



# EAGLE NEWS

*The monthly newsletter for East Linn Christian Schools*



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## Season's Greetings!

### Year End Giving

Janelle Detweiler, Superintendent

Our desire is to provide an environment that equips and compels students to want to live out their God-given calling. This is a tall order! It requires more than just quality educators, it demands individuals sold out to Christ, equipped to disciple and passionate for the academic success of each student. It also requires adequate facilities that are safe and well maintained. It calls for an engaging curriculum that promotes a biblical worldview. And most of all, the ability of the school to operate in accordance with its Christian values. ([Read Full Letter Here...](#))

# SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Kenny Gerig  
Athletic Director



Basketball is in full swing. The boys varsity team is off to a 4-0 start and currently ranked number two in the state at the 2A level. They were the repeat champions of our own Silver Cross tournament and have also defeated the defending state champions, Western Christian. The girls are currently 1-3, including an overtime loss in the Silver Cross tournament. They have been very competitive and are looking forward to getting Alayna Grunerud back from injury this week and hoping to get Macy Wilson back in January. The middle school girls are wrapping up their season this week. The A team is undefeated and the B team has shown great improvement throughout the season.

I am excited about some fundraising donations that are providing upgrades to our sports program. Thanks to the donations of several individuals and businesses, we have purchased gym wall padding and basketball shot clocks that will be arriving in the next month or two. I would like to purchase some new player chairs for the gym and I'm able to get them for \$100 each if ordered in the next 60 days. If anyone would like to donate money towards purchasing chairs, please let me know. I am proud of our athletes (16 years and older) and coaches who worked crowd control at OSU football games this year to raise money for our athletic teams. I am waiting for our last check and will have an update on how much we earned for the next newsletter. We had four different sports programs that earned over \$1,000 each. If you would like to volunteer to work the gate or concession stand at any home basketball games, please contact Lindsey Garber.

I had the opportunity to attend the national athletic directors convention in Nashville, Tennessee on December 9-13 thanks to an Oregon grant that covered my registration and motel costs. It was a great experience and I was able to go to a number of workshops on a variety of topics.

## THINK BEFORE YOU SEND



**Kyle Randleman, Dean of Students**

Sometimes our kids need to remember to think before they send something. The attached tip sheet gives some thoughts on how to think before they send something on social media, text, etc. Sometimes we forget what we send is out there forever.

[Think before you send TIP SHEET](#)

## THE "BLUE CREW" EAST LINN'S NEW PEP SQUAD!



The student section for sporting events has been named the "BLUE CREW" - and we now have a team of middle and high school students working to run the student section. Here's a picture from their 1st planning meeting!

# Thank you!

ELC Staff would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Stephanie King & the boys & girls Varsity Basketball Teams for organizing a wonderful staff holiday party and for the generous school gear gifts!

# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Jon Bartlow, Chaplain

Most of us have some form of Nativity scene set up in our house somewhere this time of year. With youngsters in the house the more fragile pieces are often missing parts or have been glued back together after being mishandled by an inquisitive child. In our house, the donkey figure is missing one of its long ears and one of the cows stands permanently on three legs. As a result these items are often arranged at distance and out of the reach of children just to keep them from being destroyed. Other traditional Christmas season figures like snowmen, elves, reindeer, and Santa Claus are often present in an abundance of child-safe 'stuffies' and on embroidered pillows or blankets. So the Christmas story is even more distant from children than it needs to be. And while the commercial Christmas movement expands more and more each year, little children find the real Christmas story even less accessible to their wonder filled minds.

Access to Christ is not new. Right after Jesus spoke strongly on the critical state of marriage and family in Matthew 19 the scriptures reveal that people came to Jesus bringing children for him to bless. But some of his closest associates (the disciples) felt that his message was an adult-only affair:

"Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

-Matthew 19:13-14 (ESV)

After this it is evident from the text that Jesus took time to do just as the children's parents had requested and he laid hands on these children and blessed them before leaving the area. ([Read More Here](#))

## 2022-2023 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

2023 High School Yearbooks are on sale online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). Just click on our High School yearbook link to order. They are \$50 right now, and the price will go up to \$53 after December 16th. Reserve your copy now! Any questions? email Jennifer Davis, High School yearbook advisor: [jdavis@eastlinnchristian.org](mailto:jdavis@eastlinnchristian.org).

### SENIORS!

The deadline for senior pics for the yearbook is March 11, 2023. We need 3 pics this year for the spread on seniors in the yearbook: 1. Nice portrait of them, 2. a fun photo, 3. Another senior photo just for fun. For more info: [Senior Picture Deadline](#) In addition, there's an OPTIONAL Senior recognition ad you can purchase for your senior. Parents like to do this sometimes as a surprise for their senior. For more info: [Senior Recognition Ads](#)

## WELCOME NEW TEACHING STAFF!

We are excited to have several highly qualified individuals joining the East Linn staff! Their bios can be viewed below!

- [Mickayla Timberlake - Science Teacher](#)
- [Moni Shuttlesworth - Science Teacher](#)

East Linn Christian has earned the

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