



EAGLE'S VIEW

This newsletter is issued as a source of information, forms, and updates on school activities and events. You may request a copy be sent home with your student, pick one up at any school office, or access each issue at www.ecaeagles.org, **About, Calendar & Newsletters**, or, on **RenWeb, Latest Newsletter**.

The "D" in D-Groups

By Bob DeRuiter, Secondary Principal

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20

A central theme in the New Testament is Discipleship. Jesus discipled the 12 and then commands them to continue this mission after He leaves. Before giving this mandate, our Savior spent three years walking with and training these men to carry on the work of spreading the gospel. Today, the Church is given the task in Matthew 28, discipling and baptizing those in the name of Christ; and this mission is carried out at the most basic level in our families.

Ultimately, this is why the ministry of Evangelical Christian Academy exists. As our Mission Statement says, we "partner with parents and their churches to educate, equip, and empower our students to pursue their purpose in Christ." In addition to the ABC's of our students' education, we intentionally disciple the students in our care so that they not only know the good news of the Gospel but also are "taught to obey everything Christ has commanded." (Matthew 28:20) This intentionality happens in a variety of ways, but in this article I will briefly discuss two: first, in our student-led Discipleship Groups and second, in our Student Council-sponsored Spiritual Emphasis Week.

The theme of our Discipleship Groups this year is the Virtues as put forth by C.S. Lewis in his book "Mere Christianity" as prudence, courage, justice, temperance, faith, hope, and love; and each month, a group of our student leaders prepare a brief discussion with a group of students centered on a particular virtue. These leaders receive a study guide for preparation from Rev. Matt Holst and, in turn, use this guidance as they contemplate and discuss the particular virtue with their fellow students.

Much like our Secondary Retreat at the beginning of the school year, Spiritual Emphasis Week gives an opportunity for students and staff to refocus our attention on our theme for the year. Our Student Council members are the primary planners of the week in arranging a speaker, giving guidance to discipleship leaders, and planning the logistics for the week; and they have done a phenomenal job in taking on this leadership role. This year's Spiritual Emphasis Week concludes tomorrow, and Pastor Mark Alexander has spoken with our students this year about God's relentless love for us His children even while we still struggle with our sin.

Ultimately, these opportunities for leadership and discipleship are instrumental to the mission of ECA. As those students who have led graduate, we look for groups of those students who are being "discipled" to step in and fill the role of "disciplers."

As this continues through the years, we pray that God would bless these efforts through the work of the Holy Spirit and that those who leave ECA will have the seeds of God's Word and Christ's love firmly planted in their souls.

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.

Congratulations to our Elementary students who earned *National Fitness Awards* this year:

6th Grade: **Josh Bednarski, Sammi Costain, Levi DeJong, Logan Lints;**

5th Grade: **Abby Bednarski, Sadie Caldwell, Logan Caroon, Shyla Johnson; Presidential Awards Lucy Atkins, Rose Ross, Mia Castro;**

4th Grade: **Jaiden Sutton, Lily Murphy, Faith Romansky; Presidential Awards Evan Anderson, Jacob DeJong;**

3rd Grade: **Nadia Anderson, Craig Atkins, Alyssa Costain, Bryn Fuller, Merrak Jagers, Briggs Kyle, Lucy Loor, Luke Phelps, Josiah Pitt, Colten Mark, Hadley Stewart; President Awards Jax Castro, Lexi Scott;**

2nd Grade: **Bennett Caroon, Kate Haiar, Grant Lucas, Grace Murphy, Nathan Morton, John Tiegen; Presidential Awards Noah Collingwood, Josiah Fravel.**

1st Grade: **Nathan Beers, Emmett Fuller, Joey Licciardi, Adalynn Wilson, Hadassah Wilson; Presidential Award Jeremiah Fravel.**

Also receiving Physical Education awards from Mrs. Judy Schaap, P.E. Instructor, were:


Arm Hang - **Lucy Atkins** (1:51), Top Girl; and **Levi DeJong** (1:32), Top Boy; and,

Speed of Light - **Mia Castro** (9.5 seconds), Top Girl; and **Josh Bednarski** (9.1 seconds), Top Boy. **Congratulations!**

The *3A-1A Gazette Preps All-Stars* have been announced, and we extend **Congratulations** to our student-athletes on this recognition of their efforts last Fall: Senior **Amy Antes** and Sophomore **Micah Elpers** - *Volleyball Honorable Mention*; Seniors **Landon Bunker, Spencer Hamilton, and James Singleton** - *Boys' Soccer Honorable Mention*.

