



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

Rhetoric: A Catalyst for Spiritual Maturation

Dr. Jim Johnson, ECA Superintendent

The ECA Class of 2013 was our first with the requirement of passing Rhetoric in order to graduate, and it is a course that is a real catalyst for spiritual maturation in the lives of those who take it. Invariably, students enter with a spirit of fear and trepidation, but I have found that most ultimately come to appreciate and even enjoy it.

This year, I have the privilege of teaching Rhetoric. In this first quarter, students have been exposed to basic definitions, techniques to develop an unbiased viewpoint, considerations of a Biblical worldview, the ability to represent either side of an argument, and techniques to speak confidently and persuasively. Despite the pressure of deadlines, speeches, and critical thinking on their feet, all of the students are holding their own; and not only are these students maturing, they are developing into very articulate and convincing speakers!

We are currently preparing for the ECA Public Forum Debate on November 9. If you have never attended an ECA debate tournament, it is something not to be missed! This semester's debate is developed around a nationally debated resolution: "*The United States federal government should significantly reduce restrictions on legal immigration to the United States.*" This is such a far-reaching topic, it is no wonder that American legislators continue to wrestle with the best solution to this persistent problem. Our students are investigating many different angles to this issue, including:

Does the U.S. have enough space, resources, and infrastructure to allow more immigrants?

Will immigrants take jobs away from long-term citizens?

Will national security risks increase with the inclusion of foreigners in our country?

Will international diversity be welcomed in the U.S.?

Will immigrants bring new illnesses and diseases?

Will people from foreign lands assimilate seamlessly into American culture?

My heart is always warmed by students who are thinking Biblically, without over-prodding on the part of the instructor! With two class members who are legal immigrants to the U.S. through adoption, we often deal with sensitive issues, such as the way certain genders are treated in foreign lands relative to abortion. It is great to see this issue being addressed through a growing maturity in the Christian perspective.

One debate team used Scripture to underscore receptivity to the acceptance of a greater number of immigrants, "*This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.*" John 15:12. We can only pray that the influence for Christ in the United States can still be vibrant and effective in this current age!

Please join me in prayer that our students would come to reverence their "eternal citizenship," already secured for them in heaven by Jesus Christ:

"All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them." Hebrews 11:13-16

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.

As part of our annual Eagle Spirit Week & Homecoming, nominations for the Homecoming Court are based on a clear demonstration of a Christ-like attitude toward classmates and teachers and school spirit displayed through attitude and involvement. The Court was announced at the Pep Rally on October 4: Seniors **Grace Arnold, Karoline Garwood, Kaley Muth, Brett Arnold, Carson Burns, Samuel Douglas**; Juniors **Kimber Devine, Trevor Jones**; Sophomores **Ella Kim, Jonah Aragon**; Freshmen **Kailey DeRuiter, Garrison Counts**. The Court was presented at the Volleyball games on October 5 when Seniors **Karoline Garwood and Brett Arnold** were announced as King and Queen; and the week's festivities wrapped up with the Hollywood Homecoming Dance on October 6 with lots of fun, food, and fellowship! To see photos, go the www.ecaeagles.org, scroll down, and click on the Facebook icon.



ECA students and alumni are involved in a wide variety of community, service, and extracurricular activities. Please call the Secondary office, 597-3675, or e-mail miverts@ecaeagles.org with information regarding our students' achievements and achievements, and we will gladly share the good news!

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16



Music Notes. . .

Our Elementary musicians and Director, Mrs. Stacey Dyer, will present their Elementary Band Mini Concert on Thursday, October 25, at 8:45am.

Our Junior High & High School Bands and Mr. Tim Baird, Director, will present their Fall Concert next Friday, October 26, at 6:00 in Leonard Hall.

Our 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade students will hear all the instruments of the Colorado Springs Philharmonic Orchestra and discover how music can tell stories when they travel to the Pikes Peak Center for the Kids Philharmonic presentation of Peter & the Wolf on Wednesday, morning October 31.

Our Junior & High School Bands will attend the education concert, "Myths & Legends," at the Denver Performing Art Complex on Wednesday, November 7.



Willkommen! We extend a hearty welcome to our German guest-students who are attending classes at our Secondary campus through Northwest International Student Exchange.

Vincent Keppel, Philine Klüsener, Cong Nguyen, Marleen Rahn, Norrin Reinartz, Merle Rieger, Amarin Ribeiro, Paul Schmitt, Celina Schwarzkopf, and Sheila-Anouk Stauch are from various cities in Germany and will be learning about our area, American culture, education, and family life through November 1. Welcome!



