



EAGLE'S VIEW

Your *Eagle's View* is a source of information, forms, and updates on school activities and events and is issued throughout the school year. You may request a copy be sent home, pick one up at any school office, or access each issue at www.ecaeagles.org, News.

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

Why do I run? Why do I race? What prize do I seek?

by Dr. Jim Johnson, ECA Superintendent

Many of you have congratulated me on finishing the American Discovery Trail Marathon earlier this month. I really do appreciate the care and concern that many have expressed for me. This being only my second marathon, the fact that I did this one 36 years after the first and improved my time is quite gratifying!

My affinity for track competitions was initiated when I was young and fit. I ran in college but then lost the desire to even exercise for several decades. In my forties, I directed a Christian camp; and with all-you-can-eat meals, I quickly became a picture of ill-health. In my fifties, I returned to running competitions in an attempt to regain my ideal body weight, normal cholesterol levels, and stave off signs of a pre-diabetic diagnosis. Slowly, methodically, I have spent the last 11-plus years chasing better health through exercise. I am happy to report that things are working out well for me in this regard!

Earlier this summer I had an opportunity to do something very special. A personal friend of mine of about 40 years, unbeknown to me, registered for an 8K road race in Alamosa for which I had registered. We were surrounded there by "track royalty." You see, it was a reunion of the first American Olympic marathon qualification race held just prior to the Olympics in Mexico City. High altitude would be a factor at the Olympics, so the trials were held at altitude, too. In this reunion race, about a third of the original participants were in attendance, including gold-medalists such as Billy Mills and Frank Shorter. We ran the race together, along with my friend's 19-year-old son, actually well behind his son. It was such a fun and memorable time! We were both glad we did it.

It just so happens that my friend has been a missionary and was about to graduate with his Master of Divinity degree from seminary just a few weeks ago. I had the honor to speak at his graduation by giving him a "charge." Having such a connection to running, I elected to encourage him to preach the gospel of Christ wherever the Lord might lead him. But, if I could tie running into the message, I wanted to do that, too. This is where the message for him also becomes a message for all of us!

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified. I Corinthians 9:24-27

As pastors, we take joy in the opportunities to "speak forth the mystery of Christ." In this passage, we take joy in pointing out that the awards attained in this earthly life are really nothing. However, if we realize that Christ has presented us with "an imperishable wreath," we can be assured that it is He who will present us to the Father as qualified before Him!

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.

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



Come to the Elementary campus for a delicious **pancake breakfast from 8:00-10:00am**, and **shop for treasures until 12:00noon!**

Please set aside any gently-used items for the **Garage Sale**. Your donated items may be dropped off at the Elementary campus **beginning at 1:00pm today, September 20**, and **all day tomorrow, September 21** (tax receipts available). Proceeds benefit our Sixth Grade's Id-Ra-Ha-Je Camp in April. Thank you for your support!



College Representative Presentations

Beginning **tomorrow, September 21**, our Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors will have an opportunity to hear a variety of presentations from representatives from Christian colleges and universities, including **Colorado Christian University, Cedarville University, Eastern University, Northwestern College, Dordt College, Biola University, Grand Canyon University, and Wheaton College**. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Christian College Fair: Monday, September 24

Over 70 colleges and universities will be represented with information about their programs and offerings from 6:00-8:00pm in the CSCS Gym.

College PSAT Testing: Wednesday, October 10

The PSAT is an excellent opportunity to practice 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 8:00am-12:00pm in Leonard Hall to all ECA Juniors and interested Sophomores. The College Board fee of \$16 (payable to ECA) includes an informational publication, practice test, and the testing.

Dual Credit through CCU

The deadline to register is **Tuesday, October 30**. For more info on this valuable program, contact Mr. Bob DeRuiter at **597-3675** or **bderuiter@eca eagles.org**.

For further information regarding college/career/military preparation, please contact Mr. Bob DeRuiter at **597-3675** or **bderuiter@eca eagles.org** or **597-3675**.



Mark your calendars - October 1: ECA Matchwits hosting BFL Meet!

Our ECA Matchwits will host the Black Forest League Meet on **Monday, October 1!** As a team fundraiser, the Snack Bar will offer homemade dinner selections, desserts, and snacks beginning at **5:00pm** - drop by for dinner, or, eat and stay and watch your Eagles in competition! Thank You for your support!

