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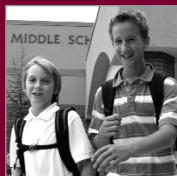
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Cross Campus Collaboration On Communication:

Serving God in Word and Deed | BY ECES PRINCIPAL DICK VAN YPEREN



Pictured in the foreground are Marla Stout, Dick Van Yperen and Phil Verrengia. In the background are Joyce Breur, Pam Kosten and Betsy Tyvoll.

In September teachers from three campuses began meeting to address a new initiative for the 2005 – 2006 school year. Calling the initiative *Cross Campus Collaboration on Communication*, administrators and teachers are exploring how Eastern Christian School can be unified in the teaching of communication skills from campus to campus. Six elementary and middle school teachers representing the Grades 4 to 5 transition, and six middle and high school teachers representing the Grades 8 to 9 transition will meet once a month for two hours of collaborative work.

Eastern Christian recognizes that a major purpose of Christian education in relation to the great issues of

justice and peace should be in its continual nourishing and sustaining of young people who will act responsibly as believers in their duties as citizens of the world and of God’s kingdom. In achieving that purpose, we believe Eastern Christian graduates need to be competent and confident communicators of the true story of the Gospel in this crucial time of history. As citizens of two kingdoms, our graduates must be able to articulate through written and spoken words “*the reason for the hope*” (I Peter 3:15) they have in God’s redemptive design for people and a world suffering from the ripple effects of sin. More than ever before we live in a time when people have lost hope, have mortgaged the future for the present, and have lost any moral sense of truth. Beginning with the nation of Israel in the Old Testament and continuing with an ever-increasing community of chosen covenant believers after Christ’s death and resurrection, God clearly has chosen to reveal His glory and His plan for redemption through a community of believers. *Eastern Christian School purposes to nurture and educate covenant children who will act responsibly as important ambassadors of the truth.* Therefore, primarily, a distinguishing mark of each EC grad should be an ability to competently and confidently communicate the compelling hope we have in God’s completion of the true story. Secondly, but also important, each EC grad should demonstrate high proficiency in writing and public speaking skills across all disciplines.

Each monthly, ECHS teachers **Paul Beverly, Marla Stout and Phil Verrengia** are meeting with ECMS teachers **Joyce Breur, Pamela Kosten, and Betsy Tyvoll**. Concurrently, ECMS teachers **JoAnn Everett, Everett Henderson, and Pamela Kosten** are meeting with ECES teachers **Carol Byma, Alisa Engelhard, and Virginia Folk**. These teachers have been selected by their building principals to pilot this initiative to carry collaboration beyond the walls of each campus. Periodically, the campus teams will solicit input, communicate their progress, and report on their conclusions at their individual campuses. As a result of their efforts, we hope to achieve a specific unified vision and strategy for how we as a school will graduate competent and confident communicators who serve the Lord in word and deed.



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...it will not matter what my bank account was, the type of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a

Child

-Author Unknown



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EC Responds to Community Needs

Introduction: Prepared to Serve

According to a report to the EC Board of Directors from our Fundraising Strategies Committee, three attributes that make Eastern Christian School distinctively different include the following:

- EC offers excellence in education from a distinctly Christian world and life view.
- EC is a diverse community of believers that values all students as God's image-bearers.
- EC prepares students for lives of service to their communities.

This fall our school's parents, students, and staff were presented with an important opportunity to show that these were not simply written statements to serve as goals, but that they were motivation for action when the need arose to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. In a letter to parents in early October, the Special Projects Committee of EC Elementary School stated: "Because we care about the families living in the path of this hurricane... we would like to inspire our students to give out of their abundance to those in need."

What follows on the pages of this issue is a summary of ways in which each of our EC schools, from the Elementary School to the High School, took on different projects to help people in need of assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Please pray with us for all of those involved in relief efforts, asking God to give comfort to those who are working to rebuild their lives and to enable resources to reach wherever they are needed in the southern United States.



"You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven."
 —Matthew 5:14-16 (CEV)



"Be sure to tell people that I'm delighted with the quilt and glad to support EC!" This was **Linda (Vermeulen) Foster's** ('62) comment when she traveled to NJ this summer to pick up her quilt at the home of **Gerry Nywening** ('39), one of the Esther Quilters. Read more about our faithful fundraising groups (ECES & ECSA News sections of this issue) and about Linda Foster and others in the Alumni News section. If you have a job for the Esther Quilters, contact Mrs. Nywening at 201-444-5648.



What is Class of 1981 alumna **Anita (Van Valkenburgh) Tirkak** smiling about as she sits in the stands at the Little League World Series? Find out by reading the special story in the Alumni News.

Hurricane Katrina Brings Two Students to EC

BY KURT KABOTH
 CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

On September 14 our school community welcomed two students whose family temporarily relocated to New Jersey after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast. **Samantha Halleran** joined our 7th grade, and **Joshua Newman** entered our 4th grade class. They, along with their brother, Seth (age 2), are the children of David and Tina Newman, from Long Beach, Mississippi, just south of Gulfport. Tina and the children stayed with friends in North Haledon for a short time while husband David worked at reorganizing their life in Mississippi.

Our visiting family returned to Mississippi on Friday, Oct. 7. A member of their host family stated, "They really enjoyed their experience in NJ. They have all had hard lives, kids and Mum, and I could see them relaxing. Both [students] enjoyed their school experience and had made friends... I cannot talk too highly about the response that we received from the community and Eastern Christian. It really does reinforce your faith in human kind and the Lord's ability to touch hearts."

We have been in contact with *Christian Schools International* (CSI), who has indicated the potential need for places for children from Grace Christian in Pascagoula and from three Lutheran schools in the New Orleans area. We understand we are one of many CSI schools that have offered to help, and we stand ready to minister to additional students if the need arises.