ECA Matchwits!

Elizabeth Devine, Samuel Douglas, Mark Dynes, Karoline Garwood, Phoebe Glenn, Spencer Hamilton, Joshua Kim, and Molly Robinson, with Coach Sandra Vollbracht, hosted the BFL Meet on October 1 and finished the evening in 5th Place to date in cumulative scoring. The next Meet is Monday, November 5, at Pikes Peak Christian School, 5:30pm start.



ECA Theatre!

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

ECA Public Forum Debate Tournament: Friday, November 9, 8:00am-3:00pm

Resolved: *The United States government should substantially reduce it's restrictions on legal immigration to the U.S.*

Everyone is very welcome to observe the individual rounds and the Tournament finals at approximately 1:00pm; please enter before rounds begin or between speeches. The schedule and room locations will be posted in the school office.

December Hot Lunches

Secondary: order forms sent home Monday, November 5, and due with payment by 8:00am on Monday, November 12.

Elementary: order forms sent home Thursday, November 8, and due Tuesday, November 13.



Your December-January Eagle's View will be issued Thursday, November 15. Please submit information for print by Friday, November 9, to miverts@ecaeagles.org.

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



Each year at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month - the celebrated end of World War I - a combined Color Guard representing all military services "Presents Arms" at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery to honor all Americans who have given their lives in all wars. As we observe Veterans' Day this year, may we be reminded to reflect on the deep sacrifices and service of our veterans, thank God for them, and continue to pray for all of our troops and their families who are currently serving us all.

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

1st Quarter Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are being held **today and tomorrow, 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 1st Quarter Report Cards were sent home October 16 for your review; and 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 our 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!



ECA Alumni - save the date!

Mark your calendars now to come to the **ECA Alumni Night & Reception on Friday, December 21**, at the Eagles' home basketball games vs. the Cripple Creek-Victor Pioneers! Watch for more info coming soon - we look forward to seeing you then!

Dual Credit through Colorado Christian University

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

For further information on post-graduation college, career, and military preparation, contact Mr. Bob DeRuiter at 597-3675 or bderuiter@ecaeagles.org.



As ECA parents, you are 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.

\$\$\$ ECA Night at Chipotle: Monday, October 29, 5:00-9:00pm, 895 North Academy!

Come to Chipotle for dinner or snacks and support our Senior Class! The minimum goal for the evening is \$300 in sales - come enjoy good food and fellowship *and* help our Seniors raise funds for Senior activities!



Our 6th Grade students are selling **2018 Scripture Calendars**, boxes of **Greeting Cards**, and boxes of **Christmas Cards** for \$7 each - buy yours from any 6th Grade student or in the Elementary school office!

Butter Braids - in a wide variety of delicious flavors - make fabulous gifts, special breakfasts, and great holiday additions! Order yours for only \$13 each **through Friday, November 9**, from Student Council members or Mr. DeRuiter at 597-3675 or bderuiter@ecaeagles.org, with delivery **Thursday, November 15**. Thank You for your support of our Student Council activities and events!

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

- 1) Go to www.mylocker.net, search for **Evangelical Christian Academy**, and check out the merchandise - click on each item for details;
- 2) Fill 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.

ECA Letter Jackets are available **online at <http://shopallamericansports.com/>** - see Don Steiner for a \$10 coupon!

Information/order packets for custom-designed **ECA Class Rings** are available in the rack by the Secondary office.

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



Thank You to everyone who supported our 6th Grade Pancake Breakfast & Garage Sale on September 22 - your time, generous donations, and attendance made the event a big success!

Thank You to our ECA families and friends who have opened their homes to our guest-students from Germany—your hospitality is a blessing!

Thank You to all of our parent, student, family, and staff volunteers who helped set up rooms and buzzers, served as readers, timekeepers, and scorers, and helped at the fundraiser concessions stand at the ECA Matchwits Meet on October 1—we couldn't have hosted the Meet without you!

Thank You to our Student Council for sponsoring Eagle Spirit Week & Homecoming on October 1-6; the Spirit Days, Pep Rally, and Hollywood Homecoming Dance were great fun for all!

Thank You to our Parent Fellowship for the delicious soup-and-salad luncheon for the Elementary faculty and staff on September 26—your care and support are a blessing!

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 real estate market. His company is a full-service brokerage with expertise in working effectively with local builders and developers, personal investments in real estate, bank-owned and short-sales properties, first-time buyers and sellers at their chosen pace, and 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*.

