



This newsletter is issued each month of the school year as a source of vital information, forms, and updates on school activities and events. You may request a copy be sent home each month, pick one up at any school office or access each issue at [www.ecaeagles.org](http://www.ecaeagles.org), Information, Calendar & Newsletters, or on RenWeb, Latest Newsletter. Thank you for helping us help keep you informed!

### Parents' Priorities for Their Children's Education Tell a Story!

The Association for Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Barna Group have completed a joint study on "Parents' Goals for Education." ECA is an accredited member of ACSI, and the Barna Group states that they "provide spiritual influencers with credible knowledge and clear thinking, enabling them to navigate a complex and changing culture."

Recently I attended a meeting of Christian school administrators sponsored by ACSI at which the preliminary results of this survey were shared. The results were very interesting, and to some degree they were not surprising. However, as we pray to grow our school, it may be critical for all of us (staff and parents) to understand the dynamic that is surfacing. I say this not to simply find like-minded prospective families, but moreover to use these opportunities in talking about the distinctives of our school to help shape the thinking of our prospective parents.

Before looking at the survey results, allow me to share one of my favorite quotes from C. S. Lewis:

"Aim for Heaven and you get Earth 'thrown in;' aim at Earth and you get neither."

To paraphrase, "Educate students with the grain of the Spirit of Christ and they will receive ample opportunities for excellent post-high school education, solid career opportunities, and a strong church and family life; if we train those students to prepare only for earth's treasures, they may lose the very focal point of a truly meaningful life."

With that, let us look at the priorities for education that became apparent from this survey. You'll notice that in every case both ACSI and Prospective Parents indicated some importance for each of these goals. I have sorted the results showing two lists: the first showing the goals which were more important for ACSI parents, and the second those which scored as more important to the prospective parents. I have also included the percentages for your inspection and consideration.

#### ACSI Parents' Priorities for Education

Strong principles and values	68% - ACSI / 53% - Prospects
Love for God and people	65% - ACSI / 33% - Prospects
Wisdom (ability to apply knowledge)	60% - ACSI / 47% - Prospects
Faithfulness and obedience to God	54% - ACSI / 21% - Prospects
Leadership skills and abilities	52% - ACSI / 46% - Prospects
Spiritual maturity	36% - ACSI / 17% - Prospects
Discovery of calling or purpose	33% - ACSI / 19% - Prospects

#### Prospective Parents' Priorities for Education

Practical life skills	51% -Prospects / 32%ACSI
Increased opportunities in life	45% -Prospects / 29%ACSI
Fulfilling career	38% -Prospects / 22%ACSI
Good relationships	29% -Prospects / 22%ACSI
Independence from parents	22% -Prospects / 12%ACSI
Financial success	28% -Prospects / 10%ACSI
Increased social status or mobility	4% -Prospects / 1%ACSI

Let me close with this scripture that I believe summarizes what we learn from this survey:

*"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33*

I am convicted that we are living in an era where nurturing Christian-principled children who grow to exercise their purpose in Christ is more important now than perhaps ever before! Please join me in prayer that this will continue to be fostered in our school, churches and homes!

*Dr. Jim Johnson, ECA Superintendent*

#### Mission Statement

Evangelical Christian Academy exists to partner with parents and their churches to educate, equip, and empower its students to pursue their purpose in Christ.



**6th Grade Pancake Breakfast & Garage Sale: This Saturday - September 24!**  
 Shop for treasures at the **Garage Sale, 8:00am-12:00pm**, and enjoy a delicious **pancake breakfast from 8:00-10:00am!** Donated items may be dropped off at the Elementary campus tomorrow, **September 23, beginning at 8:00am**; tax receipts are available upon request. All proceeds benefit the Sixth Grade Id-Ra-Ha-Je Camp next April - thank you!



### Elementary Band Mini-Concert

Our Elementary Band students will present their Mini-Concert on **Tuesday, October 18, at 8:45am in the Elementary Chapel.** Families and friends are welcome to attend.



