



EAGLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter for East Linn Christian Schools



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A Seat at the Table

-Psalms 23:5

Janelle Detweiler, Superintendent

We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and the campus filled with energy and enthusiasm. As we begin this school year with nearly 80 new students, ten new teachers and a handful of support staff, we are keenly aware of how important it will be to make everyone feel as welcome, connected and a part of the East Linn family as we can. Our theme for the year is drawn from a passage of scripture that is familiar to many, Psalms 23, specifically honing in on verse 5 - You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

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A SEAT AT THE TABLE

Janelle Detweiler, Superintendent

During this particular period of time in our country, as the enemy is doing everything he can to divide us, my deep hope is that we will mature in our understanding of what it means to be a Community Builder ([Teaching for Transformation](#)) despite our circumstances. There is still some lingering concern regarding recent covid mandates. The board and administration are monitoring the recommendations and will provide communication regarding safety practices for school soon. In the mean time, the administration and high school student body leadership are planning events and activities focused on the theme of building community and encouraging positive relationships.

As always, first and foremost, we want to fulfill the mission of our school - to prepare students to live out their God given calling. Knowing how to navigate life in a fallen world is becoming more and more critical. In three weeks our teachers will return for training. The focus will be on addressing difficult issues with scripture; depression, anxiety, progressive church movements, critical race theory, BLM movement, etc. We want our staff to be able to wisely (in alignment with scripture) answer critical questions as they arise in the classroom.

We consider it a great privilege to partner with you in educating your child and we look forward to seeing what good things the Lord has in mind for our students, staff and families this school year

SPORTS UPDATES

Kenny Gerig - Athletic Director

We are cautiously optimistic for a return to a somewhat normal sports schedule this school year. As you are all too aware, things can change with little notice and we will keep you informed of changes as quickly as possible. The official start of high school fall sports (soccer, volleyball, and cross country) is Monday, August 16 with MS starting not before August 30. If you are interested in participating in any of these sports, please contact the specific coach for information. Tyler Grove - soccer; Chris Fenerty - MS soccer; Wendy Pool - volleyball; Angie Kropf - MS volleyball; Kellen Peters - cross country; Meggan Modderman - MS cross country. Our first home sports activity will be a volleyball match September 1 vs Santiam.

Volleyball and soccer have both been having open gym/field practices and the high school teams will be hosting camps that are open to East Linn and non-East Linn elementary and middle school students. The soccer camp will be August 23-25 from 6:00-7:45 PM and is open for anyone ages 5-13. The cost is \$20. [Click Here to register for Soccer Camp](#). The volleyball camp will be August 16-18 from 9:00-noon and is open for anyone from 1st-8th grade. The cost will be \$55 and includes snacks and a t-shirt. Please register by August 9 to get a volleyball t-shirt. [Click Here to register for Volleyball Camp](#).

All athletes are required to have a sports physical beginning in 7th grade. The sports physical is good for 2 years. I believe I have contacted all returning athletes who have a physical that expires before the end of the calendar year. All 7th grade athletes will need a sports physical. Athletes are not allowed to practice without a current (within the last 2 years) physical. If you have any questions, please contact Kenny Gerig. <https://www.osaa.org/docs/forms/PhysicalExamination-English2017.pdf>

We have the opportunity to have students (age 16 and older) and/or parents work crowd control at OSU football games to earn money for the athletic department. Shifts are generally 7-8 hours and the athletic department receives \$12.75 per hour worked per person. The available dates are Sept. 11, 18, Oct. 2, 23, Nov. 13, and 20. If interested, contact Kenny Gerig to sign up for games.

2021-2022 WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS!

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

- [Chantel Hogan - Middle & High School Assistant](#)
- [KyLee Woodley - Classroom Teacher - Grade 2](#)

LUNCH IS SERVED!

Tina Christenson
Food Service Coordinator

I'm looking forward to a new year and new faces to feed. Please note, there are some changes to the lunch program this year.

- Lunch prices will increase across the board to 3.75 each.
- Because of increased student head count this year It is very important to order your students lunches by 8:45 a.m. everyday please. I need to have a number to know how much food to prepare.
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be offered to purchase if they have not ordered by the cut off time.

The lunch calendar for September is available to view now in your FACTS portal.

WELCOME BACK MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES!

Jon Bartlow
MS/HS Principal

After finishing my fourth year at ELC, I can officially call myself a graduate. Fortunately I get to return as a fifth year "senior"- a term taking on a whole new meaning since my 60th birthday. But far from considering the end of my career, I am more energized than ever as I prepare for a new school year. There are plenty of changes on campus & I am thrilled about all of them. Our facilities & student population is growing, we've taken on eleven new staff members (four connected to MS/HS), and most importantly we have a team of people who are fully on board with our mission, vision, & statement of purpose...

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THE EAGLE'S NEST SCHOOL FACILITIES UPDATE

Jon Bartlow
MS/HS Principal

Every young eaglet needs a nest from which to mature and grow. We all expect eagles to fly -eventually- but they all experience a time in the nest before they fledge and are on their own. The last few years have seen great support for our "Heritage Campaign" to build a Cafeteria space for East Linn students. Sadly, unforeseen difficulties in getting steel for the project have prevented us from opening that facility this fall as expected.

Additionally last year parents had to wait in line in our parking lot to drop students off in the morning due to Covid-19 restrictions that prevented students from gathering in a common place together.

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EAST LINN CHRISTIAN

**Back to School
Open House**

**September 2nd
1pm-6pm**

Tour the campus, meet our teachers, get to know other ELC families, drop off school supplies, pick up class schedules & much more!

*Please Note: Preschool Parents: you will receive a call scheduling your child's classroom visit!

2021-2022 MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVE CLASS REGISTRATION

Carolyn Reister
Academic Advisor

Middle and High School students, it is now time to register for your elective classes! Registering is easy, just click on the link for your grade and fill out the form with your class preferences. Not sure what an elective class is all about? Check out the link for class descriptions below.

Middle School Links:

- [Middle School Class Descriptions](#)
- [6th Grade Elective Class Registration](#)
- [7th Grade Elective Class Registration](#)
- [8th Grade Elective Class Registration](#)
- [Welcome to Middle School - 6th Grade](#)
- [Middle School Advanced Math Classes](#)

High School Links

- [High School Class Descriptions](#)
- [9th Grade Elective Class Registration](#)
- [10th Grade Elective Class Registration](#)
- [11th Grade Elective Class Registration](#)
- [12th Grade Elective Class Registration](#)
- [Senior Parent Info](#)



CHROMEBOOK PICK-UP

Returning students will be able to pick up their Chromebooks at the Back to School - Open House event that is scheduled for Thursday, September 2nd, 1:00pm - 6:00pm. If you are unable to pick up your Chromebook during that scheduled time you can also pick them up on Tuesday, August 31st from 9:00 am -4:00 pm.

Chromebooks can be picked up from Jennifer Dix in the Tech Office at the far end of Building A.

SAVE THE DATE!

September 2nd
Back to School - Open House

September 7th
First Day of School

September 10th
Eaglefest

September 10th - 11th
Senior Campout