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Boxtops for Education: Fall Submission!

We will be sending in our BoxTops this month. Ask your families, communities, and church friends to help you by saving their BoxTops for you, too! Download the new Bonus BoxTops app and help us double our donations!



Earn money for your tuition, fundraising commitment, or school fees!

Enroll in the ECAP program or get info at www.ecaeagles.org, **Advancement**, Eagle Cash Awards Program (ECAP).

Remember, when ECA benefits, everyone benefits!

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. Psalm 20:7



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.

Tri-Peaks League Boys' HS Soccer

From Coach Chris Bunker. . . After playing several uneven games in mid-season, **Varsity** are poised to enter post-season with more consistent play of late. The team had confidence-building wins vs. Thomas MacLaren (1-0) and CSS (3-2) and carry that momentum with a 6-8-1 record after a solid victory over Heritage Christian, their last regular-season game.

Defensively the team has improved with the leadership of captain **Carson Burns, Spencer Hamilton, John Lim, Andrew DeRuiter**, and goalie **Josiah Murphy**; and with the team finding ways to score with forwards **James Singleton, Kevin Park** and **Trevor Jones**; midfielders **Braydan Hekkers, Landon Bunker, Bryce Mielke**; and **Kris Park, Brett Arnold, Michael Mann, Andrew Kwon, David Bunker, and Zach Kester**, the team is still in the hunt for the State Tournament.

JV completed their season 2-2-1 and finished with a 1-0 win vs. Rye, in difficult playing conditions, with **David Bunker** scoring the game winner and **Trevor Jones** holding the line at keeper. The season also included a 1-1 tie vs. Thomas MacLaren with **Zach Kester** scoring the lone goal, and **Michael Mann** playing keeper. Our **JV** players, **Jack Kirkpatrick, Trevor Jones, Jack Butler, Zach Kester, Jonathan Bunker, David Bunker, Michael Mann, Nathan Sheppard, Andrew Kwon** and **Josh Kim** have improved greatly during the course of the season.

Black Forest League HS Volleyball

Our Lady Eagles play their last home, regular-season games vs. the **Pikes Peak Christian Lady Eagles today, October 18: JV 6:00, Varsity 7:00** and wrap up regular-season play **this Saturday, October 20, vs. the Peyton Lady Panthers at Peyton: JV 1:00, Varsity 2:00**. The *District 7 Tournament* begins **Tuesday, October 23, at 6:00 (opponent/location TBD)** and end with the **Final 4 (of which 3 will advance to the Regional Tournament) on Saturday, October 27, at Limon HS, 10:00am start**. The *Regional Tournament* will be played **Saturday, November 3 (location and times TBD)**; and the *State Tournament* is **Thursday-Saturday, November 8-10, at the Denver Coliseum (opponents and times TBD)**.

Black Forest League JH Volleyball

From Coach Mindy Sutton. . . Our Lady Eagles are headed into the final stretch of their season; and after two amazing match wins (in 2 sets each) vs. tough Kiowa teams on October 12, **JH-A** are in 1st Place in the Black Forest League. A win on home court today, **October 18, vs. Pikes Peak Christian (JH-B 4:00, JH-A 5:00)** will solidify their #1 Seed in the *BFL Junior High Tournament this Saturday at Calhan (9:00am start)*. Our success is entirely a team-effort with all 19 girls contributing. Highlights from our **B-team** games this past month include **E'lon Still's** nonreturnable, underhand "jump" serves to win a set vs. both Cripple Creek and Kiowa; **Coco Hooper** and **Ellen Hood** trying something new and successfully playing Setter; **Mara Leonard's** tenacity at the net and **Lilly Froelich's** clutch serve receive and net play. **A-team's** highlights were the wins over Kiowa - Kiowa has been a touch competitor for this group of girls for two years now, and it was wonderful to see our Lady Eagles come together and play the best game of their season during the season's biggest game, to date. "*Be Brave. Be Strong. Be Fearless. The Lord is with you.*" (*Joshua 1:9 paraphrased*) has been our theme this season, and the team have approached every challenge on the court and off believing these promises.

Christian Schools Athletic League 5th/6th Grade Volleyball

Our Lady Eagles completed their season with 2nd Place for the regular season and 3rd Place at the League Tournament! **Congratulations** to **Charlie Atkins, Grace Bristow, Sara Caldwell, Sammi Costain, Caroline Counts, Noa Fuller, Rylan Jagers, Gracie LaCerte, Elanor Morgan, Eva Mucino, Tatum Rasmussen, Lily Ross**, and Coach Amy Albright and her assistants **Justine Atkins, Sarah LaCerte, and Sherry Costain**, and **Thank You** to everyone who made this season a great success! Find more information on Elementary sports at www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics, Elementary Athletics.

