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**EAST LINN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

Monthly Newsletter

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**Mr. Jon Bartlow**  
Chaplain

## “Be Ye Perfect”

I tend to be one of those guys who remembers things other men often forget - the first date with my wife, first kiss, the date I proposed, and a number of other circumstances even Shelley has forgotten. I was pretty proud of my sentimental side, but 22 years ago it all came crashing down in a moment. I had just started a new job at Philomath High School and Shelley was already working part time in Corvallis. We were commuting from Newport for a few weeks as her father watched the kids. On a Friday in late August when rushing home after a particularly hectic week I found myself musing aloud regarding our wedding date and asked Shelley “Will it be 18 or 19 years of marriage this year?” As I stared ahead down highway 20 her deadpan response rang in my ears... “19 years yesterday.” In an instant my illusion of perfection in being a thoughtful marriage partner was crushed. I had utterly failed as a husband, but Shelley just laughed and treated me more gracefully than I deserved. 13 days later the most powerful and wealthy nation the world has known experienced failure on an epic scale as it was unable to protect 2,960 of its citizens from the worst terrorist attack in history. I will never forget either event. [\(Read More Here\)](#)

## Sports Updates

### Kenny Gerig, Athletic Director

Winter sports are wrapping up as high school has completed their regular schedules and are preparing for post-season play. Both our boys and girls varsity basketball teams finished the regular season with league records of 15-1 and both finished in 1st place in the north division of the Valley Coast Conference and 2nd overall. They advance to the final four of the league tournament to be played on February 16-17 at Sutherlin High School. Both teams are guaranteed a first round State playoff game and the winner of the tournament will be guaranteed a home game for the first round of State along with the 4 highest ranked teams in the state who do not win one of the 4 league tournaments. Our girls are currently ranked 6th in the state and our boys are ranked 7th in 2A. The boys will play a first round State game on Friday, February 23 and the girls will play on Saturday, February 24. Time and place will be determined by Sunday, February 18th. The winners of those games will advance to the State tournament in Pendleton on February 29-March 2. We have traditionally closed school when both basketball teams advance to Pendleton to allow our students and staff the opportunity to go support them. Our boys JV ended the season with a record of 13-8 and won their final 8 games. The girls JV finished the season with a record of 17-3 which is the best JV record in recent history, if not school history. Our 4 middle school boys teams are also having a successful season that will wrap up on February 26th. Congratulations to Daisy Lalonde and Seth Cox who were part of the District Champion boys and girls swim teams at Sweet Home and to Angus Smith who placed 5th in the District wrestling for Central Linn. High school spring sports begin on February 26 with baseball, golf, track, and the return of softball. Make sure that your child has a current (within 2 years) sports physical before the start of the season. If you are not sure if they need a new one, contact Kenny Gerig at [kgerig@eastlinnchristian.org](mailto:kgerig@eastlinnchristian.org). Go Eagles!





**Isabelle Brubaker**  
**6th Grade**



**Elsa Neuschwander**  
**11th Grade**



## Preschool Enrollment Reminder



Just a reminder that enrollment season has begun. Please let Mrs W know if your child is continuing in preschool for the 2024-25 school year and what you would like his/her schedule to be. We are starting the process of enrolling new families so we'd like to get current families' schedules' set as soon as possible before days fill up. Let your friends and family know if they are interested in enrolling a preschooler for next year to schedule a tour right away!