Freshman **Lance Scott** continues to play hockey for Colorado Rampage on their 14U AAA Travel Team and has had tournaments in Milwaukee, Omaha, and Phoenix, with tournaments in Omaha next weekend and Minnesota next month. After playing defense for five years, Lance recently returned to the Center position (offense). **Great job, Lance!**

Our *Varsity/JV* Matchwits wrapped up Black Forest League competition at the Simla Meet on **January 13**, when our *JV* Matchwits racked up 21 points, the highest JV score of the entire season, and our *Varsity* players scored 13 each round for 5th Place for the season. **Congratulations** to Freshmen **Jakov Jentink** and **Joseph Mosley**, Sophomores **Chelsea Grussendorf** and **Emily Holst**, Junior **Cayleigh Morton**, and Seniors **Spencer Hamilton** and **Joseph Yacovoni!**

 ECA students and alumni are involved in a wide variety of community, service, and extracurricular activities. Call the Secondary office, 597-3675, or e-mail miverts@ecaeagles.org with information regarding our students' activities 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

Senior Parent Day!

Parents of our Seniors participating in this year's Student Council, Theatre, Matchwits, athletic programs, and Praise Team will be honored **Saturday, February 15, at the Eagles' home basketball games vs. the Peyton Panthers.** Please join us as we honor our parents for their support of ECA extracurricular programs.



Junior High Matchwits

There will be an informational meeting with Coach Karen Leidecker **Tuesday, January 28, 2:50-3:15, Room 206.** The four-Meet Black Forest League season kicks off **Monday, February 24, at Peyton HS, 5:00pm start.** For more information, please contact Mrs. Karen Leidecker at 597-3675 or kleidecker@ecaeagles.org.

ECA Theatre presents. . .

"Alice the Brave!" February 20, 21, & 22

Journey through the looking glass in this colorful, fun-filled adaptation of Lewis Carrol's timeless masterpiece! While her parents are away on holiday, poor Alice finds herself bored out of her wits and forced to stay with her dreary Aunt Mathilda at her even drearier summer home. But after accidentally conking herself on the head, Alice discovers that a world of wonder and whimsy awaits her right behind Aunt Mathilda's looking-glass. Littered with talking dodo birds and malicious Red Queens, Alice's adventures teach her not only the importance of bravery, but that being true to oneself is the greatest conquest of all!

Tickets and information available soon at www.ecaeagles.org/theatre!



Your March *Eagle's View Monthly* will be issued Thursday, February 20.

Items for print may be submitted by Friday, February 14, to miverts@ecaeagles.org or 597-3675.

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



All ECA grandparents and grandfriends will be honored **Saturday, January 25**, with admission to the Eagles' home basketball games vs. the Colorado Springs School Kodiaks and a Pie Social sponsored by Student Council. **Note:** Elementary Grandparents' Day will be celebrated March 13.

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports

Secondary: sent home **Tuesday, February 11.** **Elementary:** sent home **Thursday, February 13.**

Winter Dance: "Winter Wonderland"

The annual dance is sponsored by the Sophomore Class for all ECA high school students. This year's dance is **Saturday, February 8, 6:30-10:30pm at Springs Reformed Church** and will feature DJ Kelly Kittleson, great snacks, and loads of fellowship and fun! Dress is modest and semi-formal/dressy (see Dance Dress Guidelines, Student-Parent Handbook); Guest Request forms are required and due by **Friday, January 31.** Tickets are \$15 and will be sold **Friday, January 24 - Friday, January 7** - no tickets for sale at the door.

Baked Potato Bar - Thursday, January 23!

The \$5 lunch includes a baked potato loaded with toppings, ice cream sundae, and lemonade. Reserve your lunch by paying in advance in the **Secondary office** or to **Mrs. Shaunna Holst, shholst@ecaeagles.org** (if lunches are purchased at the door, we cannot ensure to have enough food prepared). Thank you for supporting the Class of 2022!

Save the Date: Saturday, April 25 - 10th Annual Eagles vs. Buzzards Dinner & Game!

Looking ahead to the 2020-21 school year. . .

