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EAGLE'S VIEW

Your *Eagle's View* is a source of vital information, forms, and updates on school activities and events and is issued throughout the school year. 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, News. Thank you!

...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done. Psalm 78:4

Redemptive Rhetoric – A Classical Christian Necessity!

By Dr. Jim Johnson, ECA Superintendent

Rhetoric is the art of persuasive speech. When the subject of Rhetoric is fully understood, an ECA student is apt to be drawn to the truth, goodness, and beauty of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that each student will benefit from the wisdom of knowing both the positive and negative implications of the tools of persuasive speech.

Scripture contains a mention of the concept of persuasion in Acts 26:28, “*And Agrippa said to Paul, ‘In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?’*”

This verse is the response of King Agrippa to a persuasive speech given by the Apostle Paul. In the setting, Paul has been imprisoned and is appealing his case to King Agrippa. I commend to you the reading of this section of Acts found in and around Acts 26.

Perhaps the most appealing point of Paul’s testimony is that he makes detailed reference to his conversion. You see, Paul was a persecutor of Christians until the Lord Jesus had an encounter with Paul on the road to Damascus. It is important to notice that the work of salvation in Paul’s life is being performed by the Lord. Then Paul responds in faith and obedience while being willing to speak boldly about his redemption. In fact, King Agrippa and many others around were able to benefit from Paul’s bold speech.

At ECA our prayer for each and every student, regardless of grade, is that they might continue to grow in their exposure to and understanding of the Savior – leading to genuine faith in Him.

This year, I have the privilege of teaching our Rhetoric class to many of our Juniors and Seniors; and while I am still getting acquainted with them, I trust that many have already expressed faith in Christ. However, only the Lord knows the proclivity of the hearts of these young adults! I pray that what is learned in class throughout the year will be instrumental in drawing students nearer to Him, and I am thankful for the work of Mrs. Leslie Schwager who developed and honed this special curriculum over the last decade to do just that.

When we made a formal commitment to align with the Classical Christian educational paradigm in 2009, we knew it would require us to grow as a school. In hindsight, I am delighted that we chose to do this. Many students have already been impacted through Rhetoric.

Let us continue to pray that as our children advance grade by grade, they will be nurtured to love, honor, and obey the Lord who is powerful enough to save each one! Ultimately, may each one “pursue their purpose in Christ.”

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.



We heartily welcome Mr. Tim Baird who has joined ECA to serve as Junior High & Senior High Band Director; Ms. Katie Keith (ECA '13), returning to ECA to teach Junior High Computer Applications, InDesign, and Yearbook; Mr. Will Pinson, teaching Algebra II, Honors Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus, and Honors Physics; Mrs. Lisa Smith, returning to direct our Junior High & Senior High Choir; and Mr. Ryan Kiselich (ECA '02) and Mr. Kiki Isham of Advantage IT, providing invaluable IT support. We also welcome all of our new and returning families and students. We praise God for His wonderful provision!

Elementary & Secondary Combined Chapel

Wednesday, August 29 - 8:30am in the Village Seven Presbyterian Church sanctuary.

Please join us as we gather for Chapel with Dr. Jim Johnson and begin the school year together in praise and worship!

Sixth Grade Garage Sale & Pancake Breakfast—Saturday, September 22!

As you put away your summer things and begin your fall cleaning, please set aside any gently-used items for the **Sixth Grade Garage Sale & Pancake Breakfast!** Enjoy a delicious **pancake breakfast from 8:00-10:00am**, and **shop for treasures until 12:00noon**.

Donated items may be dropped off at the Elementary campus **beginning at 1:00pm on Thursday, September 20, and all day Friday, September 21** (tax receipts available upon request). Proceeds benefit our Sixth Grade's Id-Ra-Ha-Je Camp in April. Thank you for your support!



Congratulations and Thank You to our 2018-19 Student Officers:

Student Council: Ella Kim, President; Brett Arnold, Vice President; Roxie Dynes, Secretary; Kenny Singleton, Treasurer
Senior Class: Kaley Muth, President; Brett Arnold, Secretary/Treasurer
Junior Class: Faith Gregory/Kimber Devine, Co-Presidents; Victoria Blackman, Secretary/Treasurer
Sophomore Class: Maddie Castro, President; Ruthie Fox, Secretary/Treasurer
Freshman Class: Garrison Counts, President; Emily Holst, Secretary/Treasurer

Upcoming ECA Student Council-sponsored events at the Secondary campus:

- * **All-Secondary Retreat! Tomorrow - Friday, August 24!** Throughout the day of fun-filled activities and two chapel services, students and teachers will have an opportunity to fellowship as a community, hear truth for spiritual and personal development, and grow together in appreciation for one another within each class and the entire student body.
- * **Junior High Party - Friday, September 14, 12:00-2:00pm** (Half Day); watch for details coming soon!
- * **See You at the Pole** prayer gathering at the ECA Secondary flagpole on **Wednesday, September 26, at 7:30am!** Please join our students and teachers as we pray for our school, community, city, state, country, and the Church!
- * **Eagle Spirit Week - Monday, October 1 - Saturday, October 6!**
 - Eagle Spirit Pep Rally on Thursday - Go, Eagles!**
 - Eagle Spirit Soccer match on Thursday vs. Fountain Valley School Danes at 6:00pm at El Pomar-Olin!**
 - Eagle Spirit Volleyball on Friday vs. Hanover Lady Hornets starting at 4:00pm at HOME!**
 - Homecoming Court presented Friday at the Eagle Spirit Volleyball games!**
 - Homecoming Dance on Saturday - watch for details!**

Please join us for the **See You at the Pole** prayer gathering at the Elementary campus **Wednesday, September 26, 8:25am at the Elementary flagpole.**

Hot Lunch Programs

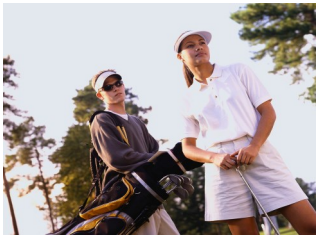
Secondary order forms have been sent home and are **due with payment no later than 8:00am next Monday, August 27.** The first Hot Lunch is Pizza Day **next Friday, August 31**, sponsored by the Seniors.

Elementary order forms are being sent home **today, August 23**, and are **due next Tuesday, August 28.**



Your October 2018 *Eagle's View* will be issued Thursday, September 20.
Items for print may be submitted by Friday, September 14, to miverts@ecaeagles.org.

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12th Annual ECA Eagle Golf Classic!

Do you love having fun playing golf or have friends who do? Come enjoy a great day of golf and support the ministry of ECA on Monday, September 10! Golfers of all skill levels are welcome - individuals, pairs, and foursomes!

The Eagle Classic, one of our most significant annual fundraisers, will again be hosted by the Colorado Springs Country Club at their spectacular course and facilities. For full details on the day's events, and early-registration discounts, go to www.ecaeagles.org, Eagle Golf Classic or contact Mr. Randy Geving at rgeving@six-geving.com.



Would you or someone you know benefit from 2018-19 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!

The *ECA Corporate Partner* program provides businesses the opportunity to market their products or services to over 200 families while supporting Christian education at ECA at the same time! Options include visibility on the *ECA website*, *RenWeb*, *2018-19 Yearbook*, and *Eagle's View* newsletters, as well as *event sponsorships* and *athletic advertising*. This may be a perfect fit for your business, your employer, or companies with whom you do business (doctors, dentists, auto repair, realtors, home repair, restaurants, bakeries, insurance agents, accountants, lawyers, etc.).

Find out how to become an *ECA Corporate Partner* at www.ecaeagles.org, **Advancement**, or contact Mrs. Sandi Geving at randysandi@msn.com. And remember, referrals for new advertisers count toward your fundraising commitment.



Seniors & Senior Parents Meeting Monday, September 10, 7:00pm in Room 220

This mandatory meeting for all Seniors and parents is held each September to share vital information on Senior guidelines, events, procedures and graduation orders; and you will also receive your *Senior Year Handbook* and leave with all of the planning information you will need for a great Senior year!

Senior Yearbook Ads are a great way to commemorate your Senior's graduation with a personal message for him or her in the ECA 2018-19 Yearbook! Information was included in your summer packets, or you may contact Miss Katie Keith at kkeith@ecaeagles.org.

Senior Pictures: All Seniors will have their pictures taken **Wednesday, September 5**, for the Yearbook Senior Page, Senior Walk (prom), Wall Composite, Commencement program, and Student ID cards. *Boys must wear cloth dress shirts and ties, and girls must wear a modest dress top/blouse.* Seniors who are not dressed accordingly or who miss Picture Day and Retake Day will be required to have their pictures taken at the LifeTouch Studio. There are no sitting fees and no obligation to purchase pictures; and *only these pictures will be used for the Yearbook, Senior Walk, Wall Composite, and Commencement.*

Need information about post-graduation career, military, or college planning? Contact Mr. Bob DeRuiter, Principal and Academic Counselor, at **597-3675** or bderuiter@ecaeagles.org with any questions you may have.



ECA Matchwits!