## Lockdown Drill

On the week of March 5th, 2024; All East Linn Campus will be having a Lockdown drill with our local law enforcement. Attached is East Linn Schools adopted SRP protocol for any type of situation that arises. This drill will be on our schools Lockdown procedure with law enforcement joining us to walk through the drill with us and then giving us feedback on how we do and anything they see we can add to our protocol procedures here at the East Linn Campus. Please reach out to Mr. Randleman ([krandleman@eastlinnchristian.org](mailto:krandleman@eastlinnchristian.org)) if you have any questions. [Click here for more info.](#)

## "Dating and Marriage?" Chaplain Event



**March 11th - 6:00pm**  
**East Linn Christian Cafeteria**

The third installment of our 2023-24 parent seminars under the heading "Sound Spiritual Bites in a Sound Bite World" is geared primarily to parents of teenagers, but anyone who wants to come will certainly be welcome. On the evening of Monday March 11th we will be looking at the Biblical view of dating and marriage. And you won't be surprised by the fact that our study will reach clear back into the book of Genesis. What we think might surprise you is how the instruction from God's word is so current for the times in which we live. As usual, the time reserved is limited to one hour, but you will take home plenty of scriptural contact with you that will help you answer the questions your teenage sons and daughters will inevitably ask at the time you might least expect them. You'll be glad you were ready.

[RSVP Here.](#)

Our largest fundraising event of the year is quickly approaching! We would like to take this opportunity to let you know that our 39th Annual Benefit Auction will be held on Apr 5, 2024 in the school Activity Resource Building (Gym). This event is an evening to rejoice with each other over what God has done in, through and for our school, as well as raise funds to continue our mission.

Like most private schools, tuition at East Linn Christian covers only about 80% of the cost to educate. Therefore, fundraising each year is a necessity and generous donors provide critical financial resources for the school. Funds generated from our annual auction help us continue to provide an environment that compels students to want to live out their God-given calling, adequate facilities that are safe and well maintained, and an engaging curriculum that promotes a biblical worldview.

As auction time approaches, we need help from our families!

### How can you help?

We are currently seeking donations of items for both our live and silent auction as well as auction sponsorships. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with the auction, if interested, please reach out to Julie Lara, Auction Chairman, [jlara@eastlinnchristian.org](mailto:jlara@eastlinnchristian.org).

Here's some helpful links for more info:

- [2024 Auction Website](#)
- [Auction Sponsorships & Table Sponsors](#)
- [Donation Request Letter](#)
- [Blank Item Procurement Form](#)



## Valentine's Chapel

On Friday, Feb. 9th the high school ASB hosted our annual Valentine's Chapel for both middle and high school students. The middle school chapel had several high school students on the panel who answered questions about healthy friendships between boys and girls in middle school. The high school chapel had several community members come and answer questions about love, dating, purity, and marriage. Ellie Bartlow and Tyler Grove co-hosted the middle school chapel, and The high school students on the middle school panel included: Greysen Sewell, Olivia Garber, Matthew Blount, Mila Wahl, Jessica Corliss, and Brooklyn Kramer. ASB President Greysen Sewell and ASB Vice President Blake Presley co-hosted High School chapel, and the community members who on the high school panel included: Jennifer Davis, Hannah Ahn, Tyler Grove, Gatlen Richardson, Jake Bates and Kirk Rex.



## Spring Formal

**April 27, 2024**

- Who: All East Linn high school students and approved guests
- Time: 7-10 PM
- Cost: \$20/Ticket
- Guest Passes due: Monday, April 22nd
- Dress Code: Black Tie/Formal. (Dresses need to be approved by the administration office. Photos can be emailed to [elca@eastlinnchristian.org](mailto:elca@eastlinnchristian.org) and need to be submitted to be approved no later than Monday, April 22nd.)
- [Formal Dress Guidelines](#)



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### Seniors Get a Visit from LBCC



Recently an admissions team from Linn Benton Community College visited our Senior class. They shared about preparing for college and what to expect at LBCC.

### Surprise Baby Shower!



Our beloved 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. DuVal will be leaving us to be a mommy! February 16th is her last day. Her 2nd grade class recently surprised her with a baby shower!

### Middle School Bowling Night!



The middle school recently had a bowling night. The kids had a great time together, bowling and eating burgers and fries! Big thanks to Linn Lanes in Lebanon for sharing their facilities with us!