### Matchwits: Monday, October 3 - at ECA!

Our Matchwits got off to a great start at their first Black Forest League Meet on September 19 at Vanguard! Competing were **Anna Kat Bates, Elizabeth Devine, Daniel Fiser, Maria Gergen** pinch-hitting for **Karoline Garwood, Samuel Holst, Zachariah Holst, Molly Robinson, and Joseph Wilcox.**

Our Eagles host the next BFL Meet **Monday, October 3, at 5:30pm** - come support your Eagles *and* enjoy brats and hot dogs on the grill, homemade mac & cheese, baked beans, ice cream sundaes, and drinks in Room 115, starting at **5:00pm!** All proceeds benefit 2016-17 ECA Matchwits!

### IMPACT 2016

On September 14, our Secondary students and teachers served at a variety of locations including the Pikes Peak Urban Garden, Crossfire Ministries, Family Life Services, Zach's Place, Compassion International, Sinton Trailer Park, Springs Reformed Church, Focus on the Family, Springs Life Church, and Care & Share, washing windows, completing mailing projects, pulling weeds, sorting donations, moving boxes and files, pruning bushes, writing cards, spreading rocks, and more!  
 Please continue to pray with us that those served will continue to be blessed and see the love of Christ in these acts of service.

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors...*

*II Corinthians 5:20a*

### College Representative Presentations

Next week our Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors have the opportunity to hear presentations from **Biola University, John Brown University, Northwest University, Geneva College, Colorado Christian University, Grand Canyon University, Central Christian College of Kansas, Wheaton College, Concordia University, Eastern University, Oral Roberts University, Dordt College, Cedarville University, Arizona Christian University, William Jessup University, Northwestern College, and Campbellsville University.** Parents are always welcome; and the schedule is in the office.

### Christian College Fair

Over 70 Christian colleges & universities  
**Monday, September 26 - 6:00-9:00pm**  
 Colorado Springs Christian School Gym

### Out-of-State College Fair

Over 200 colleges & universities  
**Monday, September 26 - 5:30-7:30pm**  
 Mortgage Solutions Financial EXPO Center  
 3650 North Nevada Avenue

### College PSAT Testing at ECA

The PSAT is a great opportunity to prepare for the SAT and a measure of progress toward college admission. Also, students in the top 5% nationally may qualify to compete for the National Merit Scholarship.

The PSAT will be administered to all ECA Juniors and registered Sophomores at ECA **Wednesday, October 19, 8:00-11:30am**, and the College Board's fee is \$15 (prepaid or billed to family accounts). Contact Mr. Bob DeRuitter, **597-3675** or [bderuitter@ecaeagles.org](mailto:bderuitter@ecaeagles.org), for information on college/career planning and preparation.

**Come to the C.A.R.E. Fellowship Meeting, Thursday, November 3, at 8:35am in the Elementary Library!**  
*We will be celebrating the glory of Fall—bring your favorite autumn recipe or craft to share!*

### Hot Lunch Programs

Secondary November Hot Lunch order forms will be sent home **October 3** and are due with payment no later than **8:00am on Monday, October 10.**

Elementary November Hot Lunch order forms will be sent home **October 6** and due **Tuesday, October 11.**

### 2016-17 Secondary Yearbooks!

*The Yearbook is a wonderful, full-color, pictorial record of the entire school year! Order yours now for just \$45 (after October 16, \$55) and have it for the Signing Party in May!*



Your November 2016 *Eagle's View Monthly* will be issued Thursday, October 13. Items for print may be submitted by Friday, October 7, to [miverts@ecaeagles.org](mailto:miverts@ecaeagles.org).

*...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord... Psalm 78:4a*

## 1st Quarter Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held **Wednesday and Thursday, October 19 and 20**. Students will be dismissed at 11:30am each morning (Secondary: Wednesday Periods 1-4, Thursday Periods 5-8), and the conferences will be held each afternoon.

Secondary Conference Sign-up forms are due back to Mrs. Rohrer in the school office **Wednesday, September 28**. Conferences will be scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis; and finalized schedules will be sent home **Monday, October 10**. Secondary First Quarter Report Cards will be issued **Tuesday, October 18**, for your review.