Our *Varsity* and *JV* teams compete in the Black Forest League in a fun, Jeopardy-type, buzzer format; and this year's season kicks off **Monday, September 17!**

Ms. Sandra Vollbracht, Sponsor, will hold a meeting **Wednesday, August 29**, during **Lunch B in Room 216** for all interested students.

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports

At the *Elementary* campus, Progress Reports will be sent home on **Thursday, September 20**.

Secondary Progress Reports will be sent home **Tuesday, September 18**; and grades are available on RenWeb as well.

Secondary Campus Reminders:

► All assigned books (hard-cover and soft-cover) are to be covered *all year*. Questions about your books? Please bring your book and see Mrs. Iverts in the school office.

► Students using a classroom for the last class of the day are to put their chairs on top of their tables.

► Lost & Found items are kept in the hallway by the ECA Business Office. All items, including lunch/kitchen items, not claimed by the last school day of each month will be discarded or donated to charity.

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

IMPACT Service Day: Wednesday, September 12

Our Secondary students and teachers will reach out in service at a variety of area locations; and preparations for these projects are underway. Full information, selection forms, and permission forms will be sent home soon. If you know of agencies, families, or individuals who would be blessed with help, or if you have questions, please contact Rev. Matt Holst *immediately* at mholst@ecaeagles.org, or 597-3675. Please join us in prayer that those served will be blessed and see the love of Christ in these acts of service.

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As ECA parents, you are already members of our **Parent Teacher Fellowship** (formerly known as C.A.R.E.) and are welcome to participate in every event and blessing we offer throughout the school year. We are looking for leadership help this year - if you have a heart for hospitality, blessing others, and creating encouraging moments, please contact Mrs. Michelle Poli at 634-7024 or mpoli@ecaeagles.org.

Student Picture Day - Wednesday, September 5

Elementary and Secondary students will have their pictures taken for the 2018-19 ECA Yearbooks, and for Secondary Student ID cards furnished by LifeTouch Photography. Information and order packets will be sent home with students, and **Picture Retake Day is Thursday, October 11.**



SENIORS - PLEASE NOTE: That morning, *all Seniors* will have their pictures taken for the Yearbook Senior Page, Senior Walk, Wall Composite, Commencement Exercises program, and Student ID cards. *Boys must wear cloth dress shirts and ties, and girls must wear a modest dress top/blouse.* Seniors who are not dressed accordingly or who miss Picture Day will be required to make arrangements to have their pictures taken at the LifeTouch Studio. There are no sitting fees and no obligation to purchase pictures; however, *only* these pictures will be used for the Yearbook, Senior Walk, Wall Composite, and Commencement Exercises.



The Art Department is in need of a new or good-condition wet/dry shop vac to replace the one which served faithfully for 20 years! If you have one to donate (a tax receipt is available), please contact Mr. Brent Holtcamp at 597-3675 or bholtcamp@ecaeagles.org. Thank you for your help!



Thank You. . .

This summer we were blessed beyond measure with "new" desks and chairs for all of our Elementary classrooms; a special thank you to Mr. Matt Hood for giving us the opportunity to acquire desks and chairs when a school district in town was replacing their classroom furniture. We were able to go and get enough chairs and desks to outfit our entire Elementary campus! We would also like to thank our high school students who graciously helped us haul, unload, clean the desks and chairs and then dismantle our old desks. Also, thank you Elementary staff for giving up your valuable time to clean and help distribute the desks and chairs throughout the school building. Finally, thank you Mr. Dave Blue and the Mark and Poli families for your help in removing the old desks and chairs. WE have an amazing family at ECA...we are thankful for each one of you.

This summer our Secondary Art Rooms were again relocated to the Leonard Hall Building with the help of many hardworking volunteers. Thank You to Faith Gregory, Andrew Gregory, Joy Gregory, Joseph Yacovoni, Vito Yacovoni, our Boys' Soccer team, members of Pastor Lints's JH youth group, and Mr. Dave Beitzel of Village Seven Presbyterian who worked on the cabinets and furnishings. Thank You for your amazing help with this big move!

Thank You to Mrs. Patti McFarland and Mr. Scott Bundy for their faithful help with the ECAP program.

Thank You to Mr. Nate Beers and the DeJong family for all of their hard work and time improving our Elementary playground - it is beautiful!

Moms in Prayer

Join us **Monday mornings** as we meet to pray specifically and scripturally for the ministry of ECA, staff, and students. We meet at the **Secondary campus from 8:00-9:00am** and focus on praising our Lord and praying for specific things such as all staff, students, school events, etc. No commitment required—you are welcome to come when you can. For more info, contact Mrs. Pam Garwood at 661-5876. At the **Elementary campus, we meet from 8:30-9:30am**; for more information, please contact Mrs. Kris Bristow at 310-7448 or krisjohnb50@gmail.com.

