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# Strongly Committed to a Common Christian Mission

BY ECHS PRINCIPAL JAN LUCAS

Mission statements pop up in all sorts of places these days. Business executives find that a mission statement provides focus for employees. Advertising agencies are convinced that a good mission statement serves as a marketing tool. I must admit that finding the mission statement strategically placed in a hotel lobby gives me a sense that I am an important guest and will receive fine service. So it follows that a mission statement for a school is probably a good thing.

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools agrees. The first step in the process, which leads to the renewal of our accreditation as a quality high school, is a thoughtful, careful review of our mission. Before we can begin to seek accreditation renewal, we need to be strongly committed to a common mission. Middle States also requires that the school's mission statement be supported by a set of belief statements, which provide context and perspective for the school's mission.



Principal Jan Lucas challenges students to live out the new Mission Statement during the first chapel service.

## EASTERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

*By providing an excellent academic curriculum, offering a variety of extra-curricular activities, and assembling a caring, culturally diverse community, we empower students from Christian families to develop their gifts within the context of a Reformed Christian worldview so that they can act as Christ's transforming agents in a global society.*

## TEN WORLDVIEW STATEMENTS FOR EASTERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

*We believe that:*

- 1. God is sovereign over all creation, including the field of education.**
- 2. Jesus is Redeemer of the cosmos, not just Savior of humankind.**
- 3. The Bible is the divine pair of glasses through which we look at reality.**
- 4. God reveals Himself through His creation, not only through Jesus Christ and the Bible.**
- 5. God's revelation calls for an active response, not just assimilation of information.**
- 6. This world belongs to God, not to the evil one.**
- 7. The line between good and evil runs through people and organizations, rather than around them.**
- 8. The school is to equip students with the vision and skills for the redemption of this earth.**
- 9. The school focuses on the nurture of children who have been consecrated to God.**
- 10. The focus in this school is on community rather than on individualistic advancement.**

Our accreditation renewal begins with this bold statement of mission and continues with a systematic and thorough review of the compiled survey data collected in our school and community last spring. A Strategic Planning Team is in charge of evaluating the data, sorting out needed improvement, focusing on objectives for change, and bringing about implementation. The Mission Statement drives the process and keeps it focused.

ECHS Mission Statements are posted in every classroom this year. Our very first chapel on the first day of classes this school year began with the Mission Statement boldly displayed on the screens. Faculty members highlighted the various parts of the mission with practical illustrations. We marked the anniversary of September 11 both in classes and in chapel focusing on *assembling a caring, culturally diverse community* here at ECHS which provides mutual support and encouragement.

There is also a clear mission *within* the ECHS Mission Statement. All of the facets of an ECHS education are in place for one purpose: *to empower students... to be Christ's transforming agents in a global society.* This *mission within a mission* is the essence of our relationship with Jesus Christ. As Christ's community members we should display our mission *boldly and conspicuously!* We are all living Mission Statements! Praise God!





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Pictured is Kyle Vandenberg and some of this year's EC Middle School students working on MAC computers in the Media Center. See the articles in this issue for updates on how technology is being integrated into the curriculum in each of our schools.

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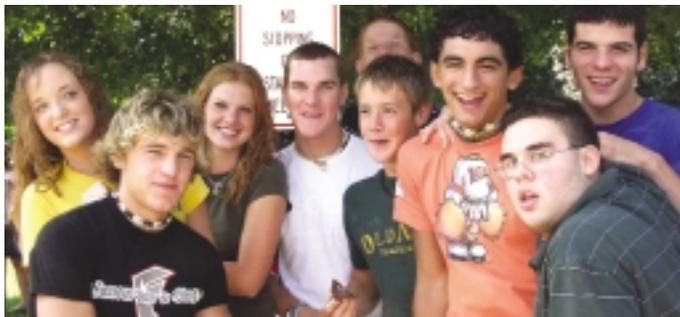
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# Accreditation Process Targets Technology's Significance

BY ECHS PRINCIPAL | JAN LUCAS



High School friends ready to take on the challenges presented during their school year.

The Middle States Accreditation process has taken a new turn for its 10-year renewal in 2002. This time the process centers on the development of a 5-year Strategic Plan for the High School. This Strategic Plan must include broad input from the ECHS community "stakeholders" (parents, students, faculty, administration, and board), and it must be directly linked to student learning. In fact, the Strategic Plan must include measurable objectives that will be evaluated with actual data related to student performance.

## A NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT

I know that this hardly seems like an appropriate introductory paragraph for a High School technology update, but it does have important significance. Last spring all of the ECHS stakeholders received a section or two of a comprehensive survey, which evaluated the High School program according to 12 Middle States Standards. As our Strategic Planning Team studied the survey data this fall, *it became*

*very clear that every stakeholder group indicated a need for significant improvement in technology.*

## A PLAN FOR INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY WITH ACADEMICS

While that conclusion may not be surprising, the process does not end at this point. A Technology Action Team has just been appointed by the Planning Team to set forth a cohesive plan for the integration of technology with academics across the HS curriculum. The Action Team is mandated:

1. to do research, 2. to write the plan, 3. to arrange for adequate funding, and 4. to select the proper instrument(s) for evaluation.

The Action Plan will be presented to the Planning Team for approval in early December of this year. Once the Action Plan is approved, a Technology Implementation Team will be formed to make the plan a reality over the next 5 years.

## IN SUMMARY

**Q** *What is happening in technology at the High School?*

**A** A comprehensive plan is being developed to insure that technology dollars are invested wisely. The objective of this plan is to improve student performance using technology. And the plan's effectiveness must be measurable with student data. Watch the plan unfold in future issues of *The Herald*.



## The EC Alumni E-mail Directory & Better Parent-School Communications Are Available with a New Online Program

Are you longing to get in touch with a long-lost classmate? When was the last time you missed out on an EC school event because you didn't know the date it was scheduled? Did you forget to listen to the radio the last time it snowed and had no idea whether your child had to go to school? How much do you really know about the classes your child is taking? Would you like to be in better touch with EC faculty members? Unfortunately, communications between parents and the school are not always crystal clear. We want to improve this. To help, we are using an online program called *theclasslist*<sup>TM</sup>.



This new site entitled *theclasslist*<sup>TM</sup> is a web presence for EC which is a supplement to our main site. It features many valuable tools for communicating with parents and school supporters and also for organizing information. Tools like the events calendar, newsletters, and faculty homepages provide a quick and easy resource for school-related information. Now parents, supporters, and students can access *theclasslist*<sup>TM</sup> web site from any computer and keep up-to-date on school life. School administrators and staff will be updating *theclasslist*<sup>TM</sup> web pages often.

# Technology Enhances ECES Curriculum

BY SANDY BOTTGE AND CHRISTY VAN GENDEREN  
MEDIA CENTER COORDINATORS

The teaching of computer skills is interwoven with the curriculum and themes of each grade at ECES. To achieve this goal, several technology tools were purchased recently for faculty and student use at ECES:

**AVERKEY** – allows a teacher to display anything from a computer screen onto a large screen TV monitor for whole-class viewing.

**MAVICA DIGITAL CAMERA** – for class projects and creating slide shows. It is also used by teachers on class trips to take pictures for responsive writing activities in the classroom.

**ALPHASMARTS** – five more special word processors were added to our collection to aid students in keyboarding and writing workshop.



Fourth graders Dara Veenstra (L) and Nichole Hagedoom (R) playing a solar system game on the Internet after studying the planets in Mrs. Peters' science class.

The changes in education due to technology created a need to redesign the library last summer. Bookshelves were rearranged to provide more room. The computer loft was removed to make room for twelve additional computers to be purchased so that students can work independently in the lab.

The school-wide network allows teachers to check their memos each morning on their classroom computer, store files on the school server and share files with each other.

## HOW DOES EACH GRADE INCORPORATE TECHNOLOGY INTO THEIR LEARNING?

### KINDERGARTEN

A feature of kindergarten is a visit each week from a new "Letter Person." Students use scanned templates to enhance their recognition of the "Letter Person of the Week." They also recently created their own "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" tree by using a computer program which allowed them to stamp all the falling letters.

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You are invited to check out this link!

### EC PARENTS and STUDENTS:

- ❖ Go to our main site, which is [www.easternchristian.org](http://www.easternchristian.org),
- ❖ Click on one of the buttons for school news or calendar, and
- ❖ You will go to [www.theclasslist.com/ecsa](http://www.theclasslist.com/ecsa) automatically.
- ❖ No login is needed at this time for parents/students. (See below for Alumni login directions)
- ❖ Just click the left side link you want to view.
- ❖ Remember that this part of our site is "under construction," so click back often this year.