Elizabeth Devine, Samuel Douglas, Mark Dynes, Karoline Garwood, Phoebe Glenn, Spencer Hamilton, Joshua Kim, and Molly Robinson kicked off the BFL season at the Vanguard Meet on September 17 and are looking forward to hosting their Meet on October 1!

IMPACT 2018: A Day of Blessings!

It was a recording-breaking day for heat on September 12 when our Secondary students and teachers set out to serve at Camp Elim, Zach's Place, Sinton Trailer Park, Pikes Peak Urban Gardens, home projects, Family Life Services, Crossfire Ministries, and Focus on the Family. After pulling weeds, sorting donations, washing windows, spreading rocks, hauling fill dirt, pulling apart fences with sledgehammers and axes, cleaning and scrubbing, working on office projects, and digging a trench with pick axes - they returned that afternoon hot, tired, but blessed in many, many ways!

Please pray with us that those served will continue to be blessed by the these acts of service.

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors...
II Cor. 5:20a*

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

* **See You at the Pole** prayer gathering at the ECA Secondary flagpole is **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!

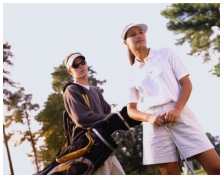
Homecoming Dance on Saturday - watch for details!



Your November 2018 *Eagle's View* will be issued Thursday, October 18.

Items for print may be submitted by Friday, October 12, to miverts@eca eagles.org.

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



12th Annual ECA Eagle Golf Classic!

The weather was perfect as friends and supporters of ECA gathered on September 10 at the Colorado Springs Country Club for a great morning of golf and fellowship at the ECA Eagle Golf Classic. Golfers were greeted in first-class fashion by Student Council members who set up their clubs and carts, then it was time to meet friends old and new, take a few practice swings, enjoy a Continental breakfast, and get ready for the new \$5,000 *Putting Challenge* (no one made the putt, but it was oh so close!). *First Place* honors for the *Best Ball Scramble* went to the foursome of Marty Bunker, Larry Arkfeld, Don Brown, and Fred Steffers, with *2nd Place* going to Dean Skaret, Luke Bond, Michael Janzen, and Levi Turner. The *Church Cup Challenge* was won by DJ DeJong, Greg Buchalter, Gordon Golden, and John McKeever from Village Seven Presbyterian Church. Trent Stafford from Kirkpatrick Bank won the *Longest Drive Contest*, with Fred Steffers and Justin Beers taking home honors for *Closest to the Pin*. This event would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, and we extend heartfelt gratitude to:

Breakfast Sponsor: *Dr. Howie Short, DDS*

Lunch Sponsor: *Marcus and Kathy Boggs*

Long Drive Sponsor: *The Leonard Evangelical Christian Academy Foundation (LECAF)*

Eagle Sponsors: *ANB Bank; Clean Cut Landscaping; E J Nusbaum, State Farm Insurance; Brady Pitt, Edward Jones; Six & Geving Insurance; and Winnelson Company*

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Thank You to our volunteers, including Bob DeRuiter, Michelle Poli, the ECA Student Council members who helped with registration and greeting, and to all who generously supported the Classic this year!

Mark Monday, September 9, 2019, on your calendars for the 13th Annual Golf Classic to benefit ECA!

Corporate Partner Highlight -

ECA is grateful for the continued support of **SCOTT CODDINGTON - PULSE REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC**. Scott, A Colorado Springs native and third-generation agent, can expertly assist you in navigating the Colorado Springs real estate market. 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 find out how much it has increased in value, give Scott and Janea a call at **238-3536** or email them at coddingtonscott@gmail.com. Pulse Real Estate provides valuable closing gifts to buyers and full service low list fees to sellers. The Coddingtons are an ECA family with students at our Secondary campus.

Would you or someone you know benefit from 2018-19 advertising opportunities at ECA?

The **ECA Corporate Partner** program provides businesses the opportunity to *market their product 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* 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, auto repair, insurance agents, lawyers, etc.). Find more information 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*.



German students will again visit our Secondary campus this fall, from **October 11 to November 1**; and host families are needed. Students, placed one per home, will need transportation, three meals a day (except Hot Lunch, which they would pay for), and interaction with the host family, including going to church. Several field trips are planned for them, and they will meet to leave from ECA on those days. On October 22 (ECA Fall Break), a field trip to Denver is planned, and host families are welcome to go if they would like.

