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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](http://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*

## Let the Little Children Come to Me (and other lessons from Luke 18) by Dr. Jim Johnson, ECA Superintendent

*But Jesus called them to him, saying, 'Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.' Luke 18:16-17*

I would like to welcome each of you to Evangelical Christian Academy and the 2019-20 school year. We consider it a blessing to be entering our 49<sup>th</sup> year in Christian education in Colorado Springs.

Just one week ago, I had the privilege of addressing our entire faculty and staff as we began the new year with training. The passage I chose to examine that day was Luke 18:16-17, which you just read.

The most important thing for us to remember as we begin the year is that we are here to point the children to Jesus Christ. If it were not for children, we would not have an opportunity to minister in this way. However, I believe there are more important messages for us to understand, well above the obvious – **children need the opportunity to become acquainted with Jesus!** With that I give thanks that you have entrusted ECA in a Christian educational partnership with you. Together we can introduce children to Jesus, our Savior! In doing so, our ultimate prayer is that each child would come to know Him, follow Him, and find the pursuit of their purpose in all of life in Him!

Here are some other key lessons for our children and for us from Luke 18:

**Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.** (verse 17) It is children who come to Jesus as: inquisitive, naïve, sinners, and incapable of saving themselves. We adults would do well to understand that this is the way we are to come to Jesus, too.

**Come, follow me...** (verse 22c) In this parable, it seems obvious that following Jesus takes priority over any other relationships and personal efforts of ours in life. In fact, the people are asked to sell their possessions and give to the poor so that their singular focus might be on the eternal treasures laid up for them in heaven. Again, tough to teach to children, tougher to convince adults!

**What is impossible with man is possible with God** (verse 26) One thing that we should pray to emphasize is that, when we are inextricably linked to Jesus (as we are drawn to Him by the Father in faith), we are enabled to do the things that are pleasing to Him. By Him alone we can do these things, as enabled by the power of His Spirit! Please join me in prayer that our children/students can do all things through Christ who strengthens them (and us)!

May the Lord bless you, your family, and the wider ECA family as we embark on the school year ahead!

### 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 are very pleased to welcome Ms. Jennifer Hoppe who has joined ECA to serve as Elementary Band Director; Mr. Jesse Smith, 4th Grade teacher; and Ms. Tanya Woodward, who is teaching Composition 9, World Literature, and Rhetoric. We also extend a hearty welcome to our new students and families, and praise God for His continuing, faithful provision.*

**Elementary (1st-6th) & Secondary Combined Chapel  
Wednesday, August 28 - 8:15am in Leonard Hall**

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

**Sixth Grade Garage Sale & Pancake Breakfast—Saturday, September 21!**

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 19, and all day Friday, September 20** (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 **2019-20 Student Council Officers:**

**Executive Council:** President **Ella Kim**; Vice President **Roxie Dynes**; Secretary **Kailey DeRuiter**; Treasurer **Micah Elpers.**

**Senior Class:** Co-Presidents **Faith Gregory & Kimber Devine**; Vice President **Spencer Hamilton**; Secretary/Treasurer **Victoria Blackman**;

**Junior Class:** President **Cayleigh Morton**; Vice President **Madison Castro**; Secretary/Treasurer **Sydney Hood**;

**Sophomore Class:** President **Emily Holst**; Vice President **Noah Coddington**; Secretary/Treasurer **Sophie Thompson**;

**Freshman Class:** President **Myah DeJong**; Vice President **Anna Castro**; Secretary/Treasurer **Cora Morgan.**

**Upcoming ECA StuCo-sponsored events:**

\* **All-Secondary Retreat!** The *8th Annual Fall Retreat* for all Secondary students and staff is **tomorrow, August 23**, at beautiful Camp Elim. Our students and staff will have time to consider together the “Virtues” as listed by C.S. Lewis as prudence, courage, justice, temperance, faith, hope, and love, and will also have an opportunity to fellowship as a community, enjoy a variety of fun camp activities, and grow together in appreciation for one another within each class and the entire student body.

\* **Junior High Party!** The first party for our Junior High students is scheduled for **Friday, September 13**, after that day’s student dismissal at 11:30am (Teacher In-service). Watch for details and permission forms soon!

\* **See You at the Pole!** Our students will join students across the nation as they gather at the Secondary flagpole on **Wednesday, September 25, at 7:30am** to pray for our school, city, state, nation, and government leaders. Everyone is very welcome to join the prayer gathering.

