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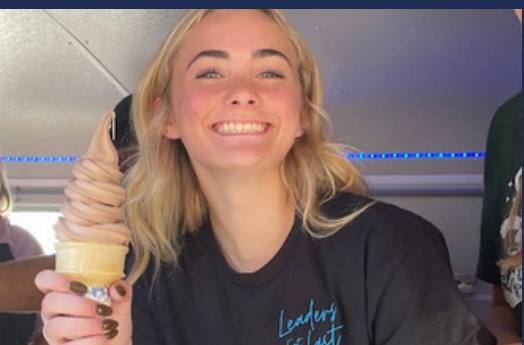
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BACK TO SCHOOL



Welcome New Staff!

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Karmin LaCoste

Elementary Teacher's Assistant

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Kirk Rex

MS/HS Bible

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Wayne Lander

MS/HS Math

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Mariah DuVal

2nd Grade Teacher

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Michael Miller

MS/HS Science

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Allison Peterson

MS/HS Spanish

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Fall Sports!

Kenny Gerig, Athletic Director

The fall sports season is in full swing with home games scheduled every day except Sunday from September 11-23. You can find the schedule on the East Linn website athletics calendar. High school soccer and volleyball schedules can also be found at OSAA.org and cross country at [athletic.net](#).

All home high school volleyball and basketball games (except for the Eagles Classic volleyball tournament) will also be broadcast over the NFHS network for those with a subscription.

We currently have 54 high school and 43 middle school student athletes competing on East Linn teams.



Volunteers Needed

Rachelle Gerig

Hello! I am Rachelle and I am the new concessions manager here at East Linn.

East Linn has a great sports program and we would like to start offering concessions at all the home sports games for middle school and high school sports. We have a concession stand in the main ARC building for indoor sports, as well as a little concession trailer that we can move around for outdoor games. I will be making the food for the stands, and am hoping to offer several home-baked goods as well as a meal option for most high school games.

In order to have concessions available at each game we need your help by volunteering to serve food and take money in during the sporting events. Even if you don't have kids in sports here at East Linn we would still love to have you volunteer, It's a great way to connect to the East Linn family and to meet new people. We even encourage it so that parents of students playing in the games can watch their athlete's games. Several sports have already started and we are already in need of volunteers. We would like for concessions to succeed and to grow, it is one of the ways East Linn funds their sports programs.

If you would like to volunteer, you can email me at rgerig@eastlinnchristian.org. We would love to have you!



Mr. Jon Bartlow
Chaplain

“That’s Not Fair!”

If you are the parent of a teenager, you have absolutely heard the words “That’s not fair!” and likely you have heard those words in shrill tones from your child more than once. Before our children were born my mother told me “You’ll never know how much we love you until you have children of your own.” The instant our kids were born, of course we knew exactly what she meant. But what mom didn’t tell me then, and we also could not have known was how painful it would be to have our kids misunderstand the parameters we would set for them just to protect and provide for them. That experience started when they were toddlers and was in full bloom when they became teens.

The hardest thing about “That’s Not Fair!” is that in many cases it betrays a lack of understanding on the part of the child regarding your motives as parents. One of the things so difficult to overcome is the tendency to judge others based on our weak moral stances. This is why the scriptures tell us that people accuse others of the very things they do themselves ([Romans 2:1](#)). Kids are smart enough to recognize the hypocrisy in them, but often cannot see the altruistic motives of a loving parent who wants to protect them. So when you set parameters, specific instructions or rules, you can expect to hear “That’s Not Fair!” from time to time.

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School Safety: Bark for Schools

Kyle Randleman, Dean of Students

When schools give students access to devices and online accounts, an incredible world of learning opportunities opens up — as well as potential dangers and issues. Digital safety is critically important to East Linn Christian Schools, which is why we are now using Bark for Schools to help us protect our students both online and in real life. We are in the beginning stages of getting this rolled out. Part of the process on the school side is getting all the settings and alerts we need built in which will take a month or so into the school year to get this down. But in the mean time we want to onboard our parents as quickly as possible to help in this process.

Bark monitors for signs of potential issues like: Cyberbullying, Suicidal ideation, Sexual predators, Threats of violence, Self Harm, Profanity, Bullying, and other unhealthy internet interactions.

Alerts are the first signs of issues! When possible issues arise as mentioned above on school-issued accounts, Bark for Schools sends us (Dean of Students, MS/HS Principal, Technology Administrator) alerts so we can address the situation in a timely manner. These alerts also give us insights that help us promote the wellness of the entire student body.

Sign up to get alerts with Parent Portal: Kids use their school-issued accounts both at school and at home, and families are often in a better position to respond to urgent alerts after hours, on weekends, and during breaks. You have received an invitation to create your free account for the Bark for Schools Parent Portal. As soon as you opt-in, you’ll be able to receive after-hours alerts if Bark detects potentially time-sensitive issues.

Check out this parent resource: [Bark-o-Matic](#)

“Maintaining Perspective”

Our school year is off to a fabulous start. Thank you for your effort to help make our start to the year a positive experience for all. I had the opportunity to begin our year by speaking to the Middle School and High School students about being intentional in all of their actions while also maintaining both a positive perspective and a gracious perspective on all things. That whatever we do, we do it with all of our hearts as to the Lord! (Col. 3:23)

In the ever-evolving journey of mentoring youth, it is essential to remember perspective. By maintaining perspective that God is in control, we can find strength, empathy, and grace as we navigate the complexities of the journey these youth are on.

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Mr. Robby Gillam

MS/HS Principal



Senior Fall Experience!

CAMP DAKOTA ADVENTURES

Date: Saturday, October 7th

Time: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Seniors will be going to Camp Dakota Adventures for their senior fall experience. Seniors and senior parents, [find out more here!](#)

Preschool off to a Great Start!

Hello East Linn preschool families! We are off to a great start in preschool! Thank you for entrusting us with your precious kiddos. We are humbled and blessed to get the privilege to spend this time with them and be their first teachers!

Don't forget that ALL preschoolers need to come in on Wednesday September 20 from 8:00am-9:00am to get their picture taken. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about this.

We've already had several kids out sick on just the second week of school, so just a reminder to parents to refer to your Open House packet of information to determine when to keep your child home from school due to sickness.



Order Your 2023-2024 Yearbooks

East Linn High School 2024 Yearbooks are for sale now! Go to jostensyearbooks.com to purchase for \$50. The price will go up after December 15th so order yours early! Additionally, there is a special till October 6th. If you order a yearbook for \$50 and you purchase personalization, you get 4 icons for free!