To request a time or day for your Elementary conferences, call the Elementary office at 634-7024 by **Friday, September 30**. Finalized schedules will be sent home **Thursday, October 6**, and Elementary First Quarter Report Cards will be distributed at the conferences.

**On Tuesday, October 18, and Conference days, come to the Elementary Gym from 8:00am-4:00pm for the annual Scholastic Book Fair!**

*Join us in sharing a love of reading with our students - it's a great way to*

*\*connect your children with books they will want to read, and \*find great gift ideas for others and for yourselves!*



### ECA Theatre!

Please join us **Thursday, October 27, at 7:00 in Leonard Hall** for our Parent-Student ECA Theatre Kick-off Meeting!

We will be announcing this year's play and discussing calendar, commitment and expectations for this season's production. All students considering auditioning or applying for our stage crew should plan on attending this meeting with a parent/guardian. We can't wait for another wonderful season!

### Elementary Landscaping Family Work Day

**9:00am-12:00noon, Saturday, October 29**

Many thanks to the volunteers who are maintaining our beautiful campus. Now all ECA families are invited to help with trimming, raking, and other projects to get us set for winter! Please call the office and let us know any special skills you want to share, and bring your rakes, leaf bags, weed treatment—anything you think would help make for a productive day! Direct questions to Mrs. Blue, 634-7024, or Mrs. Heather Morgan, 210-2465.



The Juniors are selling **BOGO Cards** until **Tuesday, September 27**—chocked full of great deals on skiing, restaurants, AFA Falcon sports, and more! Get yours today from any Junior or at [kleidecker@ecaeagles.org](mailto:kleidecker@ecaeagles.org)!

**Butter Braids are coming!** Student Council will take orders for delicious, ready-to-bake Butter Braids **Wednesday, October 5 - Friday, October 28**, with delivery **Monday, November 14** - in time to have them on hand for the holidays! Questions? Contact Mrs. Sarah Perkett at [sperkett@ecaeagles.org](mailto:sperkett@ecaeagles.org).

The Senior Class will take orders for **holiday poinsettias, centerpieces, wreaths, and swags** from **Monday, October 17—Wednesday, November 2** - watch for full details in the October 13 *Eagle's View Monthly*!



**Senior Yearbook Ads:** The deadline to submit your ads is **Thursday, October 6**. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Traci Aragon, Yearbook Instructor, at [taragon@ecaeagles.org](mailto:taragon@ecaeagles.org).

**Baby/Childhood Pictures:** One-three photos for the Senior bulletin board, Junior-Senior Banquet, and Commencement are due to Mrs. Iverts in the office by **Thursday, October 6**, and will be logged, scanned, and returned.

**Senior Pictures:** The Seniors have had their pictures taken for the 2016-17 Yearbook, Junior-Senior Banquet, Senior Wall Composite, and Commencement program; and Picture Retake Day for these pictures is **Wednesday, October 26**.

**Graduation Orders:** Mr. Joe Adducci, our Jostens representative, will be on campus **next Tuesday, September 27, at 7:45am** with information packets and will return **Tuesday, October 4, at 8:10am** to collect orders and payment/deposit.



*Thank You to our Elementary parents who provided an amazing soup & salad luncheon for the Elementary teachers and staff on September 21!*

*Thank You to our very busy Student Council members for kicking off the year with the Secondary Student Retreat in August, helping with the ECA Golf Classic on September 12, sponsoring the Junior High Pizza & Bowling Party on September 16, organizing the ECA Family Movie & Carnival Night this coming Saturday, and preparing for the See You at the Pole prayer gathering next Wednesday. Your hard work is really appreciated!*

*Thank You to our Secondary Moms in Prayer for sharing their wonderful baked treats and fruit last Monday!*

*...encourage each other and build one another up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11*



**We are grateful for the continued support of ECA Corporate Sponsor  
Scott Coddington and Pulse Real Estate Group, LLC.**

Scott is a Colorado Springs native and third-generation agent who can expertly assist you in navigating the real estate market here in Colorado Springs. His company, Pulse Real Estate Group, is a full-service brokerage with expertise in working effectively with local builders and developers, managing personal investments in real estate, working with bank-owned and short-sales properties, working with first-time buyers and sellers at their chosen pace, and serving military families with their housing needs.

