will be held in the EHCS gym beginning at 6:00 pm and ending at 8:00 pm that evening. Pictures will begin at 5:15 pm. The cost of this event is $15.00. Students may sign up to attend during the week of Monday, February 1st through Friday, February 5th. This is a special evening our middle school students look forward to each year. We hope to see everyone there!

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Tonya Smith for more information at t_smith@ehcseagles.com.

SET IN STONE

Want to leave a legacy at EHCS? We are taking orders for the **Set in Stone** pavers (legacy walkway). This is a great way to recognize a graduating senior! The final deadline to place an order is **February 29**.

For more information, email Carla at carlabondurant@gmail.com or follow this link to the school website: [http://www.ehcs.org/set-in-stone.html](http://www.ehcs.org/set-in-stone.html)

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks can be ordered online, or an order form can be picked up from the Front Office. Final deadline is **February 29**.

BOXTOPS

Please continue to send in your Boxtops. Send them in to elementary teachers or drop them off at the Front Office with Mrs. Jarman. Many thanks for those who faithfully clip!
ATHLETICS

Basketball season is coming to a close with an away game for JV and Varsity guys against Trinitas on February 1. This weekend, the regional tournament hosted by Aletheia will determine advancement to the Final Four. The Varsity guys take on Aletheia at noon on Friday, February 5. The Girls take on Central at 5:30pm also on Friday, February 5. The JV guys play SL Jones at 11:30am on Saturday, February 6.

Baseball and Softball are under way with voluntary throwing practices until basketball season ends. The first games are against Lighthouse on Friday, February 26.

Contact Steve Thomas for more details about the Athletic Program at s_thomas@ehcseagles.com.

GUIDANCE

Florida State University is visiting our Juniors and Seniors on Wednesday, February 3, during the lunch period. This will be a great time for the upper-classmen to ask questions about the application process and Financial Aid.

Dual Enrollment is going strong with 9 students taking classes on East Hill’s Campus and 7 classes being taken on PSC’s campus. Juniors should register for the ACT or SAT this Spring. Seniors should take the test that they feel has the best chance of seeing a score improve as they finish the year.

Contact Mr. Thomas for more details about Guidance at s_thomas@ehcseagles.com.

VPK & DR. SEUSS

It’s finally happened, it’s finally time For the VPK to start studying rhyme! Dr. Seuss will be the author whose books we will read, And one day on green eggs and ham we will feed! We will spend all month long with Thing One and Thing Two, The Cat in the Hat, and Horton, who hears a “who”. With rhyming words we will all have a ball, Come to Open House (March 3) and see their handiwork hang in the hall!

THANK YOU!

The Board of Trustees of East Hill Christian School would like to express our gratitude for your excellent response to the Christmas at East Hill fundraiser of 2015!

Current school families, teachers, and staff, the Board of Trustees, and “Friends of East Hill” (grandparents, aunts, uncles, alumni, alumni parents, and former teachers) donated a total of $9,732 this year. We are so thankful for your continued prayer and financial support. Your donation plays a huge role in enhancing our academic and extra-curricular program, helps us recruit and retain exceptional faculty, and provides a multitude of resources.

Remember: East Hill Christian School is educating for eternity. Thank you!

Board of Trustees
Isaiah 40:31

VALENTINE CANDYGRAMS

Valentine Candygrams will be sold again this year. They make great treats for students and teachers. Candygrams are 1 for $2.00 or 3 for $5.00. If you are interested in purchasing Candygrams for an entire class please email Mrs. Keyes about a class discount at md_keyes@ehcseagles.com. Candygrams will be delivered on Friday, February 12th, except for VPK, which will be delivered on Thursday, February 11th.

Orders are due by Tuesday, February 09. Go to www.ehcs.org and click on the Admissions tab and go to the Forms page for an Order Form. Always feel free to visit Traci Jarman in the Front Office for an order form.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

The function of the Board of Trustees is to protect the philosophy and mission of EHCS. 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? Be sure to print out the email attachment that was sent the last week of January, or go to www.ehcs.org and click on the Admissions tab and go to the Forms page. Always feel free to visit Traci Jarman in the Front Office for forms.

A completed nomination form (instructions are on the form) must be submitted no later than Friday, February 5th.
**SPRING BOOK FAIR**

The Book Fair is getting GROOVY this semester! Our spring fair will take place from Thursday, March 03 to Friday, March 11. There will be lots more information coming soon, but please save the following dates:

- **Thursday, March 03:** Science Fair / Book Fair & Open House after school
- **Friday, March 04:** Muffins with Mom before school
- **Tuesday, March 08:** Dining with Dad during lunch

If you are interested in helping with the Fair, please email Mrs. Keyes at md_keyes@ehcseagles.com.

**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Friends and family have set up a Memorial Scholarship in loving memory of Ashley Williams Thompson. This “Angel Fund” is designated to help families that may be going through a difficult time, so that a child can stay enrolled at East Hill Christian School.

Our prayers and love will continue to go out to Mr. Will Thompson, Dawson (7th grade) and Dawson’s sister, Alexandra (NC).

If you would like to contribute to the Ashley Thompson Angel Scholarship, please contact the Business Office at EHCS and ask for Tracy Van Norman, or email her for details at t_vannorman@ehcseagles.com.

**STEP UP FOR STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP**

Great news! Step Up For Students Families: You can now re-apply for your child(ren)’s scholarship for the 2016-17 school year. Please apply now and don’t risk being put on a waiting list!

Renewal families can now submit applications for the Florida Tax Credit scholarship with Step Up For Students for the 2016-17 school year by accessing your parent login at [www.stepupforstudents.org](http://www.stepupforstudents.org). As you apply, please be mindful of the following:

1. Your username will be the email address associated with your account. Should you have trouble logging in with this email address, you should select the “Forgot Password” link and a new, temporary password will be sent to them via email.

2. Once you submit your online application, you will be asked to submit documents to support the application. These documents can be submitted via document upload or via fax. Instructions for submitting documents can be found by selecting the “Print and Send Documents” tab in the parent login.

3. There is no application fee for the 2016-17 application season! You will not need to pay any application fee for Step Up For Students to review their scholarship application.

Should parents have any questions or concerns about this process, they can contact us at 877-735-7837. Our contact center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Eastern, with an hour closure from 11 am to Noon.
**MISSION STATEMENT**

“The Mission of East Hill Christian School is to educate students morally, intellectually, and physically, based on the Word of God, in a loving, Christian environment.”

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

**March 3:**  K5-08 Science Fair; VPK-12 Open House (Drop In 4:30-6:00pm)  
**March 10:**  Silent Auction / Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:00pm  
**March 17:**  Easter Luncheon (All parents & grandparents welcome!) Classes will be helping with food items as the Class of 2016 hosts their final fundraiser!