### ALUMNI: The E-Mail Directory for EC Alumni is here!

- ❖ Follow the same steps as above, and when you get to [www.theclasslist.com/ecsa](http://www.theclasslist.com/ecsa), enter your first and last name.
- ❖ Then click to have the site e-mail you the initial password you need so that you can log in as a member to search EC's alumni directory.
- ❖ You can change your automatically generated password after you receive it.
- ❖ Then you can click "Search for Members" to find classmates, or update your own information.

## ECMS Media Center: Host for Cyber Space Exploration

BY BEVERLY TEN KATE | MEDIA CENTER COORDINATOR

Students at ECMS are enjoying new computers in the Media Center which are networked to a server and provide high speed Internet access via a cable modem. Because we use our Computer Laboratory for instruction in keyboarding skills and computer literacy, students come to the Media Center to engage in additional learning activities. Teachers bring their classes to the Media Center to:

- type their written assignments for Language Arts,
- participate in Internet learning activities,
- do research using our online encyclopedias, and
- search for library materials.

Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum, and is also used for extracurricular activities such as creating the Yearbook. The Math department uses computers as a supplement to reinforce and extend math concepts using the *Accelerated Math* program. Language Arts teachers track their students' reading through the *Accelerated Reader* program, and also encourage good writing skills with *Perfect Copy*, a program where students edit text to reinforce grammar usage and rules. Science classes take part in "virtual labs" and view online slide presentations. Researching internet sites is essential for Social Studies projects. Recently, the eighth graders made an online visit to the American Museum of Photography during their Art class.

We are always discovering new and effective ways to teach and learn with computers. In a recent assembly about Cyber Safety, presented by Det. Sgt. Kevin Smith, our students revealed that most families have a home computer. This is a wonderful tool, which is a part of our everyday lives, and we are excited about the ever-increasing possibilities for using technology in education here at ECMS.



Learning to use the scanner

## Four ECHS Students Receive Merit Scholar Awards

In September 2002 Eastern Christian High School was notified that **Sarah Vander Ploeg** had earned the status of *National Merit Semi-finalist*, and **Michael Anfang, Allison Postma, and Justin Van Denend** had been awarded the status of *Commended Scholar*. Congratulations!

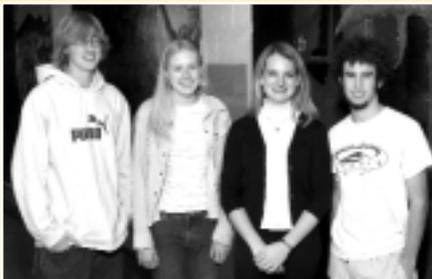
All High School Juniors who took the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in the fall of 2001 were eligible to compete for Merit Scholar Awards, based on their scores. In the state of New Jersey, *Commended Scholars* need to score in the 96th percentile, and *National Merit Semi-finalists* must score in the 99th percentile of college-bound Juniors and Seniors nationwide. Since New Jersey has first-rate schools and lots of scholars, the cut-off percentiles are higher in our state than those in many other states.

As a *Semi-finalist*, Sarah has the opportunity to apply for a Merit Scholarship to support her college plans. The awarding of Merit Scholarships is based on applications written by the *Semi-finalists* as well as their PSAT and SAT scores.

We pray that each of these four award winners may use their outstanding academic potential, as indicated by their National Merit recognition, to develop their gifts of scholarship to the Glory of God!

## Newsflash

In early November, EC was notified that The College Board has recognized seniors **Gerardo Tirado** and **Michael Diaz** as *Scholars* in the *National Hispanic Recognition Program for 2002-03*. This program recognizes the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors and is awarded based on the junior year PSAT scores. Congratulations!



Congratulations to (L to R) Justin Van Denend, Allison Postma, Sarah Vander Ploeg and Michael Anfang.

## TECHNOLOGY *continued from page 3*

### FIRST GRADE

Our first graders have been using a wide range of technology to enhance their learning. Our media specialist, **Mrs. Christy Van Genderen**, designs lessons for first graders that not only teach them basic computer skills, but also correspond to what the first graders have been learning in their classroom. Mrs. Van Genderen uses the *KidPix* program to reinforce what the students have been learning about in math such as graphing, counting, and sorting.



Third grade teacher Rhonda Klein and student Matthew Botbyl creating a map of his neighborhood.

In Writing Workshop, first graders learn that every story has a beginning, a middle and an end. Mrs. Van Genderen reinforced this lesson by taking digital photographs of our principal **Mr. Van Yperen** arriving at school, walking into the building, and sitting down at his desk to work. Students then are able to move these pictures on their computers, into correct beginning, middle and end order.

Not only in the library, but also in the classroom, students experience the benefits of technology. First graders use the *TableTop Jr.* computer program to visually illustrate addition and subtraction problems. They use the *KidPix* program to create a slide show "movie" about a book the class has written together. Students that need fine motor skills assistance are able to use an *Alpha Smart* word processor to help them compose a story.

### SECOND GRADE

When the second grade students study spiders, they design their own 8-legged creature using the *KidPix* program. Then they print and cut them out and glue their creatures onto a web they've designed in *ClarisWorks*.

At the beginning of their study of map skills, students use the bucket and stamp tool to fill in the rooms of a floor plan of our school. Later in the year, using a map of Washington D.C. on the Internet, they view pictures of monuments and museums.

### THIRD GRADE

Third graders recently discovered where they fit into their community. After reviewing map skills in class, students worked with their parents to graph a map of their community including their street and home, community buildings, parks, stores and a compass rose. The completed graphs were used in the Media Center to create a map on the computer using *Tom Snyder's Map Machine* software. Students plotted everything from their map graph onto the computer using the map building tools. They labeled their house, roads and landmark buildings. A compass rose and map key were added before printing the maps.

### FOURTH GRADE

In **Mrs. Beverly Peters'** science class, each student made a banner of the solar system on the computer. Photos of the planets were spaced out on the banner according to their distance from the sun. Students wrote one fact about each planet that they learned in class.

After learning about King David in Bible class, students made a newspaper from the days of David. Students wrote articles, want ads, advertisements and editorials, using word processing software.

Students used the Internet to review several social studies topics. On a site from Yellowstone National Park, students matched animals with pictures of their correct horns or antlers. Students also put the states in their correct place on a blank map of the United States.

Fourth grade students took pictures for their yearbook at the end of the school year using the *Mavica* digital camera.

In our digital age, it is important for students to experience technology at an early age. It is an exciting and essential part of being an elementary student in the 21st century.

## New Teachers Add Diversity to ECHS Staff

### Jena Cooksey: History/Gospel Choir

Jena has come to NJ as a recent graduate of Calvin College. She writes, "This is truly a community. I had no connections to EC, and feel that people really do care – the students and the staff." One important aspect of Christian education for Jena is "to think critically about our presence in the world. Instead of glazing over Christianity, we have to inspect our actions, God's purpose and how he is working in the world."



New teachers Jena Cooksey, Kate Schuurman and Amanda Mulder

### Amanda Mulder: Biology, Honors Biology and Advanced Biology

Amanda is a graduate of Calvin College with a BS in Biology. She came to EC because a friend who teaches at EC told her about the faculty opening. She writes, "I felt led to accept the contract and I am grateful for the opportunity to use my gift at ECHS. It is an enthusiastic student body with a strong emphasis on academics, and a wonderful Christian atmosphere where faith & learning are well integrated." Amanda enjoys hiking, reading and gardening.



New Media Center Coordinator Damaris Nganga

### Damaris Nganga: Media Center

Damaris has a Masters in Library Studies from Loughborough University of Technology in England. She is a member of Bridgeway Community Church in Haledon and saw EC's ad for a media center coordinator. Her impression so far includes the perception that "the students are polite." She enjoys church activities, gospel music, reading and serving the local community. Her challenge is to find resources via grants and foundations to automate the library's collection.

### Kate Schuurman: English

Kate (EC Class of '98) graduated from Calvin College with a major in English and a minor in Third World Development. She writes, "I thought that I would be working overseas after graduation but God has brought me right back to the community I grew up in. I am thrilled to be back at EC. I pray that I may have the same positive Christian influence on my students that EC teachers nourished in me." Kate spent a semester in Nairobi, Kenya during her Calvin experience. She enjoys watercolor painting, traveling and playing the violin.

### Jeff Smidt: ChemCom, Science Ethics

Jeff has a B.A. in Education from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. He writes, "My wife and I moved from Iowa to Florida, and now we are happy to be in New Jersey closer to my wife's family. After two or three years of inquiry about EC, I am grateful to have an opportunity to teach here. I enjoy the students' enthusiasm and appreciate the faculty cooperation and assistance. I am excited to be here!" Jeff enjoys hunting, fishing, sports and involvement on the family farm in Iowa.