ECHS Students Donate to Rebuild Homes



BY ECHS PRINCIPAL JAN LUCAS



Pictured (L to R) are teacher **Paul Beverly** (a.k.a. the "Beverly Bunny"), ECHS student committee member **Lisa Gensink** and Habitat for Humanity representative **Ed Smith** (EC Class of '57)

High School students and faculty are passionate about helping others and love doing it with flair! After successfully raising \$10,000 for the victims of the tsunami earlier this spring - \$8000 in gifts plus \$2000 in challenge gifts - student leaders decided to set a goal of another \$10,000 for victims of the recent gulf coast flooding. A joint committee of the National Honor Society and newly formed Student Senate met to set the target and lay out the fundraising strategy. **Erin Balkema, Matt Bouwense, Lisa Gensink** and **Deidra Ramos-Perez** comprised the Relief Committee.

For some reason students seem to be motivated best by suggesting the most humorous consequences for others, particularly members of the faculty. The checkpoints for this project were as follows:

\$2,500 Teacher **Barry Veenstra** agreed to shave his moustache, which has been in his family for 14 years!

\$5,000 Teachers **Ji Young Kim** and **Adam Culp** agreed to shave their legs and wear shorts to school. **Matt D'Antuono** agreed to shave his head, with the possible exception of a big "D" outlined in the remaining hair. (That was not an option for Mr. Kim and Mr. Culp, who normally have a minimalist approach to hair!)

\$7,500 Teacher **Paul Beverly** agreed to sport a bunny costume for a school day, courtesy of Abma Farms.

\$8,900 The final total at the end of the fundraiser when the last gifts were counted, was a bit short of the initial goal. Had students been able to stretch giving to \$10,000, four teachers would have been "pied" on the front lawn of the school.

Highlights of the project included:

- A bake sale was held every Wednesday at lunch where students converted home made baked goods to cash.
- Teacher **Joel Apol** was invited by the project's student leaders to present a challenge to the entire school to give sacrificially. Mr. Apol's model of sacrificial giving resulted in a record day's total for the collection.
- Student Communicators in each Block 3 class inform students about the happenings around school and deliver messages right after lunch. During the final week of fundraising the Block 3 Communicators motivated their assigned classes to double the amount collected.
- The Ice Cream Bakery donated ice cream as an incentive to the Block 3 class raising the most money per student in the class. Mr. Veenstra's PE/Health class set the record for a Block 3 class- raising \$1040 in one day!
- **Habitat for Humanity** is the designated organization to receive all of the money collected for this project because the need for housing is paramount and Habitat guarantees that 100% of the money will go directly to the building of homes. There are no administrative costs deducted from this gift.



Teacher **Ji Young Kim** finishes shaving his legs as Teacher **Adam Culp** and students watch.



Teacher **Barry Veenstra's** son **Joe** helped his Dad with the shaving process.

New Students Join EC for 10th - 12th Grades



Row 1: **Katelyn Tilli** (11), **Samatha Fowler** (10), **Amy Paddeu** (11), **Cherie Melton** (12);
 Row 2: **Silvana Diaz** (11), **Kelly Andela** (11), **Joe Pellegrino** (10), **Jackson Webb** (10),
Meghan Way (11); Row 3: **Duk ho Kim** (11), **Brian Choi** (12), **Tyler Hartmann** (10),
Young Joon Park (11); Row 4: **Paul Leoni**

ECMS Students Say “We’ve Got Your Back”



BY ECMS PRINCIPAL FLORENCE NIEUWENHUIS

Twenty-three compassionate and energetic eighth grade students volunteered to lead a school-wide student initiative and spearheaded the *We’ve Got Your Back* initiative during the month of September. This idea was discovered on the Internet at www.dosomething.org, a nation-wide not-for-profit organization whose mission is to give young people inspiration and an opportunity to make a difference. Students were encouraged to either purchase a new backpack or bring gently used backpacks from home and fill them with new school supplies such as erasers, notebooks, binders, paper, pens, pencils, etc. A letter from our students to the student recipient was also enclosed in each backpack. **A total of 295 backpacks were donated to students affected by Hurricane Katrina!** Mrs. Everett’s homeroom collected the most – 41 backpacks!



Eighth grader **Sara Schoenig** smiles at the announcement that 295 backpacks filled with supplies were collected at ECMS.

After stopping at McDonald’s for lunch, the students in this homeroom went by bus on Wednesday, September 21, to deliver the 295 backpacks to a drop-off point in Westwood, New Jersey. From there Bassett Furniture Company delivered the backpacks to a middle school in Texas to be distributed to students affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Little did we know when we started this project that two student evacuees would be part of our Eastern Christian School family! (See related article in this issue.) All of us were excited to be able to give backpacks to two students who enrolled in Eastern Christian as a result of displacement by the hurricane. These students have since been able to return to Mississippi, and we realize what a blessing their presence in our school has meant to us. Their farewell parties gave evidence of the loving Christian friendships that developed even in such a short time.



Eighth graders **Sara Schipper, Chelsea Noyes and Alyssa Kuiken** told buyers of their lemonade that “Every Penny Helps” when they decided to band together to raise money for the Red Cross’ relief efforts.

In addition to this project, ECMS students participated in other worthwhile service projects:

Cash was collected for the Red Cross’ hurricane relief efforts. Plastic bags were filled with personal hygiene products, which were being collected by Faith Community CRC for a homeless shelter in Florida run by former music teacher, **Louise Butler’s** daughter.

Lemonade and iced tea were sold on street corners in Midland Park and Wyckoff on the weekend of Sept. 3, 4 and 5 by 8th graders **Danielle De Block, Megan Hutton, Alyssa Kuiken, Chelsea Noyes and Sara Schipper**. The girls raised a total of \$186 to benefit Red Cross Katrina Relief efforts!

Students enthusiastically participated in the ECMS PTO annual Innisbrook Wrapping Paper fundraiser which raised \$7500 in profits. Ten percent of the profits were sent to *Christian Schools International* to help the hurricane victims in the Gulf States. Grace Christian School in Pascagoula, Mississippi has been wonderfully blessed by gifts from CSI schools. For an update on Grace Christian School and to see what CSI schools have done to help, visit www.CSOnline.org.

Early in November the Middle School received the following letter from **Eva Dodge**, a recipient of one of the backpacks (“bookbags”) we sent:

“Dear Eastern Christian,

I have received a bookbag with school supplies from your school. I cannot tell you how much this little favor you have done has helped me so much! I lost all of my school stuff, bookbag, books – all of it! It makes me so happy to know that there are people like you out there ready to help people like me. I cannot thank you enough for my bookbag and school supplies.