If you are interested in selling your home or want to know how much it has increased in value, give Scott a call at 238-3536! Scott and Pulse Real Estate Group can help you with all of your real estate needs, and they also offer valuable closing gifts to all buyers.

The Coddingtons are an ECA family with students in our 6th and 7th Grades.

**Pulse Real Estate Group - "changing the beat of real estate."**



**Would you or someone you know benefit from 2016-17 advertising opportunities at ECA?**

Appearance on our school website and athletic programs are just two of the great ways to get your name in front of hundreds of families! For information on promoting your business while supporting ECA, contact Mrs. Sandi Geving, [randysandi@msn.com](mailto:randysandi@msn.com).

**10th Annual ECA Eagle Golf Classic—a Day Full of Blessings!**



Golfers enjoyed a picture-perfect day on September 12 at the beautiful Colorado Springs Country Club! The winning foursome of Jeff Schmidt, Austin Morgan, Sean McCorkle, and Jeff Thomas took 1st Place in the *Best-Ball Scramble* in a tie-breaker over the foursome of Mark Benes, Jim Hafemeister, Jim Oaks, and Bill Johannsen. The *Church Cup Challenge* was won by the newcomer Church at Briargate foursome of Dean Skaret, Dale Beggs, Ron Munyan, and Scott Bottoms. Austin Morgan teed up the *Longest Drive*, Nathan Beers came *Closest to the Pin*, and Mason Boggs won the *Putting Contest*.

We are so grateful to our sponsors who made the event possible:

- Lunch Sponsor:** *Marcus and Kathy Boggs*  
**Eagle Sponsors:** *ANB Bank; Clean Cut Landscaping; E.J. Nusbaum, State Farm Insurance; Jeff Schmidt, State Farm Insurance; Winnelson Company*  
**Birdie Sponsors:** *Six & Geving Insurance; Brady Pitt, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones*  
**Par Sponsors:** *Dr. Howard Short, DDS*  
**Longest Drive Sponsor:** *Doctors Medical Group of Colorado Springs*  
**Breakfast Sponsor:** *Leonard Evangelical Christian Academy Foundation (LECAF)*

Thank You to our volunteers, including Mrs. Sarah Perrett and members of ECA Student Council who sold mulligans and helped with Registration, and to all who participated and supported the event!



**Student Picture Days**

Picture Retake Day for *Elementary* Picture Retake Day is **Wednesday, October 12**, and *Secondary* students will have retakes on **Wednesday, October 26**. The original photo packets must be turned in then.

**Lost & Found:** All items at the Secondary campus, including lunchroom and kitchen, not claimed by Friday, September 30, will be donated to charity or discarded. Please check for your belongings!

**Order your ECAP Gift Cards each week and earn money toward your tuition every time!**

Use *ECAP Gift Cards* for goods and services you already use - or - give *ECAP Gift Cards* as gifts!

Get started now! For more information on enrolling in the program, contact Mrs. Julie Branch or Mrs. Jennifer Gaines in the ECA Business Office, 574-0290.

***From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised. Psalm 113:3***



# EAGLES SPORTS

## Black Forest League HS Volleyball

Our *Varsity* Lady Eagles are currently 6-4 overall and 1-0 League after wins over Harrison, Pikes Peak Christian, Florence, Elbert, Sierra, and Calhan, and 4 losses including 3 down-to-the-wire 5-game matches with Sand Creek, Kiowa, and Vanguard. They meet the Fountain Valley School Lady Danes today, September 22, at 5:00pm at FVS. The JV team is currently 7-4 overall and 1-0 League and play the Fountain Valley School Lady Danes at 4:00pm today.

