One cannot watch television or read a blog at the beginning of January without hearing about worthwhile resolutions. Nutrition and exercise are always at the top of the “resolute” list. If we’re being honest, we could all work a little harder at being more healthy when it comes to our food and exercise choices.

Once you get past the health resolutions, the next, best, great thing to work on is our relationships. Being a better friend, spouse, sibling, or parent. Be more giving, do for others, and take time to relate with other human beings is always a great start.

A few more things on the ever-growing list of “2016 must-do’s”: Better use of time. Wise use of money. And of course, limit TV viewings.

Once you sift through the list though, and polish it up for review, there is a glaring void, and something that is clearly missing. Without great effort put into this most important “missing” resolution, one cannot carry out the other tasks to full potential. It is our walk with God. Our walk with God is something that takes a firm determination. A daily, concerted effort to connect with God, and allow His Word to impact our life, our decisions, our relationships, and our time.

As we fast-forward into 2016 at break-neck speed, the challenge for each one of us is to slow down every day long enough to make Him the greatest priority of our existence. Jesus is not only the one we celebrate in December, He is the one we live for, adore, worship, and abide in, every day until December rolls around again.

What will we do different this year to make this happen? How can we be intentional in making our relationship with God real, genuine, and authentic? Cultivate your relationship with Him by spending the time you do not believe exists because of busy schedules, a crazy household, and work commitments. My simple challenge to each of you is to put God to the test. Spend more time with Him (reading His love letter, the Bible), and communicate with Him (praying throughout the day, sharing your heart, passing on the heavy, weighty burdens), and you will find that you have more time, more discernment, more joy, and a heart for others!

What a delight for me, the administration, faculty and staff, to minister in a place where education is our aim in a loving, Christian environment. We are honored to share the Truth at EHCS! Happy New Year!

-Glenn A. Dickson

30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 
31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31
We had a wonderful time at Breakfast with Santa! The pancakes were delicious and every child got to spend some quality time with Santa. The pictures will forever be a reminder of this fantastic holiday event. Thank you to all that volunteered and to those who came out. We are already looking forward to next year!

Please join us for the first PTF meeting of the new year, January 12, 2016 at 6 pm in the school cafeteria. We will be discussing how our Fellowship would like to approach the new year! We would love for everyone to come with new and fresh ideas. If you have not gotten involved this year it’s not too late. Our Dinner and Auction will be this semester so we have lots of planning and excitement still to come. Please join us!

Please feel free to contact the President of Parent-Teacher Fellowship, Morgan Gleason at morgan.m.gleason@gmail.com or by cell phone at 850.529.1842.

Thank you from PTF

Week of January 25-30
Crazy Dress Up Days! Poor Decoration
Banner Competition Pep rally 2016
Cupcake Wars King & Queen Crowned
DodgeBall Tournament Eagles Basketball

Stay tuned for all the details!

Yearbook

Now is the perfect time to take advantage of our online payment plan. Spread your cost over three easy payments when you purchase a yearbook online.

Order by February 29, 2016.

Yearbooks can be ordered online, or an order form can be picked up from the front office.
CLASS NEWS

VPK: The VPK Coop celebrated the letter "T" with their teddy bears and a turtle, and a "T" party! Children poured their own tea and enjoyed "T" shaped cookies! Thank you Mrs. McGhee for providing our tea sets, and Mrs. Hendrix for baking our cookies!

Grade K5: Kindergarten will celebrate our 100th day of school on January 29th. We will celebrate with several fun activities including dressing like we are 100 years old. We are looking forward to a fun day!

Grade 1: First grade will be celebrating the 100th day of school in January. We will be counting by 2's, 5's and 10's to 100, writing numbers 1-100, making a 100 collage, eating a trail mix with 100 items and reading a chapter book about the one hundredth day of school.