I am Eva Dodge, I am 19 years old and I live in Gulfport, MS. I lost everything in the storm. In the beginning of the storm, when our house started to flood, our neighbors called us and said we need to all go in our attic because the water kept rising. So our neighbors swam over, all 6 of them (including a 3-year-old) and we all got in our attic. We luckily didn’t have to break out of the attic. We stayed in the attic for about seven hours or so. I would have never thought that I would have ever had to swim in my house, and do not plan on doing it again.

I was really depressed to see all of my stuff ruined. Also, to see my school gone and my sports teams cancelled. But, now people like you are helping me get through it. I cannot thank you enough.

Lots of love,

Eva Dodge

PS – My dad, mom and sister Olivia (age 10) say thank you too!”

ECES Response to Hurricane Katrina: Helping to Rebuild a School Library

BY ECES PRINCIPAL DICK VAN YPEREN

Grace Christian School, a sister *Christian Schools International* (CSI) K-8 school, lost everything except their concrete foundation when Hurricane Katrina slammed into Pascagoula, Mississippi on August 29, 2005. In the aftermath of the storm ECES learned about the school's needs through weekly CSI updates. In response to those needs, our ECES Special Projects Faculty Team planned and completed a special response project.

For two weeks in October, students donated new or slightly used children's books to help re-supply Grace Christian's library. At the beginning of the two-week project in an ECES chapel, students viewed pictures of the damage done to Grace Christian School, and each student received the challenge to donate a favorite book from his/her personal library. Students responded by giving out of their abundance to those in need.

Twelve boxes weighing a total of 425 lbs and containing nearly **1200 books** were trucked to Cary, Mississippi. From there the boxes were mailed to Grace Christian School with the help of CSI, which is coordinating the entire relief effort for the school. Accompanying the books are 13 letters, each written by the class that collected and boxed books. Included in each letter is a class picture.

The students in Donna Hoogerhyde's 4th Grade class sent the following letter of encouragement:

*"Dear Friends, We can't even imagine what you are going through. We feel very badly about what happened to your school. We hope these books help to build up your library, and that you will enjoy reading them as much as we did. We are happy to help you. We will continue to pray for you.
God Bless You, Students in Grade 4H ~ P.S. Please write back."*



Kindergarteners in Susie James' class with some books that were sent.



Nancy Dickey's 2nd graders with their box of books to be given to Grace Christian School.



Welcome to New Freshmen Joining the ECHS Community: Row 1: Justine Johnston, Yoo Ra Kim, Wan Jin Lee, Rachel Snack, Leslie Burtz, Kimberly Andela, Da Bin Moon; Row 2: Jubilee Hsieh, Yun Son Wan, Anna Kim, Josefa Solano-Richante, Rebecca Kim, Ira-Therese Domingo, Hee Jin An, Geoffrey Clifford; Row 3: Nathaniel Van Eck, Do Kyun Kim, Robert Breeman, Steven Hook, Karisa Vander Groef, Ross McKenzie, Amanda Rypkema, Emily Brotherton, Christopher Kelly, Jordan Gray; Row 4: Ian Brick

Two Seniors Named as National Merit Commended Students

Principal Jan Lucas has announced that **Jay Everett** and **Patrick Hickey** have been named as "Commended Students" in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program. Principal Jan Lucas presented a letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 234,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2006 competition for Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the **top 5%** of more than one million students who entered the 2006 competition by taking the 2004 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



Pictured (L to R) are **Patrick Hickey** and **Jay Everett** with **Principal Jan Lucas**.

Project Acceleration

An Exciting New Academic Option | BY ECHS PRINCIPAL JAN LUCAS



Teacher **Phil Verrengia** explains a concept to students in his Honors Chemistry class.

Beginning this fall, students enrolled in the highest academic level courses at ECHS now have an opportunity to begin working on their bachelor's degree at the same time they are earning high school credit. Our high school has joined Seton Hall's university-based *Project Acceleration*, which enables students to earn up to 19 college credits that will go on their official college transcript.

The process for Eastern Christian to join *Project Acceleration* required teachers to be approved for adjunct faculty status and course content judged to be consistent with Seton Hall standards. The following course syllabi and adjunct faculty positions have been approved: Advanced Composition: **Marla Stout**; American Studies 1: **Jane Okma, Jena Cooksey**; American Studies 2: **Marla Stout, Paul Beverly**; Calculus: **Mike Alsum**; and Honors Chemistry: **Phil Verrengia**.

Seton Hall academic credits are held in escrow by the university until high school diplomas are granted. After graduation, students will request transcripts be sent from Seton Hall University to the college or university they will be attending. (Over 200 schools accept *Project Acceleration* credits.) The cost of participating in this program is currently \$60 per course credit.

The benefits for students who participate in this program are:

- A significant savings on college tuition: \$60 vs. \$651 /per credit at Seton Hall.*
- Getting a jump-start on one's college education*
- Access to Seton Hall library facilities and on-campus events.*
- Access to a variety of research databases available at Seton Hall.*

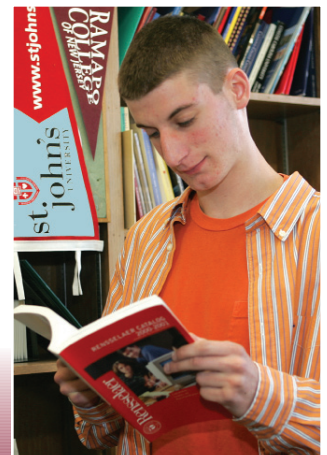
Director of Guidance **Christi Tuit**, who has facilitated EC's participation in *Project Acceleration*, says, "We are pleased to offer this opportunity to our students and proud of the recognition of the high quality education we provide at Eastern Christian." While our students are engaged in the academic rigor of the most challenging courses, they may now opt for college credit at the same time.

Matthew Bouwense Awarded Rensselaer Medal

"Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced the winners of the Rensselaer Medal. **Matthew Bouwense** of Wayne is this year's honoree at Eastern Christian High School.

