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Mr. Kim Bates

**Principal
Elementary School**

Welcome back to East Linn Christian Elementary School for the 2024-2025 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 that is going on in the education 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 the secular education system has strayed from the truth it is scary to think of the future results that will come upon this generation of children. ([Continue reading here...](#))

Welcome back to another school year at East Linn Christian! As summer reaches the half way point I know that fun activities are in full swing. I hope you are enjoying some wonderful family time and summer adventures. Very soon the smell of new notebooks and freshly sharpened pencils will fill the air. We are very busy around campus getting things ready for another year and we are thrilled to open our doors and welcome your children back to our Christ-centered community of learning.

First things first...congratulations! You're surviving another summer of "I'm bored!" and "There's nothing to do!" You're enduring the endless demands for snacks, the impromptu movie nights, and the mysterious disappearance of all the matching socks. Well done parents! In just 6-short weeks it will be our turn once again to take over during each day for a bit. Here at ELC, we're ready to dive into a year filled with new adventures, learning, and spiritual growth. Our team of dedicated teachers are busy preparing engaging lessons, fun activities, and, of course, a full supply of patience and prayers. We're stocking up on coffee and ready to tackle the challenges and joys of the upcoming school year. ([Continue reading here...](#))



Mr. Robby Gilliam

**Principal
MS/HS**

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
AUGUST 28, 2024
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



**Janelle
Detweiler**
Superintendent

Historically, Christians have placed a high value on education. I don't believe it would be a stretch for me to assume that you enrolled your child at East Linn Christian with the intent that they will receive Christian formation and a good education. It's also likely that you hold some strong views regarding what a good education includes. I'm sure you hope your child will obtain adequate knowledge and intellectual skill in reading, writing, math and critical thinking, an education that will propel them toward a viable vocation. All reasons which are valuable and common to the aim of a Christian school.

In the introduction to Philip Dow's book *Virtuous Minds*, Jason Baehr poses a series of pointed questions concerning education; "Do you care about learning and knowledge? Do you desire to understand the world around you? Are you curious about why things are the way they are, about the unfolding of history and what ultimately exists or what is ultimately good? On the contrary, do you have a dim view of truth and knowledge? Or do you, perhaps, value knowledge and learning but only as a means to other ends, for example, to getting a job or impressing your friends? Are you indifferent to, or positively bored by concepts, like knowledge, truth and understanding? He goes on to explain that our answers to these questions say something important about our value of intellectual character. A student is able to graduate with a lot of knowledge and intellectual skill, but if they don't care about what they've learned, or have no intention of using it beyond high school, is it considered "good" education? The Scriptures say, It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings to search things out. God has given us the challenge to learn about Him and His creation. Our aim as Christian educators is to provide learning experiences that spark interest and hopefully develop a love for learning that remain with the student well beyond graduation. ([Continue reading here...](#))

ELECTIVE CLASS REGISTRATION

In the past, students would receive their schedule for fall courses at back to school night (August 28th this year). Our goal this year, as an academic team, is to email the PDF of the student schedules to students and parents individually a week or two before back to school night. This would give students and parents a chance to review it ahead of time, together, and then decide if you'd like to set up in an person meeting to discuss your students' needs. During the week of August 12-16th, Dr. Tina Luther and Mrs. Megan Eddy will schedule in person appointments, as requested, to review schedules and make sure all parties are on the same page. We hope to decrease the confusion during back to school night by having these schedules in hand for parents and student to look at before the preliminary event of welcoming back to school. Thank you for completing these elective requests in a timely manner and as thorough as possible. It helps us get schedules made as quickly, accurately and as early as possible.

[9th Grade Elective Registration](#)

[10th Grade Elective Registration](#)

[11th Grade Elective Registration](#)

[12th Grade Elective Registration](#)

SPORTS PHYSICALS

All athletes at ELC (7th grade and up) are required to have a sports physical on file with the school that is up to date within the past two years. In most cases, this means that if your child is in 7th, 9th, or 11th grade then they will need a sports physical prior to any first athletic practice. If you are not sure if you need a sports physical or if you are a new student interested in competing, please email Mr. Gilliam ASAP. The form can be found by [clicking here](#).



MS SOCCER COACHES WANTED

We are looking for two Middle School soccer coaches to help lead our Middle School athletes this fall. If you have any knowledge of the sport, have the available time needed, & have a passion to work with the amazing students at ELC then please contact Mr. Gilliam. Qualities we are looking for include, but are not limited to:

- 1.) Agree to the mission & values of ELC
- 2.) Attend a local church community
- 3.) Have understanding of the game of soccer
- 4.) Have leadership qualities to run practices
- 5.) Ability to communicate effectively to student athletes & parents



No prior coaching experience is needed. In fact, supportive parents & friends of the ELC community that are willing to coach have historically been the cornerstone of our MS athletic program. Come help us coach & shape the next generation of Eagles!

WELCOME WEEK 2024

First and foremost, we want all of our students, both new and returning to feel welcome and excited to start a new school year. Next, we want them to connect with friends, understand the routines, and know what's expected of them. Last, we want them to be aware of supports that are provided for them.

Fun activities will be happening all over the campus on Friday. Stay Tuned!

Details for each school will be communicated to students during assemblies held throughout the week, and to parents through the school offices, via email. ([more info](#)).