Grade 2: Second Graders have been learning about the 13 Colonies and how they got their start. We are in the midst of colonial life, which ties in great with Christmas traditions and carols! In December we churned (shook) butter and made cornbread. This unit has been a great reminder of the hardships people have endured to preserve religious freedom and of God's faithfulness to his people throughout history.

Grade 5: For Social Studies we will be studying the Roaring Twenties and how the stock market functions. Each student will be given $100 to buy, sell, or trade shares in the market for a period of seven days. The wisest investor will earn a small reward and bragging rights. In addition, we will be reading Little Pilgrim's Progress by Helen Taylor. This is an edited children's version of John Bunyan's classic novel. The students will also memorize the "Armor of God" passage in Ephesians as we learn about spiritual warfare.

ART

Attention high school art lovers! It is finally that time of year again... The 2016 Congressional High School Art Competition! This will be EHCS's second year entering this competition and I am excited to see the original art work that will be representing EHCS this year. We can have a total of 5 entries, if we have more than 5 students interested then we will have an EHCS art competition to narrow down the field to the top 5. The deadline for art submissions is Friday February 12, 2016, and the ceremony will be at PSC Thursday March 10, 2016.

I also request that every student who submits art work to please attend the awards ceremony at PSC. Numerous awards are handed out at the ceremony and the "Best in Show" will be awarded a complimentary trip to Washington D.C. where their artwork will be displayed for one year.

Please email Mrs. Tiffany Jocson at t_jocson@ehcseagles.com if you are considering the competition or would like a copy of the rules/guidelines before making a decision. There is more information regarding the 2016 Congressional High School Art Competition that I will be sending out once I have a list of those students who are interested. So do not delay contact Mrs. Jocson today!

ATHLETICS

Basketball and Cheer are running full steam ahead with baseball and softball just around the corner. The Booster Club would like to thank everyone that diligently sold or purchased tickets for the 30 Days of Fun Drawing. The BC was able to clear just over $3,000 for our Athletic Program! GO EAGLES!!!

Contact Paul Kelly, President of the Booster Club, if you would like to get involved with raising money for EHCS Athletics! (pkelly@cityofpensacola.com)

Elementary Basketball through the YMCA will start games in January, stay tuned for the release of their schedule. Baseball and Softball throwing practices will start in January.

Contact Steve Thomas for more details at s_thomas@ehcseagles.com.
EHCS STUDENT LEADERS TRAVEL TO ORLANDO

EHCS is excited to be sending eleven students to Student Leadership University (SLU) 101 in Orlando January 15-18th. SLU 101 is the nation’s premiere student leadership experience with a distinctive Christian worldview. The aim of the program is to equip, motivate, enable and empower students for present and future leadership in their schools, churches, teams, families and workplaces. Students will be exposed to comprehensive programs focusing on leadership skills. These skills include time and life management, goal setting, dealing with conflict and difficult people, and developing a Christian worldview. With this training, students are given a 15 to 20-year quantum leap in their ability to think, dream, and lead through the lens that leadership begins at the feet of Jesus.

Students attending this event have been fundraising to offset the cost of the trip. Thank you for supporting them in their endeavor to become a Christ-like leader.

If you would like to help sponsor a student, please feel free to contact Mrs. Tonya Smith at t_smith@ehcseagles.com.

HONORS CLASSES & DUAL ENROLLMENT

Taking full advantage of the honors classes at EHCS signals to colleges that a student is serious about academics, and that he/she will continue to challenge himself/herself in college. Because the classes proceed at a faster pace and cover material in more depth, the student, being accustomed to a high level of challenge, will be better prepared for the pace in college.

Signing up for honors classes also helps develop the critical thinking skills needed for the higher level science and math courses associated with chemistry, physics, advanced math, engineering, and health sciences.

With Dual Enrollment courses being offered on EHCS campus, another opportunity is provided to not only challenge one’s self academically, but also gaining college credit for less than $25. For questions about Dual Enrollment, ask Mr. Steve Thomas at s_thomas@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. 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.
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