The Rensselaer Medal, the oldest prize of its kind in the United States, is awarded by more than 2000 secondary schools throughout North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia. This award is given to students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. To be honored with the Rensselaer Medal, a student must be a member of the junior class and be the high school's most promising science and mathematics student.

Each medalist who is accepted and subsequently enrolls at Rensselaer receives a scholarship of \$60,000 payable in four yearly awards of \$15,000 each." - Reported in *Wayne Today* in Aug. 2005



New Teachers Join the ECHS Community

All of the new staff members were asked to fill out a questionnaire in order to share their background and their perspectives with our readers. Please take time to welcome these new members of the EC community. (**Editor's Note:** See also the ECMS New Staff article for information from the ECHS Choral Director *Rachel Dunwoody*.)



Jerry Bandstra with his wife **Janyce**,
EC's Admissions Director

Gerald Bandstra

High School Science of Plant Earth, Physics
EC Class of 1953; B.S. Engineering from USMMA; Trenton State - M.A. Education

What brought you to EC?

"My parents enrolled me in school when I was 4 or 5, and I've always been involved one way or another."

What do you like most about working with EC students? "EC students are kind to each other and generally helpful to teachers. They are very respectful and involved in chapel."

How do you plan to help students understand the ECHS mission statement this year? "The first four statements on the Worldview list are especially applicable, with the idea that Jesus redeems the Cosmos something I've come to appreciate lately."

What is your favorite Bible verse? "Genesis 1:1a & 3a: 'In the beginning, God... Let there be light.'"



Alison Bell

Alison Bell

Study Hall
Kutztown University - B.S. in Special Ed for the Visually Impaired

What brought you to EC? "My husband and I live in Hawthorne, and my father is former superintendent Gil Kitchen."

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

"Prov. 19:21, because it's comforting to know that God's plan is the best plan for me."

Jeanine Kopaska Broek

Bible 1 and 4
Dordt College - B.S. in Environmental Studies/Political Science

What brought you to EC? "I formerly served as the Director of Admissions for Reformed Bible College, and spent the last 5 years working in higher education. I'm always looking for a challenge."



Jeanine Kopaska Broek

ECHS Married Couples Serve as Role Models

Editor's Note: We asked the married couples on staff: "Could you explain how you hope, as a Christian married couple on staff, to be unique role models for our students?" Here are their responses:

"We hope that the students can see that, after 45 years of marriage, we are still happiest when we are together. We still laugh together, work well together and worship our God together." **Jerry and Janyce Bandstra**



ECHS Teachers **Kate (Schuurman)** and **Adam Culp**

"We hope to model a healthy, Christian marriage relationship to our students. We are excited to model the joys and friendship of a committed marriage that defies the dominant values of our culture. The media would have teenagers believe that purity and fidelity are meaningless and that instant gratification yields the greatest rewards. We hope to communicate through our actions and words that God's plan for relationships allows for FAR greater fulfillment and purpose." **Matt and Emily D'Antuono**

"We are closing in on our 25th anniversary. We'd like to model the mature tenderness, caring, sharing and fun that only gets better with time." **Tom and Susan Noyes**

"For ourselves, we enjoy seeing each other at school every day and working together to serve our students. It's fun to work with your best friend! But we also try to be a real example of the serious commitment, shared responsibility, and mutual submission that it takes to make a Christian marriage. Our kids are often with us at school, so we also try to be an example of loving, supportive, sacrificial parenting. We hope that in our marriage and our public parenting we give a sense of the joy and fulfillment that we are blessed with, things that more than make up for the challenges of living this way in this world." **Steve and Christi Tuit**

"Adam and I would like students to see through our relationship how God has a plan in all things. In the past few years He has brought each of us in very different directions than we ever would have thought our lives would go. This year I thought that I (Kate) would be teaching in Prague and Adam had in the back of his mind to relocate over this past summer. Through our relationship, I believe that students can see that God has a plan that is far more wonderful and beautiful than anything we could dream up for ourselves. Trusting in God, in relationships and all other areas of life, is far sweeter than anything we could chose to do." **Kate and Adam Culp**

Principal Jan Lucas' Perspective:

"When my wife Lynn and I were engaged to be married, the policy in the large regional high school district in which we taught did not allow husband and wife to teach at the same school. This policy shaped my worldview on this topic, which I did not question until becoming the principal of ECHS. Being blessed to witness two highly effective teachers, a husband and wife living in a Godly relationship, model a healthy marriage for students has significantly changed my perspective. In addition, if students can witness the nurture of a young child or two by both mom and dad, I consider the experience 'priceless.' Enabling students to witness a Christ-centered marriage and family at school is a life lesson!"

What do you like most about working with EC students? *“They are like a puzzle! I like the challenge of communicating with them, stretching their mind and getting to know who they really are as individuals.”*

How do you plan to help students understand the ECHS mission statement this year? *“Pointing them to scriptures and trying to bring to light how its truths are woven into the fabric of our experience.”*

What is your favorite Bible verse? *Psalm 46*

Emily (McGovern) D’Antuono



Emily and Matt D’Antuono

*English, Spanish & Psychology
EC Class of 2000; James Madison University - B.S. in English*

What brought you to EC? *“I graduated from ECHS and was thrilled to pursue the opportunity to teach here.”*

What do you like most about working with EC students? *“They*

have a lot of energy and enthusiasm; and I enjoy watching them dig into the material we are covering.”