New Science teacher Jeff Smidt

### Sue Vander Ploeg: Printmaking

Sue (Class of '75) has a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the School of Visual Arts, NYC. She has been a substitute at ECHS for the past four years. She shared: "It's interesting to see where God leads in life – 20 years ago, I never would have envisioned myself doing this – and I love it! It is such a privilege to share our faith in the classroom – to be able to express faith through art."



Teacher Sue Vander Ploeg with students displaying their artwork.

## Activity Schedule Provides Creative Diversion

Every Tuesday morning for 30 minutes, High School students get to choose an activity that is a diversion from their daily classes. These activities encompass a variety of options – physical, academic, creative or just plain fun. Some examples are:

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Frisbee Golf</b>               | <b>Chapel Planning</b>  |
| <b>Origami</b>                    | <b>Praise Dance</b>     |
| <b>"Just Chess"</b>               | <b>French Club</b>      |
| <b>Scrapbooking</b>               | <b>Skateboarding</b>    |
| <b>Photography</b>                | <b>Football</b>         |
| <b>Writing Your College Essay</b> | <b>Volleyball</b>       |
| <b>Student Council</b>            | <b>Ultimate Frisbee</b> |

In addition, three unique activities this year include:

**The Bible on Broadway** led by Humanities teacher and Drama instructor Jane Okma

The focus of this activity is to see how stories of the Bible have been portrayed on the Broadway stage. Comments student Brielle Ocot, "The great thing about activities is that I get to meet people who I normally wouldn't talk to. Plus, it's relaxing!"

**Fantasy Football** led by Computer Education teacher Tim Steen

The challenge is to use statistics and math to manage your own professional football team.

**Math Club** led by Math teacher Deb Andrews

Advertised as a club for serious math students, the goal is to prepare club members for math competition with other high schools. Student Joo Hee Park remarked, "This activity is a good opportunity to practice math for the SATs."



Sam Dykstra makes his move as Ben Rhoads looks on.



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# Guiding Students to Make Important Choices: Part II

The purpose of the Guidance Office at ECHS encompasses more than assisting students to find a college to attend after graduation. Our last issue explored "High School Life" and "College Direction." Guidance Director **Christi Tuit** lists some additional functions of the department:



An important part of the Guidance Office team is **Anne Borduin**, the Guidance Office Manager. Anne's most visible responsibilities are greeting students and helping them find various types of information. However, as part of the Guidance staff, Anne also sets up the schedule for other G.O. staffers, collects and sends out students' applications, recommendations, and transcripts as they apply to colleges, publishes the weekly "Guidance Notes," and maintains information about colleges, careers, scholarships, financial aid, and military service. Mrs. Borduin can help students with a wide range of questions about their after-high school plans.

## Career Resources

For those students not interested in college, or unsure of what they want to do after high school, the Guidance Office has several assessment tests students can take. These tests will indicate the students' interests and abilities and help point out a direction they might take after high school graduation.

There is information in the office on technical schools and 2-year colleges as well as information about the armed services.

## Workshops

The Guidance Office sponsors several workshops during the school year for college-bound students:

**College Information Night** – Each spring this night is held for junior students and their parents. The college application process is outlined as well as information about the armed services, vocational training and 2-year colleges.

**Financial Aid Workshop** – In January Senior Parents are invited to come and learn about the financial aid procedure. All matters of financial aid are discussed including the FAFSA, the CSS Profile and individual college financial aid availability.

**SAT Workshop** – This is a one-day (Saturday) workshop given by two EC teachers. For a small fee, the students can learn some basics about taking the SAT.

**SAT Prep Course** – This 8-week preparation course is offered at EC by an outside agency called Education Services Center, Inc.

## College Search Resources and Guidance Notes

Are you aware of these College Search Resources?

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) | [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.collegequest.com](http://www.collegequest.com) | [www.Petersons.com](http://www.Petersons.com)

These and other Internet and published sources of information are printed in the *Guidance Notes* each week. All college visits, scholarship possibilities, and area college fairs/open house opportunities are listed also. Parents are encouraged to read this weekly update on-line ([www.easternchristian.org](http://www.easternchristian.org)) or to call the Guidance Office to obtain copies by U.S. mail. The Guidance Office wants to partner with parents to help our students make important choices as they plan for their future.



The caption for the article on the TRIG-STAR competition in the summer issue should have read as follows: **Pictured (L to R): Math Teacher Deb Andrews, Chapter Coordinator Gary Veenstra, Michael Tolsma, and the NJS-PLS State President Bruce Rigg.** Our apologies to Mr. Rigg for inadvertently omitting his name. His efforts were instrumental in EC's participation in this competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Land Surveyors and co-sponsored locally by the Bergen-Passaic Chapter of the NJ Society. Mike Tolsma won awards at the local and state level and competed at the national level this summer.

## National Honor Society Inductees (2002-03)

Congratulations to the following students:

### SENIORS:

Melanie Davidson	Katie Hutton	Robert Verrengia
Latisha Gaither	Nora Marrakchi	Sharon Westra
Adriane Hickey	Dana Nelson	

### JUNIORS:

Tim Bartlam	Giancarlo Morelli	Olivia Tornick
Ben Bruins	Alex Noyes	Joel Vander Eems
Laura Dickey	Tyler Olson	Laura Vander Neut
Tom Henion	Shaun Patterson	Kari Vander Weit
Kathleen Kuever	Andrew Poalillo	David Van Schepen
Amanda Kuiken	Melanie Rodriguez	Kevin Van Schepen
Steve Link	Leigh Silbernagel	
Lindsay Litland	Dan Sunden	

# ECMS Family Celebrates Its Hope in God And Remembers September 11

BY VALERI SHAFER | ECMS TEACHER



Gathering to pray and remember

Hope was the theme of ECMS's Remembrance Chapel for not only the victims, survivors and heroes, but also for us on September 11, 2002. As it did last year, this September 11th once again united people with seemingly diverse backgrounds. Joining the middle school students were 30-40 parents – some housewives, others bookkeepers, businessmen or chiropractors. At first glance, it would seem to be a hodge-podge of people. Take a closer look at them and our gathering would show us as Americans, yes, but with a stronger identification as that of Christians.

As we gathered around the flagpole, **Principal Florence Nieuwenhuis** solemnly welcomed us to the Patriot Day Chapel. We shared a time of prayer led by 6th grader **Schuyler Sietsma**, sang "God Bless America" led by **Pastor Kevin Jonas**, and listened to a recitation of his own poem entitled "When I See the Flag" in honor of September 11 by 5th grader **Mike Flim**.

After a moment of silence at 8:46 AM (the time of the first plane attack), we proceeded to Faith Community Church. Once inside the church, the face of **Lisa Beamer** was projected onto a screen. She is the widow and author of a new book, *Let's Roll*, written in honor of her husband who died as a hero on Flight 93. Mrs. Nieuwenhuis identified her as a sister in faith and praised her for not giving up and keeping her hope in Christ.

The Liturgical Spirit Team then led us in a song, which ended in triumphant clapping. Again, hope rang throughout the church as words to the tune "Can't Give Up Now" reminded us that Christ did not bring us this far to leave us. This song was followed by a time of reflection by Bible teacher **Mrs. Tyvoll's** 8th graders, who shared with us some of their personal journal reflections of the day. **Esther Tuit, Andrew Hulsebos, Woang Kee Chae** and **Do Yoon Kim** all shared their shock, anxiety, fear and concern about the attacks on the World Trade Center only a year ago.

Pastor Jonas spoke to the ECMS family and reminded us of the ultimate triumph in Christ in the face of disaster. He quoted John 12:24, reminding us that when a single grain of wheat dies, it brings forth a great harvest. He also reiterated our assurance in God and how hope in Him would find us a time of healing in His goodness. While he stressed that there may be no explanation in our lifetimes for why 9/11 happened (or if it was fair), he knew hope is the anticipation of something better. He recalled for us Jeremiah 29:11, which promises us that God has plans to prosper us, despite falling towers, friends or family members who die, or people who let us down.

Pastor Jonas also urged us to do something in this world: *Don't let this tragedy be in vain, and instead strive to make a difference.* He pushed us to see this tragic event as one that should motivate us forward, to mark us for service to people in need and to do great works for God. Pastor Jonas closed by challenging us to do something for others and to "run out to be a blessing." This further instilled in us our calling as an ECMS family to follow President Bush's declaration of making it a "September of Service," where Americans would honor victims of September 11 by volunteering and doing service projects. Each homeroom is working on a special service project this year in response to serving the Lord and following President Bush's request.



