



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Middle School Weekly Home Bulletin

April 21, 2017

Next Week, 4/24 - 4/28:

- Tuesday: Small groups
Wednesday: Art Show & Cultural Museum, 7 p.m.
Thursday: TRIP orders due
Friday: In-service Day - **No school**
Saturday: Disc Golf Tournament

Coming Up:

- May 6: 8th grade dance, 7-10 p.m.
Touch-A-Truck event, ECMS parking lot, 11 - 3
May 11: Middle School Spring Concert, 7 p.m. in the ECHS Auditorium
May 18: M.A.D. Presentations
May 21: Memorial Day - no school
May 30 -31: 8th grade field trip to Philadelphia and Gettysburg, PA

Parenting is not for the weak! There is no off-time, down-time, or part-time. Your children are an incredible blessing from God for which a huge responsibility is given and a great commitment required. What makes parenting more difficult is that parents are often left to navigate the trials of parenting by entering into unfamiliar, yet ever-changing territory.

One of those areas that seems to be faster than it's possible to grasp is the area of media and technology. The access that we have to content - good and bad - would have been unimaginable just 20 years ago. That concept - **access** - brings me to my point. A recent release of a Netflix exclusive series has been causing quite a stir lately. The series is called *13 Reasons Why* and is based on the book by Jay Asher. The book deals with the topic of suicide, substance abuse, sexual assault and harassment. There's voyeurism, drinking, and tons of swearing. Both a suicide scene and a rape scene within the series leave little to the imagination. If you want a quick synopsis you can check it out one of the following: [13 Reasons Synopsis](#); [Common Sense Media review](#); or [Pluggedin review](#). Although I haven't watched the series, the general consensus from what I've read is that the series pushes the graphic nature of what is presented way beyond what the book portrays.

Why this topic? Because despite what filters you have at home, there is a high likelihood that other children (at church, at sports, even at school) have heard about it or are talking about it. In fact, I had a student search for it the other day because they had heard a friend on their sports team talk about it and wanted to see what *13 Reasons Why* was about. That's the nature of Middle School kids - curiosity will often lead them to areas that are uncharacteristic for them to find themselves. It's important for us as parents and educators to be aware of the current pitfalls which our children/students are facing. Given the popularity of Netflix, and the ease at which popular ideas, videos, and content spreads, sharing information within the community allows all of us to be better equipped to help guide our children / students.

There is an underlying brokenness in our world that will be the cause of these issues resurfacing from generation to generation. Although they may manifest themselves in different ways or through different means, the root cause of the brokenness is still sin. The sinful nature in us will often feed off of what we put in, especially when we feed it what the world has to offer. The topics of suicide and bullying are incredibly important to discuss with our children, but *13 Reasons Why* is not a method I would suggest to lead into that discussion.

Grace and Peace,
Dan Lazor, Principal

→ For even more on the movie, you can also check out the following sites:

[Helena Schools, Helena Montana](#)
[JED Foundation, Viewing and Discussion Tips](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

8th grade parents:

If you would like to order a personalized congratulatory sign for your 8th grade graduate, the order form and payment is due by next Friday, April 28. Signs cost \$20 and are personalized with your child's name. Order forms went home in your child's Friday Folder, if you did not get one and would like one, please call the school office.

The balance of \$150 for the Philadelphia/Gettysburg field trip is due by May 19.

Dress Code:

With warm weather approaching, here are some dress code guidelines to keep in mind when dressing for school:

Clothing must be free of rips, holes and frays, including cut-offs of any sort

Athletic shorts are not permitted

Sleeveless tops must cover the full shoulder - halter tops, tank tops and low-cut tops are not permitted

Shirts must overlap with bottoms, no exposed midriffs

Shorts must be fingertip length

Leggings must be worn beneath a skirt or dress and not on their own.

MORE HELP NEEDED!

- **Art Show/Cultural Museum** - volunteers are needed to help display students' art work. We will begin at 12:45 on Tuesday, April 25 and continue starting after drop-off on Wednesday, April 26. Please contact Lynda Vincenti (lyndavincenti@hotmail.com) if you are available at all during those two days. (And don't forget to join us the evening of the 26th for the show!)
- **Touch-A-Truck** - ECMS will be maintaining the Pit Stop (SWAG/Souvenir) tent. Volunteers are needed on May 6 between 9:AM and 4:PM (You choose the hour(s) you can help) to set-up, sell, and break down the Pit Stop. You can sign-up on Sign-up Genius or email Lynda Vincenti (lyndavincenti@hotmail.com) if you don't have the Sign-up Genius invite.