How do you plan to help students understand the ECHS mission statement this year? *“I want to help my students evaluate their world-views in relation to a Biblical perspective and challenge them to live their lives in a way that is consistent with their belief systems.”*

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? *“Romans 5:8, because it reminds me that God did not wait for me to get my act together before he paved the way for my salvation. He made the ultimate sacrifice for an utterly fallen people.”*

Matthew D’Antuono

*Geometry and Contemporary Math
James Madison University - B.S. in Applied Physics*

What brought you to EC? *“My wife Emily attended EC and I got connected to the school through her.”*

What do you like most about working with EC students? *“They are a lot of fun!”*

**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.

How do you plan to help students understand the ECHS mission statement this year? *“I hope to convey to my students the transforming effect of a mind that has been renewed by applying the concepts of order and logic, two concepts which are very evident in math to ones’ everyday thoughts.”*

What is your favorite Bible verse? *Romans 12:1*



Thomas Noyes with his wife Sue, a fellow ECHS teacher

Thomas Noyes

*Western Civilization and U.S. History
B.A. from St. Lawrence University & NYU Graduate School of Social Work*

What brought you to EC? *“The wonderful experiences that my wife Susan, son Alex and daughter Chelsea have had at EC.”*

What do you like most about working with EC students? *“Their compassion! Students who might be perceived as misfits and outcasts in many other environments are embraced and treated with kindness and respect.”*

How do you plan to help students understand the ECHS mission statement this year? *“It is a treat to challenge students in the classroom to evaluate what they are studying in the context of their personal relationship with Christ and their role in the greater Bergen/Passaic County communities.”*

What is your favorite Bible verse? *Philippians 4:4 – 7*

Stella Tartisinis



Stella Tartisinis

*Middle School and High School Instrumental Band
D.M.A. from Rutgers University; M.M. from Florida State University; B.M. from Univ. of Southern Mississippi; further studies at Manhattan School of Music and the New England Conservatory*

What brought you to EC? *“I sent many resumes out to schools, and liked EC’s nurturing environment, and thus accepted this position over other schools’ offers.”*

What do you like most about working with EC students? *“What I like most is that they respect one another and are always willing to help each other out.”*

How do you plan to help students understand the ECHS mission statement for this year? *“Through music, I explain how the great composers like Bach, Haydn and others wrote to praise God. I hope to show how music was one of the major motivators in the lives of composers who worshipped the Lord as part of their everyday lives, not only on Sundays.”*

What is your favorite Bible verse? *“There are so many but I will pick this one because of my inquisitive nature for knowledge – Matt. 7:7.”*

Six New Faces on ECMS Staff

This year six new teachers joined the staff of ECMS. One new teacher, **Stella Tartsinis**, is working at both the Middle School and the High School as our Band Instructor. (See the article on new ECMS Staff for her introduction.) We asked these new teachers to share some facts about themselves and offer their perspective on Christian education and teaching at EC.

Rachel Dunwoody



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Grades 5 – 8 Classroom Music and
Grades 5 – 12 Choral Music
B.A. Theatre Arts from Dordt College and working
on M.A. in Music & Music Education at Columbia
University Teachers College

What brought you to EC? “Jan Lucas scouted me out as a future teacher when I visited for a college band tour. It was only a matter of time and God’s providence.”

What do you like most about working with EC students? “I enjoy observing the radical change in the middle school from children to adolescents. The high school students amaze me with their high level of responsibility and maturity.”

How do you plan to help students understand your school’s theme for this year? “As a teacher of music, I stress the use of creativity in the classroom. Through this I hope my students find ways to make every day count and rejoice in a creative God by mirroring that aspect of his character.”

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? “Isaiah 40, because it serves as a reminder to concentrate on the larger good instead of concerning ourselves with our own actions and good works. We are a part of a large, ongoing and eternal tapestry of God’s love and grace. The last verses stress the vastness of God’s power and love and leaves me humbled before his throne and strengthened far beyond my own strength every time I read it.”

Courtney (Angione) Dyksen



Courtney Dyksen

6th Grade Language Arts
EC Class of 2001; Gordon College - B.S. in
Elementary Education

What brought you to EC? “After graduating in May, I continued job searching. I decided to try substituting at EC the last month of school and really enjoyed being back.”

What do you like most about working with EC students? “It’s been a lot of fun so far. The students seem very honest with their expectations and desires for the school year, and they’re willing to work with me to accomplish our educational goals.”

How do you plan to help students understand your school’s theme for this year? “By encouraging them to work with all their hearts as working for the Lord.” (Col. 3:23)

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? “Psalm 139:9 & 10 – I know that no matter where I am in life, God will always be upholding and guiding me.”

Kristen Jacobs



Kristen Jacobs

Fifth Grade Language Arts
EC Class of 2001; Nyack College - B.S. in
Elementary Education

What brought you to EC? “I am a graduate from Eastern Christian!”

What do you like most about working with EC students? “My impressions so far are that the students are respectful and have a moral background that is very valuable. They know their Bible and value their classmates.”

How do you plan to help students understand your school’s theme for this year? “How do you plan to help students understand that Every Day Counts? By incorporating it into lessons and seeing it also through literature themes in our class books.”

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? “Romans 8:28 because God gives us the hope that no matter what happens, He is there and is working through every situation.”

Stephanie Moeller



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6th Grade Math and Social Studies
Houghton College - B.S. in Childhood education
and B.A. in Music

What brought you to EC? “I was a substitute teacher for a year and then took a full-time position in 5th and 6th grade Social Studies because of a maternity leave. That experience led me to apply for this job.”

What do you like most about working with EC students? “I love being able to pray and engage in

EC Middle School Theme

“Every Day Counts” is the ECMS Theme this year. Our theme verse from Psalm 118:24 is: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” At the first chapel of the new school year, several students spoke and showed pictures of their summer mission trips as examples of making every day count for Jesus. Students were then challenged to make every day count during this school year by working diligently, being kind, encouraging and caring to their classmates and new students. Chapel ended with the singing of “In Our School, Lord, Be Glorified.”

devotions with my class. I also love to discuss our faith together especially in studying Social Studies topics.”

How do you plan to help students understand your school’s theme for this year? “Every Day Counts’ is the theme of our math class this year as well as the school’s theme. I also want to impress upon them how important our time is here and how we must always make every moment count.”

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? “Romans 8:28 – This verse is very comforting in times of trial.”



Paola Morici

Paola Morici

*Fifth Grade Math
Nyack College – B. S. in Elementary Education*

What brought you to EC? “I had taught at ECHS for the last two years, but was looking to go on to graduate school full time. When things didn’t work out as planned, God once again brought me back to EC except now at the middle school.”

What do you like most about working with EC students? “I love their attitude and motivation to learn.”

How do you plan to help students understand your school’s theme for this year? “I made sure that students understand the value of our time, and help them to use their time in my classroom wisely and efficiently.”