► **Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to:**

"Discover ECA" Seminar

Monday, January 27, 6:30-8:30pm, Room L10, Village Seven Presbyterian Church

We welcome the opportunity to meet your friends and family and share how God's truth is integrated throughout our school day and curriculum as we "encourage students to pursue their purpose in Christ." Invite them to learn about ECA and Classical Christian education at a free seminar with Dr. Jim Johnson, ECA Superintendent. Dr. Johnson will introduce Classical Christian education and answer questions that will help them decide if ECA is the best school fit for their family. This seminar includes a **free Chick-fil-A dinner.** Attendees, please register at www.ecaeagles.org, click on the **Discover ECA** banner.

ECA Pre-K & Kindergarten Adventure Day: Saturday, March 7, 10:00am-12:00pm
Meet our teachers! Experience our classrooms! Join us for fun activities!

This event is for 4-6 year olds, but siblings are welcome! Contact Michelle Poli, mpoli@ecaeagles.org or 634-7024.

► **At the Secondary campus:**

ECA Course Selection/Credits/Dual-Credit Program Night
Tuesday, February 11, 7:00pm, Room L10

2020-21 Secondary Course Selection forms will be sent home Monday, February 10; and Mr. Bob DeRuiter, Principal, will discuss and answer questions on **ECA course credit accumulation, sequencing, and evaluation; the many benefits of the Dual-Credit Program; ECA graduation requirements, and more.**

Secondary Campus Visit Days

Let your friends and neighbors know about this great opportunity for students to visit our Secondary campus, sit in on classes, meet our teachers, and hear about campus activities! As a follow-up, Mr. DeRuiter, Mrs. Singleton, and Mr. Steiner will be available to share goals and information on the 2020-21 school year with the parents of our visitors. For more information or to schedule a Visit Day, contact the Secondary school office at **597-3675.**

► **2020-21 Family Referral Program: encourage new students to become a part of the ECA family!**

You, as the referring family, and the new family will both receive a \$500 tuition credit for each new, full-time student who enrolls in ECA.* Referring families are encouraged to refer multiple students—there is no limit to the number of Discounts you can receive!

* Incentives will be pro-rated for part-time students.

* Referring tuition credits are subject to tax reporting through the IRS Form 1099. Completed forms enabling this reporting are required prior to issuance of credits.

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

Support ECA while you shop!

- Use **eGift cards** and **physical gift cards**, and earn on gas, groceries, eating out, clothes - the list goes on.
- See a full list of brands and get started at **ShopwithScrip.com** on desktop or **MyScripwallet.com** on your phone.
- For enrollment code and info, contact Jen Castro in the Business Office at **jcastro@ecaeagles.org** or **574-0920X22**.

Use the King Soopers or City Market Community Rewards Program!

Go to <http://www.kingsoopers.com>. Once logged into your account, search for Evangelical Christian Academy by name **RN256** and click **Enroll**. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic info, a valid email address, and a *Rewards* card.

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Would you or someone you know benefit from 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! For more information, please contact Mrs. Sandi Geving at randysandi@msn.com or go to www.ecaeagles.org, **Advancement**.



Thank You to Mrs. Michelle Poli for organizing and hosting the ECA Alumni Night & Reception on December 21 and providing a wonderful time of fellowship with our graduates and their families!

Thank You to all of our students and families who blessed area families in a big way through your generous donations to the 6th Grade Food Drive for Springs Rescue Mission.

Thank You to our Moms in Prayer at the Secondary campus and to our parents at the Elementary campus for the delicious Christmas cookie plates for our staffs - your love, care, and prayers are appreciated by all!

Thank You to Student Council for your spirit of service in sponsoring Deck the Doors before Christmas Break and Spiritual Emphasis Week which continues through tomorrow, January 17!

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



EAGLE SPORTS REPORT

Black Forest League High School Basketball

From Coach Wingett... *Boys Varsity* are off to a great start to the season! Both groups of boys are working hard and improving everyday. The coaching staff is so proud of these young men for their work ethic and commitment to the Lord. The JV Boys currently have a 5-3 record, and are led by **Jon Bunker, Vito Yacovoni, Michael Mann, RJ Wagner, and Samuel Ross**. These boys are working hard and excelling in all aspects of basketball. The Varsity boys are currently 7-1, ranked in the top 10 in 1A in the State, and are again led by **Jason Holt and Sam Mote**. **Judah Alexander, Landon Bunker, Jonah Aragon, Tyson Rawlings, Andrew DeRuiter and Michael Kim** are also making solid contributions to the team. Again, we are so proud of these young men, not only for their basketball abilities, but the way they keep the Lord first in everything they do.