FOUNDATION NEWS:

Touch A Truck - Sat May 6, 2017 from 11 am - 3 pm in the ECMS Parking Lot

[Tickets](#) for Touch A Truck are available online. Bring your kids, bring your neighbors and bring your appetite! Touch A Truck is designed to build community, let kids be kids and climb, touch and play on all kinds of vehicles. Activities like the Tumble Bus, Car Dig and face painting will be included in your ticket. Get lunch on site at the BBQ and enjoy coffee and hot chocolate.

Golf Outing - Monday May 22nd

Space is limited but still available. Register [online](#) for your twosome, foursome and/or sponsorship now!

TRIP INFORMATION:

The TRIP program no longer maintains an inventory of gift cards. Orders need to be placed one week before the cards are needed with payment made at the time the order is placed. Orders will be due on Thursdays (instead of Monday) and will be sent home with students on the following Thursday.

We encourage you to switch to online ordering, using payment directly from your bank account (Electronic Fund Transfer) which costs only .15 cents per order. If you would like help with ordering online, call the TRIP office to set-up your account and learn the ordering process.



Scott Dadika of *ProShot* will be conducting extremely valuable shooting & advanced player development skills with our older players. Coach Scott has been a Shooting Instructor for *ProShot* for over 5 years and has helped players develop more accuracy, range and confidence with their shooting.

For specific info on *ProShot Shooting* contact Scott 201-294-8500

www.proshoteast.com

SEEING is BELIEVING!!!

EAGLES ELITE CAMP DIRECTOR

BILL SCHOENER



Coach Bill Schoener is the Head Varsity Coach at Eastern Christian HS. Previously he was the Head Coach at Saddle River Day

and while there he led the team to their most successful seasons in school history. Winning their first jamboree game and advancing to the final four of the state section. Coach Schoener has also has been the Head Coach of Becton Regional HS , where he led that team to a state sectional final and 2 jamboree appearances.

Coach Schoener has been developing and helping players advance to new levels in basketball for over 25 years.

Eagles Elite Basketball

Camp Mission

Eagles Elite Basketball camps exist to provide each camper the opportunity to become a better basketball player and well rounded person in a Christ centered environment.

EAGLES ELITE 2017 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL CAMP

BOYS & GIRLS GRADES 2-8

JUNE 26-30 (9AM-3PM)

AUG 7-11 (9AM-3PM)

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN HS
50 OAKWOOD DR
NORTH HALEDON, NJ**



Camp Director Bill Schoener

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CAMP FEES

CAMP COST- \$195 PER WEEK
MULTI WEEK- \$350.00

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:

IF PAID IN FULL BY MAY 15- WILL BE
\$175 PER WEEK!!!

ASK ABOUT MULTI WEEK EARLY BIRD
SPECIAL DISCOUNT!!!!

**ASK ABOUT OUR HS PLAYER
DEVELOPMENT EVENING CAMP!!**

Daily Schedule

8:30-Doors Open Play
9-9:30- Roll Call-Hoops IQ-Stretch
9:30-10:30- Skill Set Stations
10:30-11- 3 on 3 Tournament
11-12 Games
12-12:45 LUNCH
1-2:30 Afternoon Skill Dev.
2:30 -3 Shooting Contest
3:00 Departure-Late Stay

**Schedule is subject to change
depending on camp situations!!**

EAGLE ELITE CAMPERS WILL WORK ON THE 6 ASPECTS OF BASKETBALL:

1. SHOOTING-**PROSHOT SYSTEM**
2. DEFENSE-TEAM/INDIVIDUAL
3. PASSING
4. BALLHANDLING/DRIBBLING
5. REBOUNDING
6. SPEED/AGILITY



What to bring to camp:

1. Sneakers
2. Lunch (pizza&drinks will be available)
3. Positive attitude and willingness to

LEARN

Pizza , Drinks & Snacks will be available
daily and can be purchased at our
concession stand.

Coaching and Supervision: Each camper
will receive high quality coaching and
skill development from our expert staff
of basketball coaches.

Award: At the end of the week Awards
will be given to exceptional players!!

MAIL PAYMENT & REGISTRATION FORM
EAGLES ELITE BASKETBALL CAMP
252 ALBERTA DR. SADDLE BROOK,NJ 07663
CAMPER INFO:

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ ST_____

PARENTS NAME_____

CONTACT #_____

CAMPER T-SHIRT SIZE

YM YL S M L XL XXL

Eagle Elite Camp Tuition

[] June 26-30 \$195

[] Aug 7-11 \$195

[] Both Sessions \$350

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE Eagle Elite Basketball

252 Alberta Dr Saddle Brook NJ 07663

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of Eagles Elite Basketball to act for me according to
their best judgment in an emergency requiring
medical attention. I release, discharge, indemnify
Eagles Elite Staff, affiliated parties, agents
employees, & others against liability or cause of
action arising out of or in connection with my
child's participation.

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