\* **Eagle Spirit Week - Monday, October 14 - Saturday, October 19!**

**Eagle Spirit Pep Rally on Wednesday - Go, Eagles!**

**Eagle Spirit Soccer match on Thursday vs. CSS Kodiaks at 6:00pm at El Pomar-Olin!**

**Eagle Spirit Volleyball on Friday vs. Kiowa Lady Indians starting at 4:00pm at HOME!**

**Homecoming Court presented Friday at the Eagle Spirit Volleyball games!**

**Homecoming Dance on Saturday - watch for details to follow soon!**



*Please join us for our **See You at the Pole** prayer gatherings on **Wednesday, September 25: 7:30am at the Secondary flagpole and 8:25am at the Elementary flagpole.***



Your October 2019 *Eagle's View* will be issued Thursday, September 19.

Items for print may be submitted by Monday, September 16, to [miverts@ecaeagles.org](mailto:miverts@ecaeagles.org).

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



## 13th 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 9**, at the Colorado Springs Country Club. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome!

For full details on the day's events, see the enclosed informational flyer, go to [www.ecaeagles.org](http://www.ecaeagles.org), Eagle Golf Classic, or contact Mr. Randy Geving at [rgeving@six-geving.com](mailto:rgeving@six-geving.com).



### Would you or someone you know benefit from 2019-20 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 more information on promoting your business while supporting the ministry of ECA, go to [www.ecaeagles.org](http://www.ecaeagles.org), **Advancement, Corporate Partners**, or contact Mrs. Sandi Geving at [randysandi@msn.com](mailto:randysandi@msn.com).

### Seniors & Parents!



#### Seniors & Senior Parents Meeting Monday, September 9, 7:00pm, Room L10

This mandatory meeting for all Seniors and parents is held each year to share vital information on Senior-year plans, guidelines, deadlines, and procedures. Come and receive your *Senior Year Handbook* and leave with all the planning information you will need for a great Senior year!

**Senior Yearbook Ads** are a wonderful way to celebrate your Senior's graduation with a personal message to him or her in the 2019-20 Yearbook! Information was enclosed in your summer packets, or you may contact Miss Katie Keith, Yearbook Instructor, at [kkeith@ecaeagles.org](mailto:kkeith@ecaeagles.org).

**Senior Off-Campus Privileges:** Permission forms must be *on file in the office* before this privilege can be in effect. Please refer to your *2019-20 Student-Parent Handbook* for guidelines and requirements for this privilege.



### ECA Matchwits!

#### Season Kick-off: Monday, September 16!

Our Varsity and JV teams (9th-12th Grades) compete with Black Forest League schools in a fun, Jeopardy-type format. A meeting for all interested students will be held **next Wednesday, August 28, during Lunch B**. If you have questions, please contact Coach Sandra Vollbracht at [svollbracht@ecaeagles.org](mailto:svollbracht@ecaeagles.org).

### 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.

► Lost & Found is in the lunchroom outside the weight room. All items, including lunch/kitchen items, not claimed by the last school day of each month will be discarded or donated to charity. Please claim your belongings!

### Mid-Quarter Progress Reports

At the *Elementary* campus, mid-Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home on **Thursday, September 19**.

*Secondary* mid-Quarter Progress Reports will be sent home **Tuesday, September 17**.

### Information at Your Fingertips!

For your convenience in planning through a busy school year:

at [www.ecaeagles.org](http://www.ecaeagles.org), you can:

- access sport schedules under **Athletics, Elementary** or **Secondary**
- check the year's School Calendar under **About, Calendars & Newsletter**
- find the latest Eagle's View newsletter under **News**
- access RenWeb by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking **FACTS/renweb**

on **RenWeb**, you can:

- check the current and next day's events under **Events**
- read the day's Secondary Morning Announcements under **Announcements**
- check the year's school events month by month under **School, Calendar** - just click on each event for details
- access student achievements under **Secondary Awards and Honor Rolls**
- access the school directory for family contact information under **School, Directory**

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

## IMPACT 2019 Service Day: Wednesday, September 18

Each fall, our *Secondary* students and teachers reach out in service at a variety of area locations such as Holiday Village, Crossfire Ministries, families in need, and more; and preparations for this year's 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](mailto: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.

## ECA PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship): Friday, September 20

This is for you - all ECA parents are a part of this fun fellowship! The goal of PTF is creating encouraging moments for teachers, students, staff, and parents; and this first event is all about you! Please join us for Breakfast and a Make & Take autumn sign on **Friday, September 20, in the Elementary modular, 8:30-10:30am**. Contact Mrs. Michelle Poli at [mpoli@ecaeagles.org](mailto:mpoli@ecaeagles.org) with questions or if you would like to help lead, plan, or organize in this ministry.

## Student Picture Day - Wednesday, September 4

*Elementary* and *Secondary* students will have their pictures taken for the 2019-20 ECA Yearbooks, and for *Secondary* Student ID cards furnished by LifeTouch Photography. Information and order packets have been sent home with students today, and **Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 10**.