A moment of silence at 8:46AM

## ECMS Teacher Explores Christian School Administration



Alisa Engelhard and husband David welcomed daughter Naomi Lynn to their family. David, Allisa, Caleb and Gideon met her in South Carolina on 4/15/02.

**Alisa Engelhard** was awarded a scholarship this summer to attend the Educator's Leadership Development Institute. This Institute was designed to help Christian teachers explore Christian school administration. Alisa was impressed with the way that Calvin College and Christian Schools International really outdid themselves to make the week enjoyable, spiritual and educational. There were 17 participants who were treated to a week of dorm life and dining hall food. Alisa commented; "The food really wasn't too bad now that I appreciate not having to cook!" The participants also took a downtown Grand Rapids tour and a boat ride on Lake Michigan. Most importantly, 16 presenters were willing to share their testimonies and experiences as Christian School administrators.

## New Part-time P.E. Teacher Joins Staff



New Physical Education teacher **Jonelle Steingina** received her B.S. degree from William Paterson University in PE/Health/Driver's Ed. She comments, "It's been so awesome working with the students and the faculty, knowing they are supporting you with prayer." In her spare time, Joni enjoys walking, visiting the Jersey Shore and working with children as a Gems counselor, Sunday School teacher, and High School Youth Ministry volunteer.



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## Applying Math Skills



Local mason **Marvin Abma** (on left side of plans) met with **Joyce Schoonejongen's** Math Class in front of ECMS, where Faith Community CRC is renovating their Barn to add space for their congregation's programs. Displaying a site plan, Mr. Abma talked to the students about the importance of using math in making building plans, estimating costs and materials, and in measuring parts of the building, including construction of the foundation. Students enjoyed their tour of the construction site.

## MNK Mixer

BY BETSY TYVOLL | ECMS BIBLETEACHER



Mrs. de Groot's 7th Grade Homeroom was the overall winner in presenting new students to their school.

On September 17, the Middle School's chapel program featured our annual "Meet the New Kid Mixer." Every homeroom had been given two weeks to create a three-minute presentation, introducing all the new students in their homeroom. The presentation had to include each student's complete name and interests, along with the school's yearlong theme, "Working Together, Respecting Others." All homerooms displayed enthusiasm and creativity via songs, skits and videos. The winning homerooms were: 5th Grade – **Mr. Henderson**; 6th Grade –

**Mrs. de Groot**; 7th Grade – **Mrs. Flim**; and 8th Grade – **Mr. Allen**. The overall winner was Mrs. de Groot's homeroom. It was a fun way to get to know all our new students and to emphasize the Biblical motto: "in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ." Eph. 4:15b

## ECMS Sports Results

The Middle School fall sports season finished their season with the following records:

- Boys' Soccer: 7-1-2
- Girls' Soccer: 5-2-3
- Girls' Cross Country: 4-4
- Boys' Cross Country: 8-5

Boys' Cross Country took 3rd out of 9 schools in the Darlington Invitational.



The 2002 ECMS Girls Soccer Team

## Newly Elected Board Members Welcomed

ECSA welcomes the following three people as new members of the Board of Directors:

**Kenneth De Waal Malefyt** (79) - Ken and his wife Jill (83) have three children: Michael (ECHS), Samantha (ECMS) and Benjamin (ECES). Ken and his family are members of Midland Park Christian Reformed Church. Ken has also served Eastern Christian as treasurer of Midland Park CRC Booster Club's Adopt-A-Student Fund. He is president of Skyline Greenhouses.

**David Visbeen** (74) – Dave and his wife Cynthia have two children: Meghan (ECMS) and Ryan (ECES). Dave and his family are members of Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church. He has served Eastern Christian on its Education Committee (1985-90). Dave is president of Visbeen Construction Co., Inc.

**Jacqueline Streelman** – Jackie and her husband Jeff (81) have three children: Kathryn (ECES), Jennifer (ECES) and Kyle (Preschool). Jackie and her family are members of Midland Park Christian Reformed Church. She has served Eastern Christian on the Finance Committee (1997-99) and as ECES PTO Treasurer (1999-2002). Jackie has an M.B.A. in accounting from Fairleigh Dickinson University and has passed her CPA exam.

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# Sports Highlights

## FALL SPORTS AWARDS

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### Alex Noyes

1st Team All League Cross Country  
2nd Team All County Cross Country

#### Justin Van Denend

2nd Team All League Cross Country  
Hon. Mention All County Cross Country

#### Aaron Dykstra

Hon. Mention All League Cross Country  
Hon. Mention All County Cross Country

#### Mary Tolsma

1st Team All League Cross Country  
1st Team All County Cross Country

#### Lauren Bruins

2nd Team All League Cross Country  
Hon. Mention All County Cross  
Country

Melissa Woudenberg

2nd Team All League Cross Country  
2nd Team All County Cross Country

#### Hannah Caughey

2nd Team All League Cross Country  
Hon. Mention All Cty. Cross Country

#### Kristina Barbuto

2nd Team All League Cross Country

#### Olivia Tornick

Hon. Mention All League Cross Country

### BOYS' SOCCER

#### Ryan Kuiken

1st Team All League Soccer  
1st Team All County Soccer

#### Chase Maneri

1st Team All League Soccer  
1st Team All County Soccer

#### Dave Bogertman

1st Team All League Soccer  
Hon. Mention All Cty. Soccer

#### Rafael Moon

1st Team All League Soccer

#### Mike Slagter

1st Team All League Soccer  
2nd Team All County Soccer

#### Steve Boogertman

2nd Team All League Soccer

#### Brad Livingston

2nd Team All League Soccer  
2nd Team All County Soccer

#### Mike Postma

2nd Team All League Soccer

#### Jim Kuperus

Hon. Mention All League Soccer  
Hon. Mention All County Soccer

### GIRLS' SOCCER

#### Mandy Kuiken

1st Team All League Soccer  
1st Team All County Soccer

#### Katie Dyksen

1st Team All League Soccer  
2nd Team All County Soccer

#### Karen Hutton

1st Team All League Soccer  
1st Team All County Soccer

#### Kristen Groenewal

2nd Team All League Soccer  
2nd Team All County Soccer

#### Emily Culp

2nd Team All League Soccer

#### Kelly Greenfield

2nd Team All League Soccer  
Hon. Mention All Cty. Soccer

#### Kelley Kuiken

2nd Team All League Soccer  
Hon. Mention All County Soccer

#### Kelly Fischer

Hon. Mention All League Soccer

### TENNIS

#### Erin Krenitski

2nd Team All League Tennis  
Hon. Mention All County Tennis

#### Betsy Ratcliffe-Lee

Hon. Mention All County Tennis

#### Ashley Westra

Hon. Mention All League Tennis

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Jackie Hoogstra

1st Team All League Volleyball  
Hon. Mention All Cty. Volleyball

#### Tara Leegwater

1st Team All League Volleyball  
2nd Team All County Volleyball

#### Meredith Angione

2nd Team All League Volleyball

#### Heather Ydo

2nd Team All League Volleyball  
Hon. Mention All Cty. Volleyball

#### Laura Harvey

Hon. Mention All League Volleyball



*Boys' Varsity team members watching the ball head for the goal!*

## FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

**Boys' Cross Country** team's record is 3-4 and they stand 4th in the League competition. Unfortunately, injuries have hampered the team in many of their competitions.

**Girls' Cross Country** has a record of 10-1 and the team has done well in League and County competition. They took 2nd place in the League meet and 4th in the County meet.

**Boys' Varsity Soccer** is currently 15-4-1 and took second place in the League competition. The team has scored 45 goals while giving up only 7 goals. All three losses were by a score of 1-0. In the County Tournament the Eagles scored an impressive 4-1 win over Hawthorne Christian, and a quarterfinal win over Passaic Valley (1-0) before losing in the semi-finals to Wayne Hills by a score of 1-0. The team won the opening round of the State Tournament over St. Josephs.

**Girls' Varsity Soccer** is currently 15-4-1 and had key wins over Lakeland (3-1) and Waldwick (3-0.) They scored 53 goals while giving up only 11 goals. In the County Tournament the Eagles beat Manchester (7-0) and Pompton Lakes in the quarterfinals (4-2) before losing 2-0 to Wayne Valley in the semi-finals. The team was seeded 3rd in the State Tournament and opened the tournament with a 3-1 victory over Hawthorne Christian.

**Boys' JV Soccer** enjoyed a great season with a record of 13-1. The team qualified for the County JV Tournament, and their only loss came in the semi-finals against Wayne Valley, where they lost 3-2 in double overtime. They went undefeated in League competition.