If you would like to check out profiles of the students needing a host home and see if there might be a match for you, learn about the German culture, and invest in these students' lives, please contact Mrs. Brenda Ford, PSE Local Coordinator and NISE Regional Manager, at **632-4719** or **649-8450** or at rbford007@q.com at your earliest convenience.

As ECA parents, you are already members of our **Parent Teacher Fellowship** and are welcome to participate in every event and blessing we offer throughout the school year. If you have a heart for hospitality and blessing and encouraging others, please contact Mrs. Michelle Poli at **634-7024** or mpoli@ecaeagles.org.

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

1st Quarter Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held **Thursday and Friday, October 18 and 19**. Students will be dismissed at 11:30am both mornings (Secondary: Thursday Periods 1-4, Friday Periods 5-8), and the conferences will be held in the afternoons.

Secondary Conference Sign-up forms are being sent home with students **today, September 20**, and are due back to Mrs. Rohrer in the office **next Thursday, September 27**. Conferences are scheduled on a first-come-first-served basis; and finalized schedules will be sent home **Tuesday, October 9**. Secondary 1st Quarter Report Cards will be sent home **Tuesday, October 16**, for your review.

To request a time or day for **Elementary** conferences, call the Elementary office at **634-7024 by Thursday, September 27**. Finalized schedules will be sent home **Thursday, October 4**. Elementary 1st Quarter Report Cards will be distributed at the conferences.

On 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—
connect your children with books they will want to read and find great gift ideas for others and yourselves!

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



Student Picture Retake Days

Retake Day for Elementary and Secondary students is **Thursday, October 11**. Your proof packets must be returned to the photographers on Retake Day.

2018-19 BOGO Blue Cards!

These amazing coupon cards are valid through **December 31, 2019**, and are packed with over 90 money-saving discounts! You can use them again and again all around town at places such as Dutch Bros., Dickey's BBQ, Rizutto's Ice Cream, Del Taco, World Golf, Smash Burger, and many more, plus fun activities such as the Monarch deal - *one adult lift ticket just \$54!* Check out this year's card at www.bogoblue.com. Don't wait - the cards will only be available **through Thursday, October 11**, at any school office, from any Senior, or contact Mr. Bob DeRuiter at bderuiter@ecaeagles.org.

2018-19 Secondary Yearbooks

The annual Yearbook is a wonderful pictorial record of the entire school year! Order yours now in the Business Office for just \$45 (**after October 12**, \$55) - extra copies are not guaranteed by the publisher, so reserve your copy with an order today!

Secondary November Hot Lunch orders and payment are due no later than **8:00am on Monday, October 15**.

Elementary orders are due **Tuesday, October 16**.



Thank You to our Student Council members for kicking off the school year with the Student Retreat at Ponderosa Retreat Center on August 24, helping early in the morning at the ECA Golf Classic on September 10, sponsoring the Junior High Pizza & Sky Zone Party after early dismissal last Friday, and organizing the See You at the Pole prayer gathering next Wednesday, September 26!

Thank You to our Secondary parents and volunteers who gave their time and energy to help with IMPACT 2018 projects on September 12—you are appreciated!

Thank You to our Hot Lunch moms who set up and serve lunch at both campuses—you make the program possible!

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



Senior Messages are an excellent way to commemorate your Senior's graduation with a personal message for him or her in the 2018-19 Yearbook! The deadline is **Thursday, October 4**, to Miss Katie Keith at kkeith@ecaeagles.org or delivered to the Secondary school office.

Senior Baby/Childhood Photos: Photos (1-3 photos) for the Senior Walk, Commencement Exercises program, Senior Messages, and possible Senior bulletin board are due by **Thursday, October 4**, to Mrs. Ivirts in the office or to miverts@ecaeagles.org. Photos will be logged in, scanned, distributed, and returned to you.

Elementary Band Mini-Concert

The Elementary Band Mini-Concert will be presented **Thursday, October 25, at 8:45am in the Elementary Chapel**. Parents and families are welcome to attend.



ECA Theatre

If you are interested in auditioning for our cast or applying for a crew position, you and a parent/guardian need to attend the kick-off meeting on **Tuesday, October 30, at 7:00 in Leonard Hall**. We will announce this season's play and go over the schedule and commitment expectations. We can't wait for another amazing ECA Theatre production!



