



EAGLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter for East Linn Christian Schools

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Season's Greetings!

Mr. Bartlow, MS/HS Principal

2021 has come and nearly gone in the rush that has become the standard for our modern world. Teaching from a Christian worldview challenges me to continually think about how to confront the naturalistic "circle of life" worldview that obscures the truth of our condition as people and God's linear plan running beginning to end from CREATION to FALL, then REDEMPTION, and finally to a glorious RESTORATION. This year as I was thinking about the amazing story from the scriptures that so many find dull and boring, or just hopelessly confusing, my mind turned to a strange part of the Christmas season --- Hallmark movies. ([Read More](#))

THEATER DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



Our theater department is looking for undecorated artificial Christmas trees for our January 14th and 15th stage production of *The Lion The Witch And The Wardrobe*. If after you take down your house Christmas decorations you don't mind loaning them to us a couple of weeks before putting them away, we would greatly appreciate your kindness. Our staff and students are working together across the curriculum to build and paint backdrops and save money on the production. Your artificial Christmas tree might be a big help in the layout of our stage. If you can help with a temporary loan of an artificial Christmas tree please contact Shauna Holt at: sholt@eastlinnchristian.org.

It is also worth noting that if you have items you want to donate to the Theater department, or loan that would support this production or future productions we would like to thank you ahead of time. While much of our support comes from the families of cast members, we won't turn down help from people who can help with set design, construction, or the providing of materials or old items that could be used in the play (traditional hunting horn, ornate box, crowns, tripod stand, etc.). If you have a special skill or desire to help, you can go through the approval process with **Lindsey Garber** in the front office.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC

A few of our neighbors on Victory Drive have voiced concerns about having some close calls with people exiting our parking lot, turning in front of them assuming they are turning right into the campus. Please be careful and remember that not all traffic on the road is going to ELC and that we have neighbors that live past the school.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Kenny Gerig
Athletic Director

Basketball season is well under way with the middle school girls finishing up their season this Thursday, December 16. In spite of having only one eighth grader on the team, they have had a successful season. The boys middle school team will begin practice on Monday, January 3rd, and are excited to get started. The boys high school program currently has 28 players playing this year and we have been able to schedule eleven JV2 games in addition to our regular JV schedule to allow for a good amount of playing time for all of our athletes. Our varsity boys are off to a 5-0 start and defeated Santiam in the championship of our Silver Cross tournament. They will be heading to the Bandon Dunes Holiday Tournament (along with the girls) on December 20-22. The girls program has 19 athletes participating but has been hit hard by injuries - particularly at the varsity level. They are hoping to get healthy by the start of league play and have continued to work hard in spite of constantly having to juggle their lineup because of the injuries. Congratulations to Nathan Rehart and Erik Hatch who competed at the Central High School Powerlifting Classic. Nathan finished 1st in the 275 lb. weight class and Erik was 2nd in the 148 lb. class. Basketball practice and game schedules can be found on the athletics page of the school website. [High school schedules can also be found at osaa.org.](http://osaa.org)



DECEMBER JOYA WINNER

Cole King 11th Grade

Middle & High School **RAMEN FOOD DRIVE**



High School Students, Nathan Rehart, Devin King, Seth Goins and Jacob Barraza bringing in their donations!

Middle and Highschool had a Ramen drive after Thanksgiving break to bless the Be Undivided Ministry in Lebanon! The class that brought the most ramen would earn a pizza party given by the leadership class! Between 6th-12th grade and the staff we were able to donate 1,752 packs of ramen to the ministry! Seniors won the pizza party and brought in 486 packs! Thank you to all the students and staff who donated!

OREGON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COALITION

Updates Pertaining to COVID-19

Current concerns regarding the efforts of OHA to make the mask mandate a permanent rule (Oregon Administrative Rule), when the temporary rule expires on January 28, 2022. The next Legislative Session is February 1st - March 8th, 2022. This month, OCEC will be sending a letter/comment to Governor Brown and OHA, regarding its disapproval of a permanent mask rule, as well as a statement about local control for private schools. NCCS parents may send a comment through the options outlined in this document ([Click Here for more information.](#))

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOWLING NIGHT



Sixty-five of our Middle School students got to experience a great bowling night under the supervision of Wendy Pool and Cyndy Parker.

Twelve ASB junior and senior officers ate hamburgers, fellow-shipped and bowled for two hours with our younger kids. Once again it was a great example of the kind of climate and culture that permeates ELC schools. It is an environment of Christian inclusion absent from so many other settings. All students had a great time!

East Linn Christian was awarded

2021 BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL

By: Mid-Valley Media Group
Top Of the Valley Award