**Girls' JV Soccer's** record was 9-2-3 this year. The highlight of the season was the 1-0 win over Pompton Lakes after having lost to them earlier by a 1-0 score. They have allowed only 6 goals in 14 games.

**Varsity Girls' Tennis** team had 5 wins including victories over Garfield, Passaic County Tech and Elmwood Park. The team had several close matches with Midland Park, Pompton Lakes and Hawthorne.

**Girls' Varsity Volleyball** had a 17-10 record and was in the middle of their division. Highlights of their season include the two-set win over Passaic County Tech, as well as the County Tournament win over Passaic Valley. The team lost to Hawthorne in the County Tournament quarterfinals and played Wallington in the State Tournament.

**Girls' JV Volleyball** played extremely well and had a 20-5 record. The team had a big win over Saddle Brook late in the season, handing Saddle Brook their first loss.



Congratulations to **Amanda Kuiken** on being chosen Bergen Record Athlete of the Week. Mandy was recognized for her accomplishments during the week of October 7-12, which included the two goals scored in the County Tournament win over Pompton Lakes.

## Congratulations!

Eastern Christian Athletics has once again been recognized by the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association for Outstanding Sportsmanship for the 2001-2002 school year. This is the 12th year in a row that Eastern Christian has been disqualification free for the entire school year. The Athletic Department was notified that Eastern Christian is 1 of 9 schools out of 425 in the state that hold this honor. Congratulations to the athletic administration, coaches, players and fans for continuing to model outstanding sportsmanship to our community!

## Welcome to EC!

### ALL-DAY KINDERGARTENERS

Stephanie Avila	Rikki McClinton
Brandon Crawley	Nathaniel Ocot
Justin Davis	John Onufer
Emily Filippelli	Luke Pecoraro
Carter Heerema	Kelly Pepper
Morgan Herman	Michael Pepper
Taylor Herman	Nicholas Romero
Devin Hulsebos	Amanda Vander Valk
Dylan Laubshire	Andrew Vigilante
Rebecca Martin	Brian Vigilante
Emily Maura	Patricia Wolyniec

### HALF DAY KINDERGARTENERS

Corey Abma	Erin Klingler
Tyler Balkema	Kate Klingler
Caleb Becker	John Knapp
Scott De Bell	Ronald Kruis
Andrew De Block	Ryan Lagoda
Tyler Doehler	Brianna Meeker
Caitlin Duffy	Hannah Postma
Johnathon Dykhouse	Joel Smid
Cole Elsaesser	Ryan Soodma
Taylor Faber	Joshua Touw
Gregory Fylstra	Jayna Van Buiten
Mark Jacob	Erin Van Lenten
Perry Jacob	Jeffrey Versnel
Megan Kim	Brian Vivolo
Alana Kitchen	Chloe Whealan



Principal Dick Van Yperen welcomes new parent Ihab Abadeer and 2nd grade daughter Ann Marie to EC.



Working as a team are: Shawn Kukol, Sam Pecoraro, Jay Choi & Gene Hill.

## ECES Service Teams

BY PRINCIPAL RICHARD VAN YPEREN

This year we have decided to challenge our fourth grade students to be on a Service Team. We think that at this stage in their maturation it is important that they learn about taking responsibility in serving others. Servant-leadership demonstrated in the life of Jesus Christ is our model.

At ECES we strive to teach patterns in early life that will be foundational for the inevitable circumstances of life as our children grow older. We are seeking to teach

redemptive patterns that will equip our students to be men and women of God who will serve His kingdom. So this year as an overarching theme, we are emphasizing Godly character which begins in our hearts and is manifested in the words we speak. As we focus on nurturing our children to be redemptive agents, we know that serving others does not come naturally. Moving out of a self-centered focus which makes demands and moving into an others-centered focus that genuinely wants to make a difference is learned behavior that can begin here at ECES.

So, what are our service teams and their responsibilities? **Garden Team:** Caring for the front of the school including the flower gardens and removing and storing traffic cones each day. **Playground Team:** Keeping the playgrounds free from litter. Collecting and storing the tetherball and other equipment at the end of lunch recess each day. **Snack/Milk Team:** Daily distribution of milk. Help volunteer parents with selling snacks on Wednesdays. **Chapel Team:** Weekly setup and cleanup of chapel seating before and after chapel on Wednesdays. **Drama Team:** Prepare and perform once a month a drama/skit on our current emphasis in chapel.

Our fourth grade students have volunteered for these teams and have been assigned to one team for one of the four quarters of the school year. It is interesting to observe the students as they learn about the demands of responsibility. For most students on the teams this quarter, remembering to serve daily is a struggle, but they all are willing and enthusiastic as they take on the role of a servant to others.

## September 11 Remembered

One year ago at ECES we counted on our sovereign God in the midst of a cloudless day marred by evil events that forever changed the way we think about our world. This year in chapel, exactly one year later, we remembered our awesome God and His promises for us even as we remembered the shock of 9/11/01.

In our classroom devotions and in chapel we reminded ourselves that we can trust in our Lord and lean not on our own understanding. To start chapel, third grade teacher **Donna Hoogerhyde** followed our recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by powerfully singing from Psalm 27, "The Lord is My Light." Students, parents and staff then joined their voices to sing "Our God is an Awesome God," "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," "No Mountain High Enough... to Separate me from God," and "God is Good to Me."

**Pastor Rich Kuiken** then followed our singing with brief message from Joshua 4:1-7 about living each day in the memory of God's promises about sin, salvation and service. He challenged us all to live each day remembering God's faithfulness while serving confidently in His promises.

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## Welcome to our New Staff Members

### Kelly Anne Lane: 4th Grade Teacher's Aide

Kelly is an EC grad ('99) who is currently majoring in psychology and working toward certification in elementary education at Ramapo College. She writes: *"I had a great experience as a student at EC, and I have found EC to be a loving community. I have enjoyed working with the students at EC. It has also been a pleasure to get to know the faculty. Everyone has been supportive and encouraging to me."*

### Holly Turner: 3rd Grade Teacher

Holly comments on her experience at ECES so far: *"This is a great positive Christian environment. The students, parents and staff have been very supportive and encouraging. They all are professional, and take great pride in their jobs."* Holly is a graduate of Houghton College. She loves to scrapbook, play the piano and enjoy time with family and friends.



3rd Grade Teacher Holly Turner

### Mary Winters: 3rd Grade Teacher's Aide



New Aides Mary Winters and Kelly Lane

In response to our questionnaire for new staff, Mary writes: *"I believe the Lord led me to EC when I was looking for a school for my children. I loved the school so much that I applied for a job."* On the topic of working at EC, Mary responded: *"I am thrilled! The love, kindness and dedication of each faculty member is evident to anyone who walks in the building."*



New Preschool Aide **Christine Van Lenten** (Cl. of '82) has joined the Preschool Staff after sending all four of her children to EC's Preschool. She is working with 3-year-olds, and *"is looking forward to spending even more happy days at Preschool herself."* Director **Kathy Faasse** added, *"Christine brings her love of children and her experience as a Vacation Bible School teacher and a mom to the Preschool."*

### Preschoolers Visit a Farm

Eastern Christian's Pre-K and Jr. Kindergarten classes recently visited Abma's Farm in Wyckoff. As part of their fall harvest unit, the children experienced the sights and sounds of a working vegetable farm. Highlights of the trip included a hayride and a visit to the pumpkin patch, where the children picked their own pumpkins. After a delicious snack of homemade donuts and cider, the children visited the animals. Soon it was back on the bus and back to school. Even the bus ride was exciting; for some of the children it was their first ride on a school bus!



Preschool Pals in the Pumpkin Patch

## We Need Your Help

**Do you eat soup and/or cereal?** We collect Campbell soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education. (Send to EC Elementary School, 25 Baldin Drive, Midland Park, NJ 07432)

**Do you like to shop on-line?** Check out [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) where you can help any of our EC campuses in a big way. Buy holiday gifts for loved ones and show your support for any of our schools.

**Do you buy groceries?** T.R.I.P. participants are needed. Pay for your groceries with TRIP gift certificates and you can help raise money for both EC and any individual family's tuition account. Contact the Development Office for more information and check our website for a list of participants.

**Do you have extra time?** Volunteers are always needed. Our school offices, the Corner Closet, and T.R.I.P. Program are always in need of a few more helpers. Call our office for more information. Every volunteer helps to save money for the school!

**Do you shop at Target?** Target stores will allow you to designate Eastern Christian to receive a percentage of your purchases. Check your local store for details.