Black Forest League Basketball

The mandatory **HS/JH Basketball Parent-Coaches Meeting** is **Monday, October 29, 7:00pm, Room 115**.

Junior High practices begin **next Tuesday, October 23**; Practices Passes are required. The Eagles kick off their season on **Monday, November 5, vs. the Kiowa Indians at HOME: Girls-A 4:00/Boys-A 5:00**.

High School practices begin **Monday, November 12**; Practice Passes are required. Season kick-off is **Friday, November 30, vs. the Simla Cubs at Simla: Boys-JV & Girls-V 5:00, Girls-JV & Boys-V 6:30**.



UPCOMING 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
Day/Date	Time	Event
Thu, Oct 18	8:00am-4:00pm 11:30am 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:00pm	Scholastic Book Fair, <i>Elementary</i> Gym Student Dismissal: Parent-Teacher Conferences Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JH-A/JV/Varsity</i> vs. Pikes Peak Christian Lady Eagles at HOME
Fri, Oct 19	8:00am-4:00pm 11:30am	Scholastic Book Fair, <i>Elementary</i> Gym Student Dismissal: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Sat, Oct 20	9:00am start 1:00/2:00pm	Volleyball: <i>Junior High</i> BFL Tournament at Hanover HS Volleyball: <i>JV/Varsity</i> vs. Peyton Lady Panthers at Peyton HS
Mon, Oct 22	*	NO SCHOOL: Fall Break
	TBD	Basketball: <i>Junior High</i> Open Gym
Tue, Oct 23	5:00/7:00pm 6:00pm	Basketball: <i>Junior High Boys/Girls</i> practices begin Volleyball: District 7 Pigtail Game at TBD
Wed, Oct 24	TBD	Soccer: State Tournament Round 1 at higher seed
Thu, Oct 25	8:45am	<i>Elementary</i> Band Mini Concert, <i>Elementary</i> Chapel
Fri, Oct 26	6:00pm	<i>Secondary</i> Bands Fall Concert, Leonard Hall
Sat, Oct 27	8:00am TBD 10:00am	College ACT testing, various locations Soccer: State Tournament Quarterfinals at higher seed Volleyball: District 7 Final 4 at Limon HS
Mon, Oct 29	5:00-9:00pm 7:00pm	ECA Night at Chipotle - 895 North Academy location Basketball: High School & Junior High Parents Meeting, Room 115

For sports after October 29: www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics, Elementary or Secondary ; or, on RenWeb, Calendar.

Tue, Oct 30	*	Deadline to register for Duel Credit Program with Colorado Christian University
	7:00pm	ECA Theatre: Parent-Student Meeting, Leonard Hall
Wed, Oct 31	10:15am-12:30pm 3:00-5:30pm	Grades 4-6 to Peter & the Wolf, Pikes Peak Center ECA Theatre: Audition Prep, Leonard Hall
Thu, Nov 1	3:00-6:00pm	ECA Theatre: Auditions, Leonard Hall

For ECA Theatre after November 1: www.ecaeagles.org, Academics, Arts.

Sat, Nov 3	8:00am	College SAT testing, various locations
Sun, Nov 4	2:00am	Daylight Savings ends!
Mon, Nov 5	5:30pm	Black Forest League Matchwits Meet at Pikes Peak Christian School
Wed, Nov 7	8:30am-2:45pm	<i>Secondary</i> Bands to "Myths & Legends," Denver Performing Arts Center
	*	Grades 1-3 Poetry Contest
Fri, Nov 9	All Day	ECA Public Forum Debate Tournament
Sun, Nov 11	*	Veterans Day
Mon, Nov 12	8:00am	<i>Secondary</i> Hot Lunch orders and payment due
Tue, Nov 13	*	<i>Elementary</i> Hot Lunch orders and payment due
	*	<i>Secondary</i> Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home
Wed, Nov 14	*	Operation Christmas Child gift-box turn-in, Elementary & Secondary Chapels
	Lunch A&B	Student Council-sponsored Thanksgiving Feast!
Thu, Nov 15	*	<i>Elementary</i> Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home
	*	December-January <i>Eagle's View</i> issued
Mon-Fri, Nov 19-23		NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break (<i>Secondary</i> Gym closed: floor maintenance)



*...give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the LORD is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100: 4b-5*