**Seniors & Parents - 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 or 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.

## Hot Lunch Program

Hot lunch through the new automated, online program will begin in September. Information and instructions on how to create a family account will be sent home soon.



*With sincere gratitude. . .*

*Thank You to our Elementary families who attended our ECA Elementary Workday on August 10. Our campus looks beautiful!*

*Thank You to Mr. Phillip Scott and his fellow employees at ACSI for the boxes and boxes of school supplies for our Elementary and Secondary students and staffs. Your generosity and care are a blessing to us all!*

*Thank You to Mrs. Paula Taylor of Small Biz Spirit, LLC and to Mr. Mike Tapia of Christmas Unlimited for the school supplies you both generously donated to our Secondary staff and students - they are already being used!*

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*Thank You to the Bundy family for the wonderful tray of baked goods at the Secondary campus - your sweet thoughtfulness was much appreciated!*

*Thank You to Mr. Troy Barger, and your team, for your installation of the new GaGa Pit at the Elementary playground and for donating the lumber to make it happen. Our students are truly enjoying the new addition!*

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

## Moms in Prayer

Please join us **Monday mornings** as we meet to focus on praising our Lord and on praying specifically and scripturally for the ministry of ECA, staff, and students. No commitment is required - you are welcome to come when you can.

We meet at the **Secondary campus from 8:00-9:00am in Room L20**; for more information, please contact Mrs. Sheila Osborne at 433-8685 or [ssosborne5@gmail.com](mailto:ssosborne5@gmail.com). 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](mailto:krisjohnb50@gmail.com).

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





# EAGLE FALL SPORTS

## **ECA Athletic Mission Statement**

*ECA's athletic program exists to help fulfill the school's mission and to complement our Classical and Christian education. Athletics play an integral part in our school as we partner with students, parents, teachers, coaches, and administrators in helping our students to pursue their purpose in Christ. While our athletes and coaches certainly strive for success in athletic endeavors, in concert with our overall vision, we encourage our student-athletes to focus on pursuing excellence for the glory of God.*

## **Black Forest League Boys' Varsity Soccer**



After continuing pre-season scrimmages, our Eagles with Coach Chris Bunker, Assistant Coach Josh Mann, Jonathan Murphy, John Bristow, and Student Manager **Lily Mann**, the Eagles kick off their season **Thursday, August 29, vs. the Lotus Meteors at El Pomar-Field E at 4:30pm; and Tuesday, September 3, vs. the Heritage Christian Eagles at El Pomar-Olin at 4:30pm.** Go, Eagles!

## **Black Forest League HS & JH Volleyball**



With 21 girls participating this season, we have a High School C Team in addition to our *JV* and *Varsity* squads; and our 15 *Junior High* members play on our *A* and *B* teams. After pre-season scrimmages are completed, our Lady Eagles with **Varsity** Head Coach Becky Kyle, *JV* Coach Jen Castro and Tiffaney Alexander, *Junior High* Head Coach Amy Albright, and Assistant Coaches Justine Atkins and Sarah LaCerte will kick off their season **at HOME on Tuesday, September 3, vs. the Front Range Christian Lady Falcons: JH-B 5:00pm, JV 6:00, Varsity 7:00; and Thursday, September 5, vs. the Simla Lady Cubs at Simla: JH-A 4:00pm, JH-B and JV 5:00, Varsity 6:00 (JH dismissal 2:00).** **Thank You** to Mr. Patrick Holleran, Volunteer Coordinator, and Mrs. Janea Coddington, Concessions Coordinator, for their invaluable help in preparations for the upcoming season!

## **Christian School Athletic League 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball**

Our Lady Eagles have begun training and practices and are looking forward to the **CSAL Friendship Tournament on Saturday, September 14, at the CSCS gym.** The season will conclude with the **League Tournament Thursday-Saturday, October 10-12;** and a full schedule of games will be posted as soon as it is finalized. For complete info on Elementary athletic programs, go to [www.ecaeagles.org](http://www.ecaeagles.org), **Athletics, Elementary Athletics,** or call the office at **634-7024.**

## **Landsharks Kindergarten-6th Grade Running Club**



The Landsharks non-competitive program is designed to introduce running to young athletes in a safe and fun environment. The focus is on having fun, competing against yourself to improve your skills, being an encouraging teammate, and making new friends. Physicals are not required. Practices are Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00-4:00pm beginning September 4, with a parent meeting at 4:00pm that afternoon. Runners will participate in three meets during the season, and team shirts are required. Financial assistance is available on a first-come-first-served basis through the website at [www.landsharksrunningclub.com](http://www.landsharksrunningclub.com), and all payment and registration go through the website. Online registration is now open; please be sure you are under "Evangelical Christian Academy." For your convenience, the direct link is:

**<https://www.landsharksrunningclub.com/page/show/3135702-evangelical-christian-2019->**

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Laura Wilson, ECA Coach, at [lauralynn02@me.com](mailto:lauralynn02@me.com) or **648-8757.**

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### **Schedules are subject to change!**

Confirm the latest information available at [www.ecaeagles.org](http://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.**

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



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Fri, Aug 23	All Day	<i>Secondary Student-Faculty Retreat, Camp Elim</i>
Sat, Aug 24	8:00am	College SAT testing, various locations

Moms in Prayer meet **Mondays at 8:00am, Room L20 at the Secondary campus** (Mrs. Sheila Osborne, 433-8685) and **8:45am at the Elementary campus** (Mrs. Kris Bristow, 310-7448) to pray for our school, students, and staff. Please join us!  
*...in everything, by pray and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6b*

Wed, Aug 28	8:15am Lunch B	<i>Elementary (1st-6th) &amp; Secondary Combined Chapel</i> <i>Matchwits Informational Meeting, Room 216</i>
Thu, Aug 29	4:30pm	Soccer: <i>Varsity</i> vs. Lotus Meteors at El Pomar-E
Fri, Aug 30	Lunch A&B	<b>Pizza Days (sponsored by the Senior Class) begin</b>
Mon, Sep 2	*	<b>NO SCHOOL: Labor Day</b>
Tue, Sep 3	4:30pm 5:00/6:00/7:00pm	Soccer: <i>Varsity</i> vs. Heritage Christian Eagles at El Pomar-Olin Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JV/Varsity</i> vs. Front Range Christian Lady Falcons at HOME
Wed, Sep 4	* 9:30am	<i>Elementary &amp; Secondary Student Picture Day (No Elementary Chapel)</i> <i>Secondary Discipleship Groups</i>

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

Thu, Sep 5	4:00/5:00&5:00/6:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-A/JH-B&amp;JV/Varsity</i> vs. Simla Lady Cubs at Simla (2:00 <i>JH</i> dismissal)
Sat, Sep 7	8:00am TBD 10:30am	<b>College ACT testing, various locations</b> Volleyball: <i>5th &amp; 6th Grade CSAL</i> Friendship Tournament, location and times TBD Soccer: <i>Varsity</i> vs. Front Range Christian Falcons at Front Range Christian, Littleton
Mon, Sep 9	* 7:00pm	<b>13th Annual ECA Golf Classic, Colorado Springs Country Club</b> <b>Seniors &amp; Parents Meeting, Room L10</b>
Tue, Sep 10	4:00/5:00&5:00/6:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-A/JH-B&amp;JV/V</i> vs. Calhan Lady Bulldogs at Calhan (2:15 <i>JH</i> dismissal)
Thu, Sep 12	4:00/5:00pm 6:00/7:00/8:00pm 7:00pm	Volleyball: <i>JH-B/JH-A</i> vs. Thomas MacLaren Lady Highlanders at HOME Volleyball: <i>C/JV/Varsity</i> vs. Harrison Lady Panthers at HOME Soccer: <i>Varsity</i> vs. James Irwin Jaguars at James Irwin

**For sports events after September 12:** [www.ecaeagles.org](http://www.ecaeagles.org), Athletics; or, on RenWeb, Calendar. Go, Eagles!

Fri, Sep 13	11:30am 11:45am-2:00pm	<b>Student Dismissal: Teacher In-service</b> <b>Junior High Party sponsored by Student Council</b>
Sat, Sep 14	8:00am	College ACT testing, various locations
Mon, Sep 16	5:30pm	<b>BFL Varsity/JV Matchwits Meet at Vanguard School</b>
Tue, Sep 17	*	<i>Secondary</i> Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home
Wed, Sep 18	*	<b>IMPACT 2019—Secondary Student Service Day</b> <b>NO Secondary Chapel</b>
Thu, Sep 19	*	<i>Elementary</i> Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home <b>October 2019 Eagle's View issued</b>
Fri, Sep 20	1:00pm start	<b>Drop-off of items for Sixth Grade Garage Sale, Elementary campus</b>
Fri, Sep 20	8:30am-3:00pm	<b>Drop-off of items for Sixth Grade Garage Sale, Elementary campus</b>
Sat, Sep 21	8:00am-12:00pm	<b>Sixth Grade Pancake Breakfast &amp; Garage Sale, Elementary campus</b>
Mon, Sep 23	6:00-8:00pm	<b>Youth for Christ Christian College Fair, CSCS Gym</b>
Wed, Sep 25	7:30am 8:25am	See You at the Pole student-teacher prayer gathering, at the <i>Secondary</i> flagpole See You at the Pole prayer gathering at the <i>Elementary</i> flagpole

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