"...in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Phil. 4:6b



EAGLE FALL SPORTS

Black Forest League Boys' HS Soccer



From Coach Bunker. . . *The Eagles have gotten off to a great start with a solid week of practices and conditioning workouts. While the team returns with 10 players who have significant Varsity experience, we'll be leaning on the younger players to contribute and mature quickly. Additionally, we're all excited for a competitive season vs. mainly 2A teams.*

Our **Varsity** Eagles kick off their season next **Tuesday, August 28, vs. the Lotus School for Excellence Meteors at LSE: 4:30pm**; followed by games next **Friday, August 31, vs. the James Irwin Jaguars at El Pomar, Field E: Varsity 4:00pm, JV 5:45** and on **Thursday, September 6, vs. the Front Range Christian Falcons at El Pomar, Olin Field: Varsity 4:30pm**. Playing on our **Varsity/JV** teams this season are **Brett Arnold, David Bunker, Jonathan Bunker, Landon Bunker, Carson Burns (Captain), Jack Butler, Andrew DeRuiter, Spencer Hamilton, Braydan Hekkers (Captain), Trevor Jones, Andrew Kwon, John Lim, Michael Mann, Bryce Mielke, Josiah Murphy, Kevin Park, Kris Park, Nathan Sheppard, and James Singleton (Captain).**

Black Forest League HS & JH Volleyball



From **Varsity** Coach Becky Kyle. . . *We have 14 girls participating this year - including three returning Seniors - and we got off to a great start with a day of scrimmages this past Saturday. We are looking forward to kicking off competition next week vs. the Front Range Christian Lady Falcons on Tuesday, August 28, at FRC: JV 6:00, Varsity 7:00, followed by matches with the Simla Lady Cubs at HOME Thursday, August 30: JV 6:00, Varsity 7:00, and the Calhan Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, September 4, at HOME: JV 6:00, Varsity 7:00.*

Playing on our **Varsity** and **JV** teams this season are **Amy Antes, Grace Arnold, Hailey Botkin, Madison Castro, Hadassah Derosier, Kailey DeRuiter, Micah Elpers, Ruthie Fox, Karoline Garwood, Candela Pascual, Sydney Hood, Brianna Mann, Kaley Muth, and Elise Osborne.**

From **Junior High** Coach Mindy Sutton. . . *Nineteen girls will wear the ECA jersey this season, on two teams, and it's going to be an exciting season. Many of the girls participated in some newly-offered skills-and-strength development opportunities this summer - and it shows! We also have a few girls who are bravely stepping on the court for the first time. We are studying the book of Joshua this year as a team and focusing on being "Strong, Brave, and Fearless in the Lord." It is such an encouragement to know that we are never alone and have our teammates, family, friends, and most importantly God with us at all times no matter how big the challenges are that we face. We started with a scrimmage at James Irwin on August 21 and jump right into the season next Tuesday, August 28, vs. the Front Range Christian Lady Falcons at FRC: JH-B 4:00, JH-A 5:00. Our first HOME game will be a 2017-BFL-Tournament-Finals rematch vs. the Simla Lady Cubs next Thursday, August 30: JH-B 4:00, JH-A 5:00.*

Playing on our **JH-B** and **JH-A** teams this season are **Alexis Allen, Shea Atkins, Sadie Buteyn, Anna Castro, Kaitlyn Coddington, Myah DeJong, Madilyn DeRuiter, Lilly Froehlich, Berkeley Hart, Ellen Hood, Coco Hooper, Mara Leonard, Emily Mann, Keira Morton, Analí Mucino, Ellie Poli, E'Lon Still, Elana Sutton, and Harper Joy Tippets.**

Christian School Athletic League 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball

Our Lady Eagles, with Coach Amy Albright and Assistant Coaches Sarah LaCerte and Justine Atkins, began practices August 20 and look forward to the **CSAL Friendship Tournament on Saturday, September 8**. The season will conclude with the **League Tournament Thursday-Saturday, October 11-13**; and a full schedule of games will be posted as soon as it is finalized. Playing this season are: **Charlie Atkins, Grace Bristow, Sara Caldwell, Sammi Costain, Caroline Counts, Noa Fuller, Rylan Jagers, Gracie LaCerte, Elanor Morgan, Eva Mucino, Tatum Rasmussen, and Lily Ross**. For complete information on Elementary athletic programs, go to www.ecaeagles.org, **Athletics, Elementary Athletics**, or call the school office at **634-7024**.