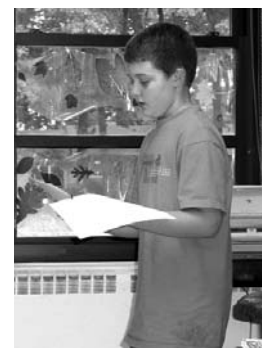
What is your favorite Bible verse and why? “Philippians 1:6 states: ‘Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.’ This verse gives me perspective and hope to know that God is always at work in me.”



On Tuesday, October 25, eight students from Eastern Christian Middle School participated admirably in the Northern New Jersey Christian School Spelling Bee held at Hawthorne Christian Academy. Students who participated were: **Josh Borduin, Ned Hull, Schuyler Diehm, Natalie Rhoads, Jeremy Braunius, Kevin Hull, Danae Diehm and Michael Flim.**

Sixth Grade Memoir Party

On October 28 the sixth grade language arts class presented their memoirs to their peers and parents. The class has just finished reading the book *Boy* by Roald Dahl, which is a collection of memoirs from Dahl’s life. In a similar way, the students wrote about memories from their childhoods. These memoirs were turned into a small book with illustrations. The presentation was a chance to share the hard work and fun memories with classmates while eating licorice bootlaces, gobstoppers, and other foods that remind us of Roald Dahl.



Luke Everson reads his memoirs to the class.



New Students at ECMS Row 1 (seated L to R): Iris Kim, Sarah Jung, Cassandra Chambers; Row 2: Emily Hench, Coby Morris, Kessiah Tolentino, Keith Rodman, Sarah McGraw, Angela Harrison, Kristen Traub; Row 3: Brianna Traub, Kirsten Anderson, Heather Roh, Stella Kim, David Kang, Jacqueline Woods, Sara Schoenig, Lauren Burtz, Jhoselin Catalan, and Amy Rice.

Sports Highlights

BY STEVE KING | ECHS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Varsity Soccer Team member **Josh Wisse** advances the ball.

ECHS FALL ATHLETICS REPORT

The EC Cross Country Team had an incredible season! The Girls' Team was undefeated at 12-0 and won the League title. The Boys' Team also won the League title with a record of 11-0. In the County Meet the Girls Team finished 4th, only three points behind the 3rd Place team, while the Boys took 6th Place. In the EC Invitational, the Girls finished 2nd and the Boys placed 1st. Both teams participated in the State Meet.

The **Boys' Varsity Soccer Team's** record was 12-5-2 as of early November, and the team tied for second place in the BPSL league competition. They were ranked in the top 10 in the area for most of the season. The team has experienced many exciting games including an overtime win in a night game at Waldwick. In the County Tournament the 5th seeded Eagles beat De Paul before losing to Lakeland in the next round. The team beat Montclair Kimberly by a score of 4-1 in the State Tournament before losing to top-seeded Morris Catholic in the 2nd round.

The **Boys' JV Soccer Team** finished their season with an excellent record of 14-0. The team has scored 50 goals on the season while only giving up 4. The most exciting game of the season was the 1-0 win over Pompton Lakes, which the team played again for the last game of the season.

The **Girls' Varsity Soccer Team's** final record stood at 14-5-2. They were ranked in the top 10 in the area and placed second in the League. The team was seeded 5th in the County Tournament and beat Hawthorne in overtime to advance to the semi-finals, where they lost to Wayne Hills. Several exciting games included wins over Midland Park and Waldwick. In State Tournament play, our team lost to a strong Newark Academy team.

The **Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team** showed improvement over the year with a record of 4-18. The team had many young players who focused on learning the fundamentals. Many of their losses were by only a small margin. Though at times the season was difficult, there was much growth both in skill development and in unity among team members and coaches.

Members of the **Girls' JV Volleyball Team** also experienced a difficult season, ending with a record of 2-18. The team was composed of many first-time freshmen players, with some sophomores and juniors with past experience contributing as well. Most of the games' scores were extremely close. The team enjoyed working together, and they are looking forward to improving their play next year.

The **Girls' Tennis Team's** record was 2-15-1 at the end of the season, with wins over Mary Help and Elmwood Park. The team included many first-time team members. Each player worked very hard to develop her own skills and to help create an encouraging and supportive team spirit. They did participate in the County Tournament.

FALL ATHLETIC AWARDS 2005

CROSS COUNTRY

- Dan Sietsma**
First Team All League
First Team All County
- Mary Tolsma**
First Team All League
First Team All County
- Melissa Woudenberg**
First Team All League
First Team All County
- Brad Tanis**
First Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Steve Bosloper**
First Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Lauren Bruins**
Second Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Erica Lotz**
Second Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- AJ Panzica**
Second Team All League
- Jess MacWilliam**
Second Team All League
- Ken Malnati**
Second Team All League
- Tim Rudd**
Second Team All League
- Patrick Hickey**
Honorable Mention All League
- Kat Vander Wende**
Honorable Mention All League
- ### BOYS' SOCCER
- Ben Kuiken**
First Team All League
First Team All County
- Jay Everett**
First Team All League
First Team All County
- Justin Rypkema**
First Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Dominic Rivera**
Second Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Joe Everett**
Second Team All League

- Keith Spoelstra**
Second Team All League
- Dave Kuperus**
Second Team All League
- Josh Wisse**
Second Team All League
- Chris Beggs**
Honorable Mention All League

GIRLS' SOCCER

- Katie Donnelly**
First Team All League
First Team All County
- Laura Kuiken**
First Team All League
Second Team All County
- Bridget Soodsma**
First Team All League
Second Team All County
- Shannon Martin**
First Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Nicole Struyck**
Second Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Brooke Veenstra**
Second Team All League
- Nicole Brello**
Second Team All League
- Rebecca Flim**
Honorable Mention All League

GIRLS' TENNIS

- Kirstin Lane**
Honorable Mention All County
- Rebecca Ydo**
Honorable Mention All County
- Brielle Ocot**
Honorable Mention All League

VOLLEYBALL

- Nicole Breeman**
First Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Joan Hoogerhyde**
Second Team All League
Honorable Mention All County
- Jamie Dykstra**
Honorable Mention All League



The 2005 EC Cross Country Team

EC Sports: Newspaper Highlights

Middle School Fall Sports Report

BY ECMS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
TERRY ALLEN

A total of 55 sixth, seventh and eighth graders participated in our fall extra-mural sports program, either on a Soccer Team or a Cross Country Team. We had very successful seasons and are thankful for the hard work and leadership of our coaches and the support of our parents. Coaches **Jeff Botbyl** (Boys Soccer) and **Laura King** (Girls Soccer) noted significant growth in skills and maturity in students' attitude as the season progressed.