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## Dining With Friends: A Time of Great Food & Fellowship

On Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002 our *Dining With Friends* fund-raiser turned out to be a spectacular evening. Thirty dinner parties were hosted during the evening. After dinner, approximately 250 supporters joined together for dessert “under the stars” at ECMS. Young couples, singles and grandparents enjoyed scrumptious desserts such as French pastries, chocolate covered strawberries, carrot cake squares and more.

Participants enjoyed great fellowship discussing the mouth-watering menus that had been prepared by gracious hostesses and some great dinner party stories. **Tanette Botbyl** hosted a dinner that was also a surprise birthday party for her sister. One of her guests came all the way from Canada! **Dave and Cyndi Visbeen** used a chef they had “won” at EC’s *Auction Elegance* last spring to cook for their dinner party. **Susan D’Ambra, Gail Bushman** and **Lynn Veenstra** teamed up to co-host a dinner for 32 guests! Several hosts took extra guests that had signed up for the evening, and new friendships were made. It was encouraging to see so many supporters of Christian education gathered together. The generosity of all enabled **\$11,000** to be raised for Eastern Christian.



Enjoying delicious desserts and coffee “under the stars.”

### 10 Financial Principles That are Biblical

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“There are financial principles found in God’s Word that instruct us in conducting our financial affairs. Over the next few months we will examine some of these principles. One of the major themes of the Bible is obedience to the Lord. Practicing these financial principles demonstrates that Christians are trusting God in this important area of their lives.

#### Principle #1: GOD OWNS IT ALL

This foundational principle is that God is the source of everything. He owns it all. We are just managers! Everything we have, and everything we are, represent His gifts *entrusted* to us.

This concept is so foreign to our normal thinking that it may seem limiting, but it is really liberating. The minute we begin to own it, it begins to own us. Our possessions tend to possess us! We lose our joy and a sense of freedom if we take on a responsibility that God never intended for us to take. He owns; we manage.

My life is not my own; it is a gift entrusted to me by God. I don’t really need to worry about when it will end because that’s in His hands. I can relax and enjoy it. The food I need will be provided. So will the shelter. God says, ‘I promised you that if you’ll seek first my kingdom and my righteousness that, and all else will be provided for you.’ We need to recognize that all we are and all we have, God has given to us. **ALL that we are and ALL that we have belongs to God.** (Continued in future issues of *The Herald*.)

### Annual Fund Update

Thanks to the many generous supporters who responded to our summer appeal, the 2001-2002 Annual Fund Drive ended the fiscal year at a total of **\$673,000**, which was \$53,000 over the previous year. This left us only \$17,000 short of our budgeted goal of \$690,000 for the year. We want thank everyone for their prayers and financial support!

The value of a Christian School education is timeless and far-reaching, as many alumni can attest. As the end of 2002 approaches, **please remember Eastern Christian School when you consider your yearend gifts to Christian ministries.** Help us continue to offer Christ-centered, quality education to all students whose parents are striving to raise their children to be the Lord’s servants in our global community.

## New Faces Serving the Association

### Geraldine Gallagher: Business Office Accounting Assistant

Having been educated herself in Ireland, Geraldine came to EC as a parent, enrolling her two daughters. She comments, “*I believe God provided this position for me here at EC. It is an answer to prayer.*” So far, she enjoys the friendly working environment, stating, “*It is nice to be able to work with sisters/brothers in the Lord.*”



Geraldine Gallagher joins the Business Office.

### Deb Vandenberg: Transportation Coordinator



Transportation Coordinator Deb Vandenberg

Deb is a former math teacher at EC, and she has driven a bus the past three years. On coordinating the transportation for all of ECSA, Deb comments: “*This is an awesome place to work. The job gets a bit ‘hairy’ sometimes, but the people I work with, the people I drive with, and the kids are what make my day great. There is no comparison to working with adults and students who share a common love for the Lord with you.*” In her time away from buses, she enjoys travel, cooking, baking and yard work.

## Alumni News



The EC Alumni E-mail Directory is now available via a link from [www.easternchristian.org](http://www.easternchristian.org) to a new web site, [www.theclasslist.com](http://www.theclasslist.com).

Be sure to read all the details in the first section of this issue under the theme of technology updates. *For all who requested a password*, this is the site to visit to make your request a reality!



### Former Staff

Former ECHS teacher **Elsie “Peter” Palmer** will be celebrating her 80th birthday with an Open House on November 27. According to son **Tim Palmer** ('69), former students, former colleagues and friends are cordially invited to attend. The Open House will be held at Preakness Valley United Reformed Church on Valley Road in Wayne, NJ from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Palmer taught French, Spanish, Latin and Bible at EC from 1968 to 1987. She is still in good health and active in many different ways.

**Beverly (Teitsma) Quemado** ('72) e-mailed, “My mom **Helen Teitsma** worked at EC as Bookkeeper until 1981. She passed away on October 11, 2002.” Our sympathies extend to the family.

### CLASS OF 1949

**Class Rep: Helen Van Harken**

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**Chris (Tanis) Vos** ('52) sent in a clipping from *Tidings*, the monthly newsletter of Unity Christian High School in Hudsonville, MI. In an article about the Industrial Arts Program, **Sam Van Der Wiele** is mentioned as a daily volunteer there. He is a retired Computer Numeric Control (CNC) operator and volunteers his time in the shop and mechanical drawing classes at Unity.

### CLASS OF 1952

**Reunion Rep: Chris (Tanis) Vos**

The 50th Class Reunion was held at The Brownstone, Paterson, NJ on Thursday, October 3, 2002 and included 34 classmates and spouses. It was great to renew friendships and to share memories of our high school years. Our coffee hour on Friday, held at the Midland Park CRC, was well attended. Afterward, several of us visited **Mr. Sidney Bangma** at the Christian Healthcare Center.

### Michigan Regional Alumni Dinner – Oct. 4, 2003 Mark Your Calendar!

**CHAIRPERSON: LARRY HOOGERHYDE, '54**  
Committee Members: *Contact any member if you have comments or questions.*

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**First row (L to R):** Ruth Smith Junta, Harriet Roukema Abma, Betty Borduin Brandes, Gerry Hagedoorn Oosting, Lee Bosland Dykstra, Gertrude Vermaas Borst; **2nd Row:** Clarence Van Der Wiele, Marie Hamersma Downs, Lee Reynierse Groendyk, June De Jong Oskamp, Wilma Nyland Oliphant, Jane Ten Kate Sikkema, Elsie Wisse Schafer, Christine Tanis Vos; **3rd Row:** Kenneth Martin, Paul De Blaeij, Garret Van Der Weert, Richard Schuurman, Fred De Ruitter

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**CLASS OF 1953**

**Class Rep: Phyllis (De Ruiter) Schuurman**  
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A 50th Class Reunion is currently being planned. Members of this class should send up-to-date information on names and addresses to: **Dr. George Kroeze** at [gkroeze1@aol.com](mailto:gkroeze1@aol.com) or call him at 616-532-3770.

**CLASS OF 1954**

**Class Rep: Lawrence Hoogerhyde**  
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A committee has been formed for a class reunion in 2004. As soon as a date is determined, the information will be sent to all classmates.



Christian Health Care Center resident **Julie Belanus** shares some jokes and reminiscences with Eastern Academy classmate **Fred Lanting**, who visits her every time he comes from Alabama to see his mother in Hawthorne, N.J. Julie and Fred were in the last class (1954) to graduate from EA, which was located between 7th and 8th Streets in Prospect Park, N.J.

**CLASS OF 1959**

**Class Rep: Maria (Hartog) Coffin**  
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Kate Wolters e-mailed, "I just wanted to let you know my husband **Richard Wolters** was an Alum of Eastern Christian and passed away on June 3, 2002." Our sympathies to the family.

**CLASS OF 1961**

**NEW Class Rep: Jerry Hoogerheide**  
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E-mail: [jrhoog@aol.com](mailto:jrhoog@aol.com)  
**Jerry Hoogerheide** and his wife Ruth stopped in recently and visited with classmate ECHS principal **Jan Lucas**. Jerry offered to serve as the Class Rep for this class. Contact him if you have news to share.

**CLASS OF 1962**

**Class Rep: Nancy (Hartog) Ruiter**  
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Class Rep **Nancy (Hartog) Ruiter** and **Linda (Vermeulen) Foster** are considering a spring get-together for a 40th reunion for this class. Call Nancy at 732-462-3770 or email her with any information or questions you may have.

**CLASS OF 1966**

**Class Rep: Neil De Haan**  
243 Browning Ave, Elizabeth, NJ 07208-1022  
E-mail: [nddehaan@aol.com](mailto:nddehaan@aol.com)  
Former EC teacher **Harvey Huiner** writes, "We saw **Bob Jonkman** at Rehoboth, NM this summer while on an Elderhostel. Last time we saw him was in the early 60's when he was in the high school choir I was directing."