EAGLE SPORTS

Schedules are subject to change - for up-to-the-minute changes, go to www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics; on RenWeb click Calendar or Announcements; or call the school offices.

Black Forest League Boys' HS Soccer

Varsity got off to a strong 3-1 start and demonstrated that they are capable of playing at a high level with wins over the Lotus Meteors (6-1), Front Range Christian Falcons (10-0), and Rye Thunderbolts (3-2), and a loss to the James Irwin Jaguars (3-1). After losses to the Dolores Huerta Scorpions (3-7) and Thomas MacLaren Highlanders (1-3), the team is building a way to work together consistently as a team. Leading scorers for **Varsity** are **Braydan Hekkers** (8 Goals), **James Singleton** (4 Goals, 4 Assists), and **Landon Bunker** (4 Goals, 4 Assists); and Goalkeepers **Trevor Jones** (240 minutes, 4 GA), and **Josiah Murphy** (225 minutes, 12 GA) are holding the line.

JV is 1-2 with a win over the James Irwin Jaguars (2-0), and losses to the Dolores Huerta Scorpions (0-3) and Rye Thunderbolts (0-1). **Michael Mann** (90 minutes, 3 GA) and **Jonathan Bunker** (45 minutes, 1 GA) are goal keepers.

Coming up: **Next Tuesday vs. the Colorado Springs School Kodiaks at El Pomar-E, 4:00 Varsity.**

Black Forest League HS Volleyball

Our **Varsity** Lady Eagles are 1-8 after playing the Front Range Christian Lady Falcons, Simla Lady Cubs, Calhan Lady Bulldogs, Thomas MacLaren Lady Highlanders, Harrison Lady Panthers, Cotopaxi Lady Pirates, and Elbert Lady Bulldogs and hosting the Florence Lady Huskies, Fountain Valley School Lady Danes, and Mitchell Lady Marauders at their annual **Lady Eagle Invitational Tournament** on September 15. **Varsity** leaders are **Sydney Hood** with 11 Aces, **Karoline Garwood** 40 Kills, **Amy Antes** 56 Assists/86 Digs, and **Maddie Castro** 15 Blocks.

JV is currently 1-5, with **Micah Elpers** racking up 15 Aces/24 Kills/6 Blocks and **Hadassah Derosier** 33 Assists/10 Digs.

Coming up: **This Saturday vs. the Edison Lady Eagles at HOME, 2:00 JV & 3:00 Varsity;** and **next Thursday vs. the Vanguard Lady Coursers at HOME, 6:00 JV & 7:00 Varsity.**

Black Forest League JH Volleyball

Our **Junior High** teams are amazing this season! **JH-B** is 5-2, and **Harper Joy Tippets** is leading the charge as a team captain, in serving percentage, and sets. **Emily Mann** and **Alexis Allen** led the Lady Eagles to a win against Elbert with a Kill each. **Shea Atkins**, **Myah DeJong**, and **Sadie Buteyn** have been crucial players for the team, playing all the way around and registering multiple Kills, Digs, and Blocks. **Maddie DeRuiter** stepped up to the challenge in the A-team game vs. the Elbert Lady Bulldogs, when one of our players got hurt, with two point-saving Digs.

JH-A is undefeated with a record of 7-0, registering their most recent win in a hard-fought, three-set battle vs. the Elbert Lady Bulldogs. Their success is truly a team effort! Memorable moments include **Elana Sutton's** three jump-serve Aces vs. the Cotopaxi Lady Pirates, **Anna Castro's** perfect Digs of any ball hit at our team, **Anali Muciño's** ability to play every position she is asked to, **Ellie Poli's** match-winning stuff Block vs. the Simla Lady Cubs, **Keira Morton's** one-handed Digs vs. the Front Range Christian Lady Falcons, and **Kaitlyn Coddington's** and **Berkeley Hart's** consistent Serve and Set percentages. If you haven't seen these 19 girls play, there are still five more home-court opportunities!

Coming up: **This Saturday vs. the Edison Lady Eagles at HOME, 1:00 JH-A;** and on **Monday, the Calhan Junior High Tournament, JH-A & JH-B 4:00 (2:30 dismissal).**

Christian Schools Athletic League 5th/6th Grade Volleyball

Our Lady Eagles look forward to their next League game **tomorrow, September 21, vs. Corpus Christi-1 at Corpus Christi at 5:30**, and **next Tuesday vs. St. Paul's-1 at St. Paul's at 5:30**. The season continues through the **CSAL Tournament** on October 11-13, location TBD. For more info on Elementary sports, go to www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics, Elementary Athletics, or contact the Elementary office at 634-7024.



