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**EAST LINN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

Monthly Newsletter



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**Mr. Jon Bartlow**  
Chaplain

## A Different Look at the New Year

The last couple of chapel services I have spoken to our elementary and middle school students about the NEW YEAR, and specifically about how the Old Testament Hebrew people had ordained holidays (holy days) set aside for celebration and remembrance just as we do today. The one we focused on in chapel, and now in this letter is the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teru'ah) or the Jewish New Year. Like other feasts it was a remembrance of a great event in Hebrew history. In the case of trumpets it was a sacred memory of the people having to prepare themselves to witness God's Holy presence on Mount Sinai as he prepared to give them the law ([Exodus 19:16-20](#)). It was a terrifying experience to witness His might and glory that caused the people to tremble. Each New Year (late September for the Jews) they relived this experience with the blowing of trumpets as a reminder that their God was absolutely unapproachable in holiness and glory. Reminders of His might brought the Israelites to a place of contemplation regarding their sins before God going into Yom Kippur – The Day of Atonement.

What the Hebrews of the Old Covenant didn't know, and what the people of Jesus' day were too stubborn to see was that Jesus would be the literal fulfillment of the feasts established by God in [Leviticus 23](#) as part of God's ceremonial law. In a way that was hidden to the hard hearts of the people Jesus explained that he was a once for all fulfillment of all God had written in to his plan for Israel. ([Read More Here](#))

## Basketball Season!

The high school basketball season is already into the second half of their schedule. Our varsity boys are currently 11-3 (6-0 in league), and ranked #6 in the state at the 2A level. Our girls varsity is 10-4 (6-0 in league), and ranked #8 in the state. Their next home game is Tuesday, January 23rd against Central Linn in the Clash of the County. The girls JV is also having a strong season with their only loss coming against a 3A and 4A JV. The boys JV is also having a good season. The middle school boys have started practice and will begin playing games January 17th. We have 36 boys playing this year - by far the biggest turnout since I have been associated with ELC. We have divided them into 4 teams and their schedule can be found on the East Linn athletics calendar or by joining the game changer app. I am currently working on finding more games for our younger teams and will be adding them to the calendar as they are finalized.

## Kenny Gerig, Athletic Director



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](#)



## Leadership Class Announcements

### Best Dressed

The Leadership class is awarding the "Best dressed" East Linn student at each home game a Dutch Bros gift card. Any middle or high school student who dresses up in the theme is eligible to win, but must be present at halftime of the second game to win.

Winners so far:

Jadon Loveless - Jake from State Farm night  
KK Kaufman and Allie Presley - Christmas Out  
Shay Gerig - American Out

### Sadie Hawkins - February 10th

The theme will be "The Greatest Show" - a carnival theme. Students can pick up guest passes for any non-East Linn students from Miss B. These need to be returned by 8:00 AM on Monday, February 5th. Tickets will go on sale during lunch, February 5th-9th for \$15 each. Students can also pay at the door. More information will be made in the announcements in the coming weeks.

### Spirit Week!

During the week of February 5th-9th, the Leadership class is hosting a spirit week for middle and high school students. The best dressed student each day will win a Dutch Bros gift card! Elementary students are encouraged to participate, but will not be eligible for prizes. The Dress up days are as follows:

**Mon:** Camo Day **Tues:** Construction Day **Weds:** Senior Citizen Day **Thurs:** Jersey Day **Fri:** Pink Out





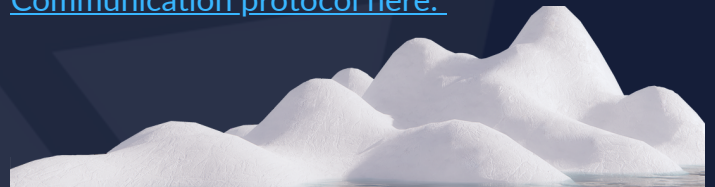
## NOVEMBER JOYA WINNER

**Peyton Gilliam**  
**3rd Grade**

## School Closure: Communication & Procedure

Adverse winter weather can create very challenging driving conditions which is the number one reason for school closure. Given, forecasts aren't always accurate, it can be very difficult to predict driving conditions. It's important to also take into account road conditions outside of town for those residing outside of Lebanon. We rely heavily on reports made by the road department. Other factors for closure may include poor air quality, or other types of school facility conditions; water leak, electrical outage, etc.

[Check out our full School Closure Communication protocol here.](#)



## “Why a Man & a Woman?” Chaplain Event

**January 29th - 6:00pm**  
**East Linn Christian Cafeteria**



One of the biggest questions of our time goes straight to the heart of God's design for marriage. Today the sanctity of Biblically based marriage between one man and one woman for life is under attack. Secular culture is telling children that intimate relationships outside marriage do not pose a problem, and in fact that marriage as an institution is completely optional. The tacit acceptance of non-biblical relationships is becoming commonplace even in many churches. Terms such as cohabitation, serial monogamy, polyamory, non-binary genders, and LGBTQ+ relationships are often accepted among people who call themselves Christian. Learn what the Bible says about God's plan and purpose for marriage as well as how to effectively teach children God's design for them in a culture hostile to Biblical Christianity.

[RSVP for Event Here!](#)