Class Rep **Neil De Haan** would like to get the class of '66 "back in print." If you have any news, please send or e-mail him an update.

**CLASS OF 1967**

**Class Rep: Georgia (Faber) Meeter**  
3179 Co Route 33, Cooperstown, NY 13326  
E-mail: [gmeeter@hotmail.com](mailto:gmeeter@hotmail.com)  
Class Rep **Georgia (Faber) Meeter** sent in an update she received from classmate **Ellen (Avogardo) Vogel**. Ellen writes, "I want to encourage all students to seriously consider being organ donors. I'm promoting this wholeheartedly. I received a liver and kidney transplant on April 12, 2002. Without this, I probably would have died since I was very very sick. I am doing much better each and every day. I am back to work full-time now...as an office manager and accounting head with HearTech Precision Inc...I had a lot of people praying for me and the Lord performed a miracle. I received the liver and kidney when I really needed it. God has been good to me and my family."

**CLASS OF 1969**

**Class Rep: Jacalyn (Borduin) Faber**  
47 Roe St, Haledon, NJ 07508-1536  
**Bruce Nelson** recently wrote to tell us, "I have recently been appointed superintendent of Fairview Area Schools in Fairview, Michigan. Fairview is a Mennonite community."

**CLASS OF 1975**

**Class Rep: Carol (Meetsma) Elices**  
Constitution Quarters, 42 8th St – Suite 5213, Charlestown, MA 02129  
E-mail: [carmarel@earthlink.net](mailto:carmarel@earthlink.net)  
Class Rep **Carol (Meetsma) Elices** sent in an update: "We moved from California to Boston in mid-July 2002. Mariano has accepted a position with Pharma Mar, a pharmaceutical company that uses marine organisms to develop cancer drugs."

**CLASS OF 1977**

**Class Rep: Kevin Hoogerhyde**  
384 Atwood Pl, Wyckoff, NJ 07481-2322  
E-mail: [hoogfam@bellatlantic.net](mailto:hoogfam@bellatlantic.net)  
Class Rep **Kevin Hoogerhyde** would like all classmates to: "Please set aside Saturday evening, December 28th, 2002 for our 25th Year Reunion. The event will be held at the Brownstone. More details to follow."

**Janice Medill-VanSomeren** wrote, "I got married April 20, 2002 to Glenn Medill Meister. Our children are: Jennifer (29), Jonathan (16). Our grandchildren: Asleigh (11), Philip (8) and Rhianna (2)."

**CLASS OF 1978**

**Class Rep: Judy (Fridsma) Vriesema**  
3075 Kissing Rock Lane, Lowell, MI, 49331-9521  
E-mail: [jvriesema@calvin.edu](mailto:jvriesema@calvin.edu)  
Plans are underway for a 25th year reunion on June 27, 2003 at Portobello's in Oakland. A family gathering is also being planned for June 28th – location as yet to be determined. Contact **Maribeth (Van Der Plaats) Vriesema** at [mvriesema@aol.com](mailto:mvriesema@aol.com) with any input.

**CLASS OF 1983**

**Class Rep: John Martin**  
8 Henion Place, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403  
E-mail: [jmartinclass83@aol.com](mailto:jmartinclass83@aol.com)  
Class Rep **John Martin** e-mailed, "A class reunion meeting is being scheduled. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact me. A big thanks to all who have already offered."

On behalf of the class of 1983, John adds, "I would like to express our deepest sympathies to the Lavoue and Vogel families on the tragic loss of **Terri (Vogel) Lavoue**. When looking back on our high school years, we will hold in our hearts fond memories of her."

**CLASS OF 1991**

**Class Rep: Susanne (Balkema) Wynbeek**  
454 Manchester Ave, North Haledon, NJ  
07508

**Sandra Waite** informed us that she graduated from Spelman College in 1995 (B.A. in Philosophy) and graduated from University of Virginia Law School in 1998 (J.D.). Sandra is now practicing law in NYC.

In response to our survey **Eric White** wrote, "I received my PhD from UMDNJ in Molecular Genetics in Feb. 2002. I am now at Yale University doing post-Doc research. I married **Sara Hoogerhyde** ('99) on 8/10/01. Sara is a certified medical assistant in an oncology office. We live in New Haven, CT."

**David Luyendyk** would like to remind you that you can go to [http://www.yellowhousedesign.com/reunion\\_91](http://www.yellowhousedesign.com/reunion_91) to view and add to class information.

**CLASS OF 1993**

**Class Rep: Jennifer (Meyer) Ross**  
165 N. 12th St, Prospect Park, NJ 07508-1903  
E-mail: [jaysotherhalf@aol.com](mailto:jaysotherhalf@aol.com)

On September 29 **Jim Haven** participated in the Walk on Home Walk-a-thon to raise money for critical affordable housing needs in our area. The walk was 5 miles with a drawing for a rent or mortgage paydown of up to \$10,000.

A 10-year reunion is in the planning stages. A dinner cruise is under consideration at this time. Contact **Jennifer Ross** for more information.

**CLASS OF 1994**

**Class Rep: Julie (Bowers) Tilson**  
403 West Richwoods Blvd., Peoria, IL 61604  
E-mail: [Gjtilson@aol.com](mailto:Gjtilson@aol.com)

Class Rep **Julie (Bowers) Tilson** writes, "Congratulations to **Sara Sonderfan** and **Michael Heerema** who were married on June 22, 2002 at Midland Park CRC. The couple spent their honeymoon in Maine and now reside in Hawthorne, NJ. Mike continues to work for Greg Tanzer Sprinklers of Fair Lawn, and Sara looks forward to returning to school full-time in September to complete her Master of Social Work Degree." (See photo with other classmates).

**CLASS OF 1996**

**Class Rep: Rebecca (Aupperlee) Lapinsky**  
89 Struyk Ave, Prospect Park, NJ 07508-2252  
E-mail: [Lapinsky@msn.com](mailto:Lapinsky@msn.com)

**Lisa Beverly** has accepted a position at Grant Thornton LLP, an accounting and consulting firm in Alexandria, VA as a government agency consultant. She writes, "My first project will take me to visit several Navel supply depots in the US but Washington DC will still be my home base."

**CLASS OF 1997**

**Class Rep: James Pyrich**  
65 Union St, Hawthorne, NJ 07506-2840  
Home Page: [www.97cc.com](http://www.97cc.com)

**Bob & Leah (Steenstra) Genuario** have moved back to NJ from Massachusetts. Bob is employed as an Account Executive for Johnson and Hayward in Clifton. Leah is working as an Associate Editor for Rodman Publications in Ramsey. They are living in Hawthorne.

Congratulations to **Leigh Kirc** and **Craig Heerema**, who were married in Hackensack, NJ on August 17, 2002. Fellow classmate **Richard Sonderfan** served as best man.



Pictured left to right: Brenda Cooke ('95) and 1994 classmates Vanessa (VandenBerg) McKinnis, Melissa Herwaldt, Matthew Struyk, David Clausen, Michael Natale, Michael Heerema, Sara (Sonderfan) Heerema, and Class Rep Julie (Bowers) Tilson.

**CLASS OF 1998**

**Class Rep: Sandi King**  
25 Ballentine Dr, North Haledon, NJ 07508  
E-mail: [alustri@aol.com](mailto:alustri@aol.com)

**Elizabeth Bratt** graduated cum laude from Geneva College with a degree in education and will be teaching 2nd grade at Red Lion Christian School in PA.

**CLASS OF 1999**

**Class Rep: Jennifer Van Der Heide**  
1857 Kalamazoo Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
E-mail: [jteach19@aol.com](mailto:jteach19@aol.com)

**Matt Kuiken** sent a copy of his engagement announcement to Class Rep **Jen Van Der Heide**. Matt is engaged to Sabrina Dorton of Greenville, PA. He will graduate from Geneva College in May 2003 with a B.A. in Christian Ministries and plans to attend seminary in the future. The wedding will take place on June 7, 2003 at the Greenville Alliance Church.



Matt Kuiken ('99) and his fiancée Sabrina

**Susan (Dykhouse) Nyman** e-mailed, "On June 22, I married **Jason Nyman** ('00). We bought a house in Highland Lakes, NJ and have been very busy improving the house. I am in my final year at William Paterson University and am currently doing my student teaching field experience in Haledon and Hamburg."

See Class of '91 for an update on **Sara (Hoogerhyde) White**.