Junior High Basketball: Practices begin Tuesday, October 23, and Practice Passes are required—see Mr. Steiner. The mandatory Parent Meeting is Monday, October 29, at 7:00pm in Room 115.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted on the calendar below:

- * Mondays 8:00/8:30am 3:00pm Moms in Prayer: Secondary, Room 220/Elementary campus
ECAP orders at www.shopwithscrip.com for Friday pick-up
- * Wednesdays 8:45/9:30am Elementary Chapel/Secondary Chapel, Leonard Hall

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thu, Sep 20	*	<i>Elementary</i> Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home
Fri, Sep 21	8:30am-3:00pm	Drop-off for donated items for the 6th Grade Garage Sale
	9:48am	Colorado Christian University representative visit, Secondary campus
	5:30pm	Volleyball: <i>5th-6th Grade</i> vs. Corpus Christi-1 at Corpus Christi
Sat, Sep 22	8:00am-12:00pm	Sixth Grade Pancake Breakfast & Garage Sale, <i>Elementary</i> campus
	1:00/2:00/3:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-A/JV/Varsity</i> vs. Edison Lady Eagles at HOME
Mon, Sep 24	8:56am	Cedarville University representative visit, Secondary campus
	9:48am	Eastern University representative visit, Secondary campus
	11:18am	Northwestern College representative visit, Secondary campus
	Lunch B	Dordt College representative visit, Secondary campus
	12:33pm	Biola University representative visit, Secondary campus
	1:18pm	Wheaton College representative visit, Secondary campus
	4:00/4:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JH-A</i> Calhan Tournament (2:30 dismissal)
	6:00-8:00pm	Christian College Fair, CSCS Gym

For sports events after September 24: www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics, Elementary Athletics or Secondary Athletics; or, on RenWeb, Calendar. Go, Eagles!

Wed, Sep 26	7:30/8:30am	See You at the Pole prayer gathering at the <i>Secondary/Elementary</i> flag pole
Thu, Sep 27	*	<i>Elementary & Secondary</i> Parent-Teacher Conference requests due
	Mon-Sat, Oct 1-6	Eagle Spirit Week at the <i>Secondary</i> campus sponsored by Student Council
Wed, Oct 3	Lunch A&B	Brats, Dogs, & Mac & Cheese Lunch sponsored by ECA Matchwits
Thu, Oct 4	*	Senior Messages and baby/childhood photos due
	Lunch B	Grand Canyon University representative visit, Secondary campus
	2:16pm	Eagle Spirit Pep Rally, <i>Secondary</i> Gym
Fri, Oct 5	TBD	Sixth Grade Rocket Launch
Sat, Oct 6	8:00am	College SAT testing, various locations
	TBD	Eagle Spirit Homecoming Dance
Wed, Oct 10	8:00am-12:00pm	PSAT testing for all ECA Juniors and registered Sophomores, Leonard Hall
	*	NO <i>Secondary</i> Chapel
Thu, Oct 11-Thu, Nov 1		German students visiting <i>Secondary</i> campus
Thu, Oct 11	*	<i>Elementary & Secondary</i> Student Picture Retake Day
Fri, Oct 12	*	Deadline to order <i>Secondary</i> 2018-19 Yearbooks at \$45 discounted price
	11:30am	Student Dismissal: End-of-Quarter Teacher Workday
Mon, Oct 15	8:00am	<i>Secondary</i> Hot Lunch orders and payment due
Tue, Oct 16	*	<i>Elementary</i> Hot Lunch orders due
	*	<i>Secondary</i> 1st Quarter Report Cards sent home
Thu & Fri, Oct 18 & 19:	8:00am-4:00pm	Scholastic Book Fair, <i>Elementary</i> Gym
	11:30am	Student Dismissal: Parent-Teacher Conferences
	*	<i>Elementary & Secondary</i> Parent-Teacher Conferences, as scheduled
	*	<i>Elementary</i> 1st Quarter Report Cards sent home at P-T Conferences
Thu, Oct 18	*	November <i>Eagle's View</i> issued
Mon, Oct 22	*	NO SCHOOL: Fall Break

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