Schedules are subject to change! Confirm the latest information available at www.ecaeagles.org, **Athletics, Elementary Athletics** or **Secondary Athletics**; or, on **RenWeb**, click **Secondary Morning Announcements**; Or call the **Elementary Office, 634-7024**, or the **Secondary Office, 597-3675**.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Fri, Aug 24	8:00am-6:15pm	<i>Secondary Student-Faculty Retreat, Ponderosa Retreat & Conference Center</i>
Sat, Aug 25	8:00am	<i>College SAT testing, various locations</i>

Beginning August 27, Moms in Prayer meet on **Mondays at 8:00am at the Secondary** (Mrs. Pam Garwood, 661-5876) and **8:45am at the Elementary** (Mrs. Kris Bristow, 310-7448) to pray for our school, staff, and students. Please join us!
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Mon, Aug 27	8:00am	<i>Secondary Hot Lunch orders and payment due</i>
Tue, Aug 28	*	<i>Elementary Hot Lunch orders due</i>
	4:00/5:00/6:00/7:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JH-A/JV/Varsity</i> vs. Front Range Christian Lady Falcons at FRC (Junior High-only dismissal at 1:15)
	4:30pm	Soccer: <i>Varsity</i> vs. Lotus School for Excellence at LSE (2:00 dismissal)
Wed, Aug 29	8:30am	All-School Combined Chapel with Dr. Jim Johnson, ECA Superintendent
	Lunch B	Matchwits Informational Meeting, Room 216
Thu, Aug 30	4:00/5:00/6:00/7:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JH-A/JV/Varsity</i> vs. Simla Lady Cubs at HOME
	4:00/5:45pm	Soccer: <i>Varsity/JV</i> vs. James Irwin Jaguars at James Irwin (2:30 dismissal)
Mon, Sep 3	*	NO SCHOOL: Labor Day
Tue, Sep 4	4:00/5:00/6:00/7:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JH-A/JV/Varsity</i> vs. Calhan Lady Bulldogs at HOME
Wed, Sep 5	*	Elementary & Secondary Student Picture Day (No Elementary Chapel)

Unless otherwise noted, Chapel is every Wednesday: **Elementary at 8:45am in the Elementary Chapel**, and **Secondary at 9:30am in the Village Seven Presbyterian Church sanctuary**; and ECA families and friends are always welcome.
Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise... Psalm 48:1a

Thu, Sep 6	4:00/5:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JH-A</i> vs. Thomas MacLaren Lady Highlanders at Thomas MacLaren
	4:30pm	Soccer: <i>Varsity</i> vs. Front Range Christian Falcons at El Pomar-Olin
	5:00/6:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JV/Varsity</i> vs. Harrison Lady Panthers at Harrison
Sat, Sep 8	8:00am	College ACT testing, various locations
	TBD	Volleyball: <i>5th & 6th Grade CSAL Friendship Tournament</i> , location and times TBD
	1:00/2:00/3:00/4:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JH-A/JV/Varsity</i> vs. Cotopaxi Lady Pirates at HOME
	7:00pm/TBD	Soccer: <i>Varsity/JV</i> vs. Rye Thunderbolts at El Pomar-Olin

For sports events after September 8: www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics; or, on RenWeb, Calendar. Go, Eagles!

Mon, Sep 10	*	Twelfth Annual ECA Golf Classic, Colorado Springs Country Club
	7:00pm	Seniors & Parents Meeting, Room 220
Wed, Sep 12	*	Secondary IMPACT 2018 (No Secondary Chapel nor Hot Lunch)
Fri, Sep 14	11:30am	Student Dismissal: Teacher In-service
	12:00-2:00pm	Junior High Party sponsored by Student Council
Mon, Sep 17	5:30pm	BFL Varsity/JV Matchwits Meet at Vanguard School
Tue, Sep 18	*	Secondary Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home
Thu, Sep 20	*	October 2018 Eagle's View issued
	*	Elementary Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home
	1:00pm start	Drop-off of items for Sixth Grade Garage Sale, Elementary campus
Fri, Sep 21	8:30am-3:00pm	Drop-off of items for Sixth Grade Garage Sale, Elementary campus
Sat, Sep 22	8:00am-12:00pm	Sixth Grade Pancake Breakfast & Garage Sale, Elementary campus
Mon, Sep 24	6:00-8:00pm	Youth for Christ Christian College Fair, CSCS Gym
Wed, Sep 26	7:30am	See You at the Pole student-teacher prayer gathering, at the Secondary flagpole
	8:25am	See You at the Pole prayer gathering at the Elementary flagpole

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:6