Our soccer teams concluded their seasons with an exciting double-header vs. Hawthorne, which was played on our own home field and resulted in a double-tie score at the end of each game. After the games, all of the players enjoyed a pizza party to celebrate together. The boys' team final record was 7-2-1, and girls earned a record of 7-2-2.

The Cross Country season was highlighted by three home meets at Goffle Brook Park, all very well organized by the High School Cross Country Team and Coach **Joel Apol** (Thank you!). Five boys and twelve girls made two complete teams possible. The season ended with two multi-school invitationals in which many ECMS runners participated. At the Garfield Invitational on October 20, over 200 middle school runners (82 girls, 130 boys) ran in separate races. Sixth grader **Kristen Traub** won First Place Overall; and out of 10 schools, our Girls' Team finished 3rd. This feat was duplicated at the Darlington Park Invitational the following Monday, when the girls again finished 3rd among 70 runners and eight schools. Coach **Terry Allen** said, "We had a great season with tremendous overall improvement and personal learning and then enjoyed a season-ending pizza party on October 25."

We congratulate our middle school athletes for such an accomplished season and praise our Lord for His guidance and protection in this aspect of our school's life. Good job, Eagles!



6th grader and gifted runner **Kristen Traub** leads her teammates **Jessica Wisse**, **Heather Tanis**, **Morgan DeMarco**, **Larissa Ottens**, **Briana Caro** and **Kelly Sietsma** during this event for the Middle School Girls Cross Country Team.

"Flock of Eagles" – As reported in the 10/9/05 issue of The Record, "Eastern Christian coach **Pete DeGraaf** ('72) has brought a hockey scheme to the soccer pitch: line changes. Every 10 minutes of running time, **Ruth De Jong** ('78), DeGraaf's sister and assistant, tells him it's time for a change. At the next opportunity, DeGraaf says, 'shift them up,' and five EC players: two forwards, two midfielders and a stopper, burst on to the field to take their positions. Ten minutes later the cycle repeats.

What DeGraaf is doing is unique in North Jersey. He started the tactic four years ago, and it has paid off for the Eagles....DeGraaf saw he had a surplus of good athletes and wanted them all to get on the field. He figured why not let them all play? 'As long as I have the talent to do it, I will keep doing it,' said DeGraaf."

"Cross Country Completes BPSL Double"

Reported in The Record on 10/11/05: "Eastern Christian has had its share of Bergen-Passaic Scholastic League Carpenter Division championships in the last seven years in both boys and girls competition. But the Eagles completed an unprecedented double unbeaten league season by winning close battles with Glen Rock at the league championships... at Garret Mountain. The boys placed their five runners between fifth and 12th places to hold off Glen Rock, 40-44, while the girls used a 2-3 finish by seniors **Mary Tolsma** and **Melissa Woudenberg** to beat back a good pack effort by the Panthers, 42-45, in the girls' race...."

"Soft-Spoken, Serious about Winning"



Coach Barney Steen pictured with some of his EC 1949 Varsity Basketball Team. Do you recognize any of these athletes? Email us if you do.

Barney Steen was an EC alumnus (Cl. of '38) and a teacher at Eastern Christian from 1946-1951. Reported in *The Grand Rapids Press* after Barney passed away this year, the following was sent to EC by **Elsie (Van Hoff) Gideon** (Cl. of '37): "A true coach and teacher. Most of all, a strong mentor. Those were the types of words used by former colleagues and student-athletes to sum up the life of **Barney Steen**....Mr. Steen arrived at Calvin... from his native New Jersey as a graduate of Columbia University....He retired as a coach, physical education professor, athletic administrator and athletic director in 1983." Ralph Honderd, another former coach and athletic administrator at Calvin College commented, "He was a true teacher/coach who never swayed from his philosophies and convictions.... He was a man of integrity who always felt sports should be balanced and not out of proportion within the curriculum."

Special Recognition

Long-time Eastern Christian Soccer Coach **Pete De Graaf** has announced his retirement from coaching soccer. Pete has been involved in coaching at Eastern Christian for 26 years. Thank you, Pete, for your service to the athletes of Eastern Christian! An article summarizing Pete's coaching career will appear in a future issue of *The Herald*.

Congratulations to **Kevin Vanderbeck**, Varsity Softball Coach, on being honored at a meeting of the Passaic County Coaches Association. Kevin led the softball team last spring to an 18-8 record, while winning the league title. Kevin was nominated by Athletic Director Steve King to be recognized for the team's accomplishments.

Elementary School Welcomes New Staff



This year's new staff pictured left to right are: **Connie Melendez**, **Doreen Van Yperen**, **Alisa Englehard**, and **Lisa Dykstra**. Alisa rejoins the ECES staff as the Learning Disabilities teacher, and the others are all new teachers' aides.

Lisa Dykstra

4th Grade Instructional Aide and "Alpha Smart" Instructor for 3rd and 4th Grade
EC Class of 1981; A.A. from Berdan Institute

What brought you to EC? "Having graduated from EC and currently having three children in the school system, I am familiar with the EC community. I wanted to go back to work, and having the same schedule as my children is great!"

What do you like most about working with EC students? "The children are respectful, attentive and willing to learn."

How do you plan to help students understand your school's theme for this year? "To encourage the children to trust in the Lord to lead them and to realize all things are possible through Him."

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? "Psalm 100:5 – because it is comforting and a good reminder that God is faithful and loves forever."

Alisa Engelhard

Owl's Nest - L.D. Teacher

B.A. from Calvin College; M.A. from Montclair State

What brought you to EC? "God led us to EC eleven years ago when I needed a student teaching placement. We prayed that God would make His will clear and that we could be obedient, regarding my husband David's job transfer possibility. The option of teaching/student teaching at EC was our answer to prayer. I have been in and round the EC community ever since. Recently I had been working for Bergen County Special Services and was placed at EC. I feel God called me back to being an EC employee and provided a way."