## Black Forest League JH Volleyball

Our JHA and JHB Lady Eagles are currently 1-6 and 5-1 as they head into the Calhan Junior High Tournament next Monday, September 20. In the round robin, JHA will play the Calhan Lady Bulldogs at 4:00pm and the Kiowa Lady Indians at 5:00; and JHB will play Kiowa at 4:00 and Calhan at 6:00. Go, Lady Eagles!

## Christian Schools Athletic League 5th/6th Grade Volleyball

Our Lady Eagles kicked off their season with the CSAL Friendship Tournament on September 10 and continue through the post-season League Tournament which concludes Saturday, October 15. For information on Elementary sports, call the Elementary office at 634-7024 or go to [www.ecaeagles.org](http://www.ecaeagles.org), Athletics, Elementary Athletics.

## Tri-Peaks League Boys' HS Soccer

Our Eagles are currently 2-5 with wins over Thorncreek Christian and Front Range Christian and losses to 3A James Irwin, 4A Sierra, 3A Lutheran, 3A Atlas Prep, and 4A Woodland Park. Freshman James Singleton was named *Player of the Game* vs. James Irwin, playing a hard-fought game and showing that he is a natural for playing defense. In the victory over Thorncreek, Junior Joseph Wilcox was named *Player of the Game* after scoring two solid goals and successfully defending Thorncreek's top player in man-to-man play. Sophomore Braydan Hekkers, Team Captain, has received *Player of the Game* honors twice this season: in the game with Sierra, he scored on a Penalty Kick for the Eagles' lone goal; and in the game vs. Atlas Prep, Braydan, who has the skills to cover any position on the field, scored two goals and an assist. Our Eagles take on the Ellicott Thunderhawks today, September 22, at El Pomar Field E at 4:15pm, and next Tuesday, September 27, the Manitou Springs Mustangs at El Pomar Field E, 4:15pm. Go, Eagles!

## Boys' 6th-8th Grade Soccer

Our Eagles have been split into two teams to accommodate low area registrations, and ECA Blue and ECA White are playing 6-on-6 games. ECA White are currently 5-2, and scoring so far are Samuel Ross (13 goals), Chase Wallace (2), Michael Kim (2), Jonah Aragon (1), Jon Bunker (1), and Ben Steiner (1). Jon, Jonah, and Chase have also played in goal; and David Bunker and Vito Yacovoni help support in the midfield. ECA Blue is currently 2-3-1, with Hunter Lavrenz leading in scoring, Logan DeGraaf playing as the main goalie, and Michael Foth and Nathan Sheppard helping in support of the defense and midfield. It's ECA Blue vs. ECA White next Monday, September 20, at Gossage Sports Complex at 5:30pm!

## Black Forest League HS Cross Country

Our Eagles have continued to work hard and gain experience in the D' Evelyn Dash, and Joe Davis, Liberty Bell, and Air Academy Kadet Invitational Meets. Anna Kat Bates, Victoria Blackman, Faith Gregory, Nathan Cress, Aaron Osborne, Stephen Trumble, and Will Trumble run today, September 22, in the Coronado Cougar Invitational Meet at Monument Valley Park: 3:00pm Girls/4:10 starts. Go, Eagles!



**ECA Eagles On-line Spirit Store:** Top-quality apparel and merchandise! It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1) Go to [www.shop.mylocker.net](http://www.shop.mylocker.net), enter ad165, and click on each item for details;
- 2) Place your items in your Shopping Cart and proceed to Check Out;
- 3) Pay on-line; and your order will be shipped to you direct in three-four weeks.

Questions? Contact Don Steiner at [dsteiner@ecaeagles.org](mailto:dsteiner@ecaeagles.org).

*...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1b*



# EAGLES EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted on the calendar below:

- \* **Mondays** 8:00/8:30am Moms in Prayer: Secondary, Room 220/Elementary campus  
3:00pm orders ECAP (ECA SCRIP) - www.shopwithscrip.com, #9789794611325, for pick-up Friday  
3:15-4:15pm Elementary Art Club
- \* **Tuesdays** Lunch B Student Council Meeting, Room 212
- \* **Wednesdays** 8:45/9:30am Elementary Chapel/Secondary Chapel in Leonard Hall  
3:00-4:15pm ECA Spanish Club at the Elementary campus

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thu, Sep 22	G3:00/B4:00pm 4:00/5:00pm 4:150pm	Cross Country: Coronado Cougar Meet, Monument Valley Park (2:00 dismissal) Volleyball: JV/Varsity vs. Fountain Valley School Lady Danes at Fountain Valley School Soccer: Varsity vs. Ellicott Thunderhawks at El Pomar Field E
Fri, Sep 23	8:00am start * * 5:30pm	Drop-off for donated items for Sixth Grade Garage Sale, Elementary campus Elementary Fitness Run Deadline to buy BOGO Cards from any Junior or kleidecker@ecaeagles.org Volleyball: ECA-5th/6th vs. CSCS-6th at CSCS
Sat, Sep 24	8:00am-12:00pm 5:00pm	Sixth Grade Pancake Breakfast & Garage Sale, Elementary campus ECA All-School Movies & Carnival Night, Secondary parking lot
Mon-Fri, Sep 26-30		College/University Representative Visits to ECA
Mon, Sep 26	4:00/5:00 & 4:00/6:00pm 5:30pm 6:00-9:00pm	Volleyball: Calhan JH Tournament: JHA vs. Calhan/Kiowa, JHB vs. Kiowa/Calhan Soccer: ECA-6th-8th Blue vs. White, Gossage Complex Christian College Fair, CSCS Gym
Tue, Sep 27	8:10-8:30am 4:30pm 5:30pm	Senior Jostens Meeting for graduation orders Soccer: Varsity vs. Manitou Springs Mustangs at El Pomar Field E Volleyball: ECA-5th vs. CSCS-5th at CSCS
Wed, Sep 28	7:30am Lunch A&B 5:30pm 5:30pm	See You at the Pole student prayer gathering, Secondary flagpole Potato & Sundae Bar Lunch sponsored by the Freshman Class Soccer: ECA-6th-8th White vs. Cottonwood Galaxy at Cottonwood Park Soccer: ECA-6th-8th Blue vs. Gossage Rampage at Gossage Complex
Thu, Sep 29	4:15pm	Soccer: Varsity vs. Dolores Huerta Scorpions at El Pomar Field E
Fri, Sep 30	4:00/5:00/6:00/7:00pm 5:30pm	Volleyball: JHB/JHA/JV/Varsity vs. Simla Cubs at HOME Volleyball: ECA-5th/6th vs. St. Peters-5th/6th at St. Peters

**For sports events after September 30:** www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics, Secondary Athletics or Elementary, Athletics

Sat, Oct 1	8:00am	College SAT testing at various locations
Mon-Sat, Oct 3-8		Eagle Spirit Week & Homecoming!
Mon, Oct 3	5:30pm start	Black Forest League Matchwits Meet at ECA
Tue, Oct 4	7:45-8:30am	Senior graduation orders collection with Mr. Joe Adducci, Jostens
Wed, Oct 5	9:30am	Secondary Class Prayer & Devotions
Thu, Oct 6	*	Senior Ads and Baby/Childhood photos due
Fri, Oct 7	*	Elementary Rocket Launch
Mon, Oct 10	8:00am	Secondary November Hot Lunch orders and payment due
Tue, Oct 11	*	Elementary November Hot Lunch orders due
Wed, Oct 12	*	Elementary Picture Retake Day
Thu, Oct 13	*	Elementary Challenger Day
	*	November Eagle's View Monthly issued
Fri & Sat, Oct 14 & 15		CHSAA Student Leadership Conference, Lakewood HS
Fri, Oct 14	11:30am	Student Dismissal: End-of-Quarter Teacher Workday
Tue, Oct 18	8:45am	Elementary Band Mini Concert
	*	Secondary Report Cards sent home
Wed & Thu, Oct 19 & 20		11:30am Student Dismissal: Parent-Teacher Conferences & Scholastic Book Fair
Wed, Oct 19	8:00am	PSAT Testing
Fri, Oct 21	*	NO SCHOOL: Fall Break

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus... Colossians 3:17a*