**CLASS OF 2000**

**Class Rep Needed**

As reported in the Hawthorne Press, **Navy Midshipman Paul A. Flystra** "recently completed six weeks of US Naval Academy Indoctrination (plebe summer) in Annapolis, MD. This demanding, fast-paced orientation begins four years of preparation for commissioning as naval or Marine Corps officers. During plebe summer, Paul learned basic skills in seamanship, navigation, infantry drill, sailing and marksmanship." Now in his first year, he is concentrating in engineering and is a member of the sailing team. He'd really like to hear from his former classmates. E-mail him at: [m062118@usna.edu](mailto:m062118@usna.edu)

# DO YOU REMEMBER?

**Class of '47 graduate Peter De Boer**, author of *Coming of Age* in Prospect Park, has recently donated several short stories about his years in our school system – humorous stories from North 4th Street days and special memories of teachers at Eastern Academy. We have reprinted one of his “mini-series” for your reminiscing. If you would like to read the others in the donated set of stories, we would gladly mail them to you in exchange for a **donation to EC in any amount** you choose. Simply, e-mail a note to the EC Development Office (ecdev@juno.com) or mail your request to: EC Development Office, 50 Oakwood Ave, North Haledon, NJ 07508-2449. **Enjoy!**



Peter De Boer in his EA days.

## “De Boer Crimes”

One of the maxims that I often used while teaching future teachers at Calvin College was this: that if you must punish a child or teenager, the penalty ought to fit the crime.

A good example might be this one from the records of A.S. Neill’s Summerhill School over in England: at this progressive boarding school young boys convicted of throwing apples at each other and others in the dining hall were sentenced by their fellow students to eating apples and nothing but apples for a couple of days.

When penalties fit crimes, I think we all feel that somehow there is justice in the world.

If addictions are criminal, then let me now confess that I once suffered from an addiction for which I had only myself to blame. No, it wasn’t tobacco, or alcohol, or even drugs. But it was serious. And, as I look back now, for that addiction I think I have been duly and justly rewarded.

**Let me explain.** In Prospect Park on North 10th Street, between Brown and Fairview Avenues but closer to Brown, there lived an Italian-American family by the name of Apone. They had a rather large two-storied house with garages in the rear, while up front there was a store—a candy/ice cream/tobacco/newspapers/water pistols/pea-shooters/ and kites store that was separated from the living quarters by only a small partition and some curtains. The pungent Italian fare that Mrs. Apone served up to her family we could easily smell, for the attractive flavors floated out over that incomplete partition and into the store itself. When you stepped up the few stairs off the street and into that little store, a bell would ring. Then the curtain separating the store from the living quarters would swish, and there would be the dark-haired, dark-skinned, heavy-set Mrs. Apone. When she spoke to us it was in English. When she spoke to her husband, it was in Italian.

One of the finest things the Apones sold, especially in the heat of the summer, was Italian ices. We could

get from Mrs. Apone, for two or three cents, a small expandable white cup of that stuff – usually lemon or pineapple. On a hot day in the summer, nothing in the whole world could taste better. I loved that place, and went there often.

One summer when I was eight or nine, I went to that store more often than usual. I had developed an addiction, a “habit.” I had gotten “hooked.” I was, well, I was hooked on bubble gum!

But it wasn’t just the bubble gum, though I enjoyed that too. You see, for a penny you could buy a package that contained two things: a slice of bubble gum and a baseball card. I was really interested in collecting the baseball cards which, being wrapped up with the gum for so long, smelled just like the gum. Five cards for a nickel. Twenty-five cards for a quarter. You could build up a collection in a hurry. I had Joe DiMaggio, Dom DiMaggio, Bill Dickey, Tommy Heinrich, Frank Crossetti, Ernie Lombardi, Mel Ott – Yankees and Giants, these were my favorites. My cheeks were almost constantly bulging with bubble gum even as my pockets got heavier with a growing collection of major league baseball cards.

This story gets worse. To finance my addiction I had to go beyond the limits of my twenty-five cent weekly allowance. I had been saving my weekly allowance in a bank in my bedroom drawer, a bank that, somewhat like the money changers that bus drivers used, had cylinders for coins. Mine had several cylinders for quarters. But now, instead of saving quarters, I soon started systematically removing quarters from that bank to pay for my addiction.

One day my mother, while restocking that drawer with clean underwear, noticed that my bank had fewer quarters in it than she had expected. She even asked me about it, but I lied and pleaded ignorance. Later my father confronted me with the same questions. I denied – at least three times – knowing anything about it!

## Alumni Birth Announcements

*Congratulations to these EC alumni who have recently welcomed a new member to their family!*

**CLASS OF 1976 - Cornelius J. Tanis** and wife, Lori, a daughter, Faith Elisabeth on 4/2/02. Faith joins Cornelius Jr. (age 8), Allison (age 7) and Izaak (age 2). The Tanis family resides in Palos Park, IL.

**CLASS OF 1983 - Darla (Wisse) Bertollo** and husband Jim, a son, Anthony James on 7/1/02. Anthony joins Nicole (age 3) and Heather (age 2).

**CLASS OF 1983 - Kathy (Hsu) Wiberly** and her husband Leonard, a daughter, Kiera Megan on 10/25/01. She joins sisters Alaina (age 6) and Micaela (age 3).

**CLASS OF 1985 - Lisa (Michaelson) Vander Wey** and husband Rod, a daughter, Jenna Leigh. Jenna joins big sister Kara.

**CLASS OF 1986 - Delia (Recker) Brands** and husband Peter, a son, Cyrus Ezra Ansel on 6/30/02. Cyrus joins Tarryn (age 5) and Owen (age 1). The Brands reside in Deming, WA.

**CLASS OF 1990 - Ellen (Christensen) Leonard** and husband Dave, a 2nd daughter, Rebekah Elizabeth on 4/9/02.

**CLASS OF 1990 - Marlene (Berry) Meyers** and husband Tom, a daughter, Morgan Kimberly on 8/22/02.

**CLASS OF 1993 - Kim (Borduin) Hoernig** and husband Micah, a son, Isaac John on 2/8/02.

**CLASS OF 1993 - Kristen (Elzinga) Ridge** and husband Mike, a daughter, Mikayla Ray on 8/1/02.

I doubt whether I convinced them of my innocence, but with that they apparently decided to drop the interrogation in favor of watching and waiting.

Of course, now that I knew that my parents were likely going to be inspecting that bank periodically, I also knew I had to break my addiction, or at least bring my spending frenzy under some constraints.

Liars, I had always been taught, will be justly rewarded for their misdeeds. I had lied to my parents.

Well, I now know that I have been justly rewarded in at least two ways: first, my love of baseball cards wrapped up with bubble gum helped produce in my early teen years a ton of cavities. I must have set a record for visits to Dr. Frank DeRose’s dentist office on the corner of North 4th Street and Haledon Ave.

Bad teeth are bad enough. After all, they can be fixed. What really bugs me is that to this day I have no idea what happened to all those, by now, priceless baseball cards. They’re gone. They’ve disappeared. Just think: had I saved them in good condition, I could now be a wealthy man!

So – for my addiction, which caused me to steal from myself and then lie about it to my parents, I have to this day suffered penalties that seem to have fit the crime, fit just about perfectly. ■

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## Harvey Cedars Convention 2002

In early September, 270 students from ECHS attended the 9th annual PTO-sponsored Harvey Cedars Convention on Long Beach Island. This year's attendance was the highest ever, with nearly 75% of the student body attending. We are so thankful for God's numerous blessings throughout the weekend. We were blessed with great beach weather, a terrific speaker & band, and the Spirit's presence.

### ***"What Does God Want From Me?"***

Our speaker this year was **Josh Hotsenpiller**, a well-known youth pastor/comedian. The theme of the weekend was *"What does God want from me?"* The four-part message was that God wants and desires to have a real relationship with us. The first part was how we need to get rid of the "garbage" in our lives. This was done by "Throw it Away" cards.

We then moved on to "Road Blocks," the things in our lives that come between God and us. Once we established what those roadblocks were, there was a need to "Confess" to God. This is an area with which many teenagers struggle. It can lead to great anxiety in their lives. Josh explained that we don't need to live up to anyone else's expectations and nothing is too big or small for God to handle. He enforced this by saying that this confession is between only God and us and once given away, it creates the desire to "Praise/Express" our love for God.

The Praise Band from Bethany Church enhanced our worship time. The students really interacted with the praise music and made it their time of worship. At the end of the weekend, 270 students and 25 parent/teacher chaperones headed home a bit weary but also excited about the way they saw the Spirit working in so many lives.



*Enjoying a day at the beach together: Codi Van Vlaanderen, Kelly Slagter, Melinda Struyk, Mary Tolsma & Megan Van Schepen*