What do you like most about working with EC students? "I like exploring with them the fact that God has a plan and purpose for their lives."

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? "Proverbs 3:5-6 – The theme this year is also my verse. Whether we see it or not, God is in our plan."

Connie Melendez

2nd Grade Aide

B.A. from William Paterson College

What brought you to EC? "My children attend school here."

What do you like most about working with EC students? "I enjoy how each student learns differently and independently from the other."

How do you plan to help students understand your school's theme for this year? "My goal is to model the theme as best I can so that they may follow through in claiming it for themselves."

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? "Psalm 139 – This Psalm is a constant reminder of how God is very personal with me."

Doreen Van Yperen

3rd Grade Instructional Aide

Ridgewood Board of Ed. – Instructional Aide for 6 yrs.

What brought you to EC? "My husband, who is the EC Elementary School Principal"

What do you like most about working with EC students? "I enjoy working with students individually as needed."

What is your favorite Bible verse and why? "Proverbs 3:5-6 – the theme verses for ECES this year."

ECES Theme: "Trust in the Lord."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5&6 NIV

ECES Drama Teams Tell Bible Stories

For the 2005-2006 school year, six different drama teams made up of Fourth Grade students will present skits written and performed by those students. Each skit will be based on a story of the Bible which supports our year-long ECES theme of "Trust in the Lord." The following stories will be portrayed: the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; the story of Moses striking the rock; the story of Elijah; the story of Esther; the story of Thomas; and the story of Hezekiah.

Each student team will prepare, write, and practice an original skit twice a week for six weeks prior to a chapel performance. The teams are coached by **Yvonne Vitale**, who has over 20 years of experience as an educational drama teacher, and **Lisa Hartensveld**, our ECES Art teacher. Before volunteering at ECES, Ms. Vitale worked with schools in the tri-state area writing and performing dramas to help students deal with social issues. Ms. Vitale is a parent of twin boys in our First Grade.



Yvonne Vitale (center) practicing with 4th graders **Sarah Mulcock**, **Connor Milkamp**, **Krista Everson** and **Michelle Suh**.



A scene from the drama "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego" performed by the 4th Graders as part of their program for the Senior Crusaders at Faith Reformed Church in November.

Recycled, Resized, and Rehung



Jackie (L) and Joyce Streelman (R) are ready to hang the drapes.

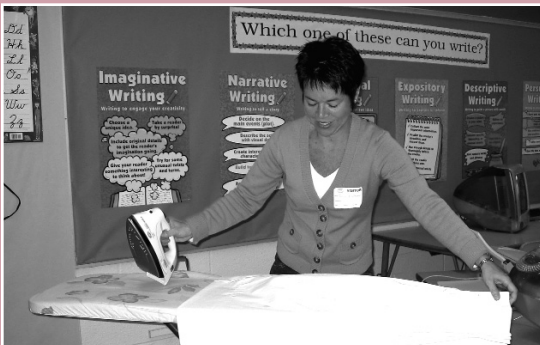
ECES parent, PTO volunteer, and ECSA Board of Directors member **Jackie Streelman** read a newspaper article last summer announcing that the *Holiday Inn of Montvale* was having a Saturday “Going Out of Business” sale. Always looking for a good bargain for Eastern Christian, she attended the sale. Since people

attending the sale were allowed to remove whatever they wanted after paying a nominal fee in the hotel lobby, she quickly decided to grab all the window drapes from the rooms. Jackie filled her van with *Holiday Inn* drapes destined for Eastern Christian Elementary School.

As an active PTO volunteer, Jackie knew that we had been planning to remove our ancient, moth-eaten drapes from the windows running the length of both sides of our gymnasium. In one swooping, pro-active decision, she had procured enough drape length to replace all of our old drapes. However, much work remained. The *Holiday Inn* drapes had to be cut, resized and sewn to fit our windows.

Just at the right time in September, Grandma **Joyce Streelman**, *EC Class of '60* and seamstress extraordinaire, stepped into the project. For two weeks, working day and night, she resized and sewed the drapes to fit the dimensions that she, with the help of custodians, had carefully measured. Returning in October for another visit, she personally hung the drapes with help from EC maintenance man **Mike Auteri** after ECES parents **Yvonne Balkema** and **Dana Doehler** had joined Jackie for an “ironing party” the day before.

Where there is a heart to serve, there is a way to serve. A potentially expensive and onerous job became a wonderful blessing because parent volunteers desiring to serve made the difference!



Yvonne Balkema helped iron the new drapes.

A Place of Mutual Service

BY ECES PRINCIPAL DICK VAN YPEREN

Our doorbell rings over and over every Wednesday morning as parents come to volunteer to cover a classroom over the last half of lunch and cover the playground recess time. Moms sign in and make their way to designated rooms where teachers turn over the lunch supervision at noon. Then teachers gather in collaborative teams for forty-five minutes to work on curriculum, instructional planning, and integration of learning themes. **This extraordinary weekly scenario is only possible because of an active Parent/Teacher Organization which continually asks how they can serve Eastern Christian Elementary School.**

Only half the story of the ECES community is our stated desire to serve the Christian home. We know that every service our faculty and staff can supply is equaled and often exceeded by the service of our parents in fundraising, in encouraging teachers, and in enhancing our learning environment. Our ECES PTO serves our school by providing playground supervision every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school, and every Wednesday during lunch. During these times our faculty has valuable time to work together without interruption in their planning for how best to meet the needs of our students. And this year everyone will see remarkable evidence of our ECES PTO service to the school. Our main entrance grounds and portico will be transformed in a beautification project that includes pavers, new shrubs and landscaping. Additionally, new playground swings and a climbing wall will be installed with PTO funds.

A partnership of mutual service truly makes ECES a very special place.

News from EC Preschool

BY PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR KATHY FAASSE
Excitement about New Programs Grows



Teacher **Sue Martin** pictured Preschool students (L to R): Row 1: **Joseph Bucci, Ryan Vander Hoog**; