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Monthly Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK!



Mr. Robby Gilliam

Middle & High
School Principal

Hello East Linn Christian Families!

I am delighted to be serving you this year as the Middle School/High School Principal. We are busy on campus preparing for next school year and all of the excitement that it will hold. While summer vacation is in full swing, before we know it the first day of school will be upon us. A new school year brings with it a full scale of new beginnings. A new grade, new teachers, new classes, new experiences, new friendships, and new adventures. These "new" opportunities will offer both excitement as well as nervousness for our students as they journey through a school year.

[Read Mr. Gilliam's full Welcome Back Letter Here](#)



Mr. Kim Bates

Elementary Principal

Welcome back to East Linn Christian Elementary for the 2023-2024 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!

With everything that is going on in the world today, I am more than ever so thankful for East Linn Christian School and its commitment to teaching the truth that comes from God's Word. The second part of Ephesians 6:4 says "bring them (your children) up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord". That is certainly our goal at ELC to provide our students an education from a Biblical perspective. Since secular education system has strayed from the truth it is scary to think of the future results that will bring upon this generation of children.

[Read Mr. Bates full Welcome Back Letter Here](#)

Welcome Week 2023

According to the student survey, Welcome Week was a hit last year! It is on it's way to becoming a tradition for us. Students arriving early will gather in the cafeteria from 7:30 am - 8:00 am. The new Eagle Café will be open. They can order a warm drink, or pastry from the café, visit with friends, or play board games until the doors open for class. Each school day during Welcome Week teachers will spend time focusing on building community, growing relationships, establishing routines and expectations, and sharing their deep hope with their students. [Click here for more Welcome Week 2023 Info!](#)

Chaplain's Corner - Jon Bartlow, Chaplain

My prayer is that you are having a blessed summer, and I hope many of you have taken up the Bible reading challenge offered in June. [\(Read Full Letter Here.\)](#)

2023-2024 Theme

Janelle Detweiler, Superintendent



Teaching for Transformation is a framework we use to ensure Biblical worldview is taught consistently school-wide. The framework includes [Discipleship Habits and Practices](#). Each school year, one of these habits is selected as a theme and given greater focus preschool-12th grade. This spring as I was considering which habit to select for the upcoming school year I came across a handwritten note in one of the files. The note was recommending teachers and students memorize Colossians 3:23, Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord... I'm not certain who wrote the note, but as a former student of East Linn, I can testify that the recommendation was taken seriously.

I'm still able to recite this verse by heart. It was included in chapel messages, and often used as a topic of discussion in class. It was used as the aim for extra-curricular activities. Which is a tradition that continues to this day. If you have a child participating in athletics, I'm sure you've heard "FOR THE LORD " shouted at the start of a game, or at the break of a huddle. It's a tradition our school has become known for. It visibly expresses our desire to make God proud. It communicates a message to all present that we don't play for ourselves, we play for someone much greater than ourselves, we play for God. ([Read More Here](#))

Back to School Night

Wednesday, August 30th, 2023

This year we have made some adjustments to the schedule to provide more support for new students, and current students transitioning into middle school. Each grade level has a specific timeframe for events specifically related to them. If you are unable to attend during the timeframe designated, please don't hesitate to come when able. Teachers and information booths will remain open the entire time. School information booths will be located near each school building. A unique mini school experience will be provided for middle school parents and students, and a State of the School Address will be provided multiple times during the event.

[Click Here for the Back to School Night Schedule.](#)



Preschool Updates

Krista Wolgamott, Preschool Director



Enrollment has really taken off this spring & our preschool classes are nearly full! However we do still have room in our 4 yr old Pre-K classrooms for full time or part-time kiddos who will be 4 years old by September 1st, 2023. Help us pass the word along to your friends, family & neighbors who may be interested in enrolling their child in Pre-K this year! They can reach out for more information through our website. Enrolled families, please make plans to attend East Linn's Back to School Night on Wednesday, Aug. 30th to meet your child's teachers, receive important paperwork, bring in school supplies & help your child get acquainted with a few new friends! This is an important step in helping your child feel comfortable at school and begin

the process of being able to successfully separate from Mom & Dad. Please contact Preschool Director Krista Wolgamott if you have any questions or if you will be unable to attend Back to School Night. We are looking forward to seeing you all very soon!

Welcome New Staff!

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Jeremy Luther
M/S Social Studies

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Allie Jenks
M/S & H/S Teacher

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Tina Luther
Dean of Education

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Middle & High School Elective Class Registration

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Senior Class of 2024

Megan Eddy, Academic Advisor

There are many milestones for this next school year, and I hope to help make them easier and smoother during this momentous time in all your lives. I will be available to assist you in your preparation for future endeavors and I can not wait to see what God has in store for each student!

[Senior Parent Letter](#)



Summer Sports Activities

July 2023

Kenny Gerig, Athletic Director



It's hard to believe that summer is already halfway through. Here are some summer activities that are going on at East Linn Christian. There will be a softball camp for 3rd-8th grades on July 31-August 2 at Christopher Columbus Park. Cost is \$55 and includes a shirt if registered by July 16th. Proceeds will go to the softball program. High school volleyball is currently having open gyms on Mondays from 7:00-9:00am and Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00-7:00pm. Girls high school basketball is having open gyms on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00-10:00am. High school soccer is having open fields on Tuesdays from 8:30-10:00am and Thursdays from 6:30-8:00pm. MS volleyball is planning open gyms on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00-noon beginning August 15th until the start

of school. Official practices for MS volleyball will start on the first day of school. The first date allowed for official high school practice for cross country, volleyball, and soccer is Monday, August 14th. Times for these practices will be announced through the Game Changer app. If you have a student-athlete interested in one of these sports who is not on the summer team app through Game Changer, let me know and I will get them added so they can keep up on current information. MS cross country and soccer practice will be announced later but will start no earlier than August 21st. For athletes in 7th-12th grade who participated in sports at ELC last year, you should have received an email around the beginning of June letting you know whether or not your child needs an updated sports physical. If you have a son or daughter who will be new to ELC sports this school year, they will need to get a sports physical to me by the start of practice. I am excited to welcome Kassie Denué to our coaching staff as the new varsity volleyball head coach. In addition, Angie Kropf is moving from MS volleyball to take over as the JV head coach and Jacque Stutzman is moving from assistant to head MS volleyball coach. We are also currently looking for an assistant high school volleyball coach. If you have any questions about ELC athletics or would like to be contacted by any of the coaches, please let me know at kgerig@eastlinnchristian.org

Quick Reminder: OSAA moratorium week is July 23-29. Athletes may not use the school's equipment or facilities during that week. Coaches may not contact athletes about their sports.



Sponsor Eagles Athletics!

Do you own, know or work for a local business that would be interested in sponsoring our Eagle Athletics? Sports sponsorships are \$400 and include a 4' x 4' Ad of the company logo and name displayed on the gymnasium wall for one school year. The ELC Gym provides seating for 800 and hosts over 30 basketball & volleyball games as well as special events such as graduation ceremonies, various music performances and fundraisers each year.

[More Information](#)

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