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The monthly newsletter for East Linn Christian Schools



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2022-2023: Facing Good Problems!

Janelle Detweiler, Superintendent

High enrollment is a good problem to have, right? Historically, our enrollment season has spanned four months - April through August - "Post pandemic", enrollment has become a year round event. There is an unprecedented amount of families seeking Christian education right now. I don't believe anyone is surprised by this. The issues in public education speak for themselves. Managing the large influx of enrollment well is what weighs heavy on my mind.

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Like many of our sister schools, our enrollment is projected to reach well over 400 this fall. On one hand, there is a sense of renewed excitement over the opportunity to grow programs and influence more lives for Christ. On the other hand, there is a keen awareness of the negative impact that large-scale enrollment can have on a school's culture. We've worked diligently over the last five years to develop our spiritual distinctives, missional values, and like-mindedness amongst the school community. This is what makes us who we are.

We serve a big God! The enrollment is not a surprise to Him. It does require hiring a significant number of new teachers, support staff and even some internal shifting of current roles, but I know that God is fully capable of supplying workers to meet the needs of His ministry. I recently heard someone say, "Complex challenges take elegant solutions". I'm not sure that our solutions will be "elegant", but I'm hopeful that we will put meaningful safeguards in place to preserve our distinctives and even advance mission centric initiatives.

As we continue to prayerfully prepare for the upcoming school year here are some things we would appreciate specific prayer for:

1. A 4th grade teacher
2. A middle school history teacher
3. Assistant support staff in various roles
4. Completion of the cafeteria before school starts
5. Addition of two classrooms in elementary and one in high school

I look forward to seeing you all in-person during the back to school event in September!

Save the Date!

Back to School Night
Sept. 1st
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SUMMER SPORTS UPDATE

Kenny Gerig, Athletic Director

The basketball teams have completed a busy summer league schedule and are looking forward to the 2022-23 season.

Voluntary sports work outs are continuing through the summer for some sports. Middle and high school volleyball are having open gyms a couple of days a week and the high school will be holding a volleyball camp for elementary and middle school on August 15-17 from 9:00-noon. Middle and high school soccer is holding open field practices on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:00 and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00. The high school will also be running a soccer camp for elementary and middle school in August (tentatively August 22-25). Cross country is holding team runs on Tuesday mornings. Middle school softball will be hosting a camp for incoming 3rd-8th graders on July 25-27 from 9:00-noon. If you would like more information about any of these opportunities, you can email Kenny Gerig at kgerig@eastlinnchristian.org or contact the specific sport's head coach. The 2022-23 high school varsity schedules for soccer, volleyball, and basketball (along with JV soccer) are posted on osaa.org.

CHROMEBOOK ORIENTATION 6TH GRADERS & NEW STUDENTS

Jen Dix, Technology Director

As new students to both the Middle school and the East Linn, you are required to attend Chromebook orientation to learn how we use the Chromebooks for school and sign into our different platforms that you will be using throughout the school year.

I have the following times scheduled for orientation. There is room for 8 slots open for each appointment time. Appointment times are as follows:

Thursday August 11: 11am-1:00pm or 3:00pm-5:00pm
Friday August 12: 11am-1:00pm
Monday August 15: 11am-1:00pm or 4:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday August 16: 11am-1:00pm

Please email Jennifer Dix at jdix@eastlinnchristian.org with your top 3 appointment times that work best for your schedule. Appointments are made on a first come first served basis, we will do our best to accommodate to your time preference, however it is not guaranteed that you will absolutely get the appointment time that you requested.

NEW ROLES FOR CURRENT STAFF

Mr. Bartlow Chaplain

Mr. Bartlow has graciously agreed to pivot into the role of campus chaplain. This position is being added to support spiritual leadership and enhance Christian discipleship school-wide. The chaplain will meet with new families, counsel students as needed, play an integral role in helping plan chapel services, and spiritual emphasis events. He will also serve on the Spiritual Education Committee. As Chaplain, Mr. Bartlow will continue to attend extracurricular activities. You can't keep him from athletic events :). He will be an excellent Christian role model for our student body and strive to build relationships among students, families, and staff to strengthen the East Linn Christian Community.

Mrs. Hutchison MS/HS Principal

Mrs. Hutchison will be taking over as middle and high school principal. Mrs. Hutchison has been serving as the Dean of Education here at East Linn for three years. Her vast knowledge of instruction and curriculum, and her passion for Christian education will be a huge asset to our middle and high school. Mrs. Hutchison has also played an integral role in growing our bilingual program K-12. Her doctoral research in linguistics was recently selected by OSU for a pilot program that will be implemented here at East Linn. More information will be shared about this in future newsletters.

Mrs. Quarum MS/HS Teacher

Mrs. Quarum, who has been teaching middle/high art and elementary PE will be pivoting half time into middle school Bible. She will continue to teach middle and high school art and will also be taking on one high school science class. Prior to moving to Oregon, Mrs. Quarum taught at a Christian school in Hawaii. Her teaching experience in science there is benefiting us with an anatomy and physiology class for our juniors and seniors.

Mrs. Eickmann Elementary PE Teacher

Mrs. Eickmann, who has been serving as a 4th grade teacher, will be taking over elementary PE full time. With the enrollment in the elementary nearly doubling, a full-time PE teacher is needed. She will provide two sections of PE each week for 12 classes. This is a good fit for Mrs. Eickmann, since her major is in physical education.

Enjoy Retirement!

Ms. Reister

In 1989 Ms. Reister applied for a middle school teaching position here at East Linn. Since then she has served in so many roles that we won't be able to name them all, but here are a few; middle school teacher, high school teacher, multiple sports as a coach, a senior advisor, academic advisor and dearly loved Bible teacher. We will continue to see her around campus. She plans to continue assisting the school with various projects (very) part time. Ms. Reister is dearly loved by the East Linn community and we wish her God's best in her retirement.

Mrs. Tegner

Mrs. Tegner began serving here at East Linn in our elementary school just two years ago. She spent several years teaching in the Greater Albany School District and she and her husband lead a housing ministry for women in the area. Mrs. Tegner instantly became part of the family here! She is planning to sub for us as needed, which makes her retiring slightly easier. Even so, she will be dearly missed.

UPDATES FROM PRESCHOOL

We've been having a blast in our Summer Childcare program! We have about 16 preschool and elementary kids that have had great fun learning about camping, gardening and ocean creatures so far. We still have room available if you want to send your child this summer. The last day for summer childcare will be August 18th.

Our playground upgrade is in full swing and we are excited by the progress! We are seeking donations of wheeled toys (bikes, trikes, wagons, etc) and other playground equipment. If you have something to donate or know of someone wanting to sell items like this, please let me know.

We still have room in our regular fall preschool program for new students ages 3 and 4 by Sept. 1st, so please spread the word and encourage your friends and neighbors to enroll soon!



OTHER STAFFING CHANGES

As many of you know, Mrs. Bowler became a grandma during the last school year. She is not shy about sharing this news with everyone she meets! At this time in her life she feels called to be present with her family more. Her years of service here at East Linn have been greatly appreciated by all of our middle school students.

Due to some personal matters, Mr. Stauffer will not be returning this fall. However, we will continue to see him and his family often. His children attend school here and he intends to stay involved as a parent. He is also helping onboard the new Student Support Director. The new director will be introduced in the August Newsletter.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: WELCOME TO 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR!

Kim Bates
Elementary School Principal

Welcome back to East Linn Christian Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year! I hope that summer has provided you with some relaxation and fun with your family. It is hard to believe that it is time to be thinking about going back to school!

[Click Here to read Mr. Bates Welcome Back Elementary Newsletter](#)

JUMP START LEARNING ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL

East Linn Christian elementary will be offering a jump start to the school year for students going into 1st-4th grade for the 2022-2023 school year! It will be 4 days a week of fun learning! Monday - Thursday, July 21st thru August 18th.

[Click Here for more information!](#)

A NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK!

August 12th, 6:30pm. Come join the senior class as they fund-raise for their senior trip. We'll enjoy an outdoor movie, yard games, BBQ and treats. Admission is \$5.00, treats and BBQ for purchase. Family passes for 6 people available for \$20. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and join us for a great time! Limited VIP seating available.

Inquire with Wendy Pool at wpool@eastlinnchristian.org. Tickets on sale with any senior student or by contacting Wendy at the above email.

2022-2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVE CLASS REGISTRATION

Vanessa Hutchison
Middle & High School Principal

Middle and High School students, it is already time to register for your elective classes! Registering is easy, simply click on the link for your grade and fill out the form with your class preferences. If you are unsure what each elective class entails, click on the link for class descriptions to find out.

Please Note: Students that need, or whose parents request additional accommodations (math lab, study center, tutoring, credit recovery, etc.) will be contacted directly to finalize their schedule once their preferences have been reviewed.

Middle School Links

[Middle School Elective Course Descriptions](#)

[6th Grade Elective Course Registration](#)

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