After eight games, our *Varsity Lady Eagles* sit 5-3 for the season, 4-1 vs. 2A schools and 1-2 vs. 1A schools. Leading the team are **Madison Castro** (12.0 points per game/5.2 steals pg/4.7 rebounds pg), **Amy Antes** (8.3 points pg/6.2 rebounds pg/3.2 steals pg), **Ella Kim** (5.0 points pg/2.2 assists pg), and **Micah Elpers** (4.8 rebounds pg/2.0 blocks pg). **Lily Mann, Hadassah Derosier, Kailey DeRuiter and Elana Sutton** have all contributed this year and continue to improve. With 14 players total this season, we're able to offer a JV program where **Darcey Wingett, Kiera Morton, Myah DeJong, Shea Atkins, Emily Mann, Emily Minot, and Elana Sutton** all have seen significant playing time.

Come cheer on your Eagles tomorrow, January 17, vs. **Elbert Bulldogs at Elbert: Girls-JV 4:30, Boys-JV & Girls-V 5:30, Boys-V 6:30**, and on Saturday vs. the **Edison Eagles at HOME: Boys-JV 2:00, Girls-V 3:30, Boys-V 5:00**.

Black Forest League Junior High Basketball

From Coach Buck Pinson... *Team A* completed their League play with a 6-3 record. **Sebastien Boyle** has made his contribution by scoring 20+ points in six different games. **Daniel Counts** makes opponents pay from the 3-point line, including one game with five 3-pointers in less than 20 minutes of playing time. **Drew Gregory** adds consistent scoring numbers, **Andrew Palmer** brings consistent free throw shooting, **George Bettelli** brings a high court awareness and solid defense, while **Nate Khaliqi** contributes constant effort and hustle. Our Eagles enter the League Tournament excited to have a second chance at a couple of teams who barely defeated them during the regular season. *Team B* completed League play with a perfect 7-0 record, led in scoring by **Brock Jones and Levi Alexander**, and finish their season today, **January 16, hosting the Calhan Bulldogs at 6:00pm**.

From Coach Tori Mann... As our *Lady Eagles* approach the end of their season, they've seen dramatic improvement through some great wins and several tough losses. While 8th Graders **Madilyn DeRuiter, Finley Holleran, and Clara Ziel** as well as 7th Grader **Sara Caldwell** continue to lead *Team A*, several others have stepped up to contribute significantly to the team's defense and penetrating offense, including **Eva Muciño, Elanor Morgan, and Gracie LaCerte**. **Joy Gregory, Ellie Hatcher, Rachel Mann and Anna Stonestreet** round out *Team B* which will wrap up their season today, **January 16, hosting the Calhan Lady Bulldogs at 5:00pm**.

Black Forest League 1A Tournament (times TBD): **Tuesday, January 21** - Pigtail Games at higher seeds; **Wednesday, January 22** - Quarterfinals at higher seeds; **Friday, January 24** - Semifinals at Miami-Yoder HS; **Saturday, January 25** - 1st through 4th Place Games at Miami-Yoder HS.

Christian Schools Athletic League 5th & 6th Grade Basketball

Our Eagles played in the *CSAL Friendship Tournament* on January 11, and they kick off regular-season play today, **January 16, vs. Divine Redeemer at Divine Redeemer: Girls 5:30pm, Boys 7:30**. Team members are (Girls) **Lucy Atkins, Natalie Morton, Brie Scott, Rose Ross, Mia Castro, Sadie Caldwell, Grace Bristow, Taylor Hittle**, and Coaches **Jim Ross and Cristi Ross**, and (Boys) **Judah Fravel, Easton Hood, Wyatt Barger, Josiah Bundy, Jacob Parker, Philipp Scherer, James Phelps, Lincoln Buteyn, Levi DeJong, Makiah Parker**, and Coaches **DJ DeJong, Joseph Parker, and Terry Buteyn**. The game schedule is posted at www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics, Elementary Athletics.

Christian Schools Athletic League 1st - 6th Grade Wrestling

Registration for the season is due by **Friday, February 7**; and practices begin **Monday, February 10**. For full info on Elementary sports, go to www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics, Elementary Athletics, or call the Elementary office, **634-7024**.



EAGLE UPCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted on the calendar below:

- * Mondays 8:00/8:30am Moms in Prayer: Secondary, Room 220/Elementary campus
3:00pm 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, Jan 16	3:00-6:00pm	ECA Theatre: Rehearsal, Leonard Hall
	5:00/6:00/7:00/8:00pm	Basketball: <i>Junior High Girls-B/Boys-B/Girls-A/Boys-A</i> vs. Calhan Bulldogs at HOME
	5:30/7:30pm	Basketball: <i>CSAL 5th-6th Girls/Boys</i> vs. Divine Redeemer at Divine Redeemer
Fri, Jan 17	*	Spiritual Emphasis Week concludes, Secondary campus
	4:30/5:30/5:30/6:30pm	Basketball: <i>Girls-JV/Boys-JV/Girls-Varsity/Boys-Varsity</i> vs. Elbert Bulldogs at Elbert HS
	5:30/6:30pm	Basketball: <i>CSAL 5th-6th Girls/Boys</i> vs. CSCS Lions at HOME (Secondary Gym)
Sat, Jan 18	9:00am-3:00pm	ECA Theatre: Rehearsal, Leonard Hall

For the ECA Theatre rehearsal schedule after January 18 and ticket information: www.ecaeagles.org, Academics, Arts.

2:00/3:30/5:00pm Basketball: *Boys-JV/Girls-Varsity/Boys-Varsity* vs. Edison Eagles at HOME

For basketball events after January 21: www.ecaeagles.org, Athletics, *Secondary* or *Elementary*; or, RenWeb, Calendar.

Mon, Jan 20	NO SCHOOL	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tue, Jan 21	6:00pm/6:00pm	Basketball: <i>BFL Junior High 1A Tournament Girls/Boys</i> Pigtail Games at higher seeds
	6:30pm	Basketball: <i>CSAL 5th-6th Boys</i> vs. St. Paul Pauline Memorial at St. Paul Pauline Memorial
Thu, Jan 23	Lunch A&B	Loaded Potato Bar Lunch sponsored by the Sophomore Class
Sat, Jan 25	1:00pm start	ECA Grandparents' Day & Pie Social at the home basketball games vs. CSS Kodiaks
Mon, Jan 27	6:30pm	"Discover ECA" Seminar, Room L10, Village Seven Presbyterian Church
Tue, Jan 28	2:50pm	<i>Junior High BFL Matchwits</i> Informational Meeting, Room 206
Sat, Feb 8	8:00am	College ACT testing, various locations
	6:30-10:30pm	Winter Dance, "Winter Wonderland," at Springs Reformed Church
Tue, Feb 11	*	<i>Secondary</i> Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home
	7:00pm	ECA Course Selection/Credits/Dual-Credit Program Night, Room L10
Wed, Feb 12	*	<i>Elementary</i> Class/Music/Band Picture Day
Thu, Feb 13	*	<i>Elementary</i> Mid-Quarter Progress Reports sent home
Sat, Feb 15	1:00pm start	Senior Parents' Day at the home basketball games vs. Peyton Panthers
Mon, Feb 17	*	NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day
Wed, Feb 19	*	NO <i>Secondary</i> Chapel
Thu, Feb 20	*	March 2020 <i>Eagle's View</i> issued
	4:00pm	ECA Theatre "Alice the Brave!" performance, Leonard Hall
Fri, Feb 21	7:00pm	ECA Theatre "Alice the Brave!" performance, Leonard Hall
Sat, Feb 22	1:00 & 6:00pm	ECA Theatre "Alice the Brave!" performances, Leonard Hall
Mon, Feb 24	5:00pm start	Black Forest League <i>Junior High Matchwits</i> Meet at Peyton HS
Tue, Feb 25	TBD	<i>Elementary</i> Band Mini Concert, Elementary Chapel
Wed, Feb 26	8:45am-2:45pm	Sixth Grade Visit Day at the Secondary campus
Thu, Feb 27	Lunch A&B	Lunch sponsored by the Junior Class, Room 115
	6:00/6:30pm	Sixth Grade Parents Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je/6th Grade Visit Follow-up Meeting, Room 119
Mon, Mar 2	various	<i>High School</i> Spring sports practices begin
	6:00pm	<i>High School</i> Spring sports Parents Meeting, Room 115

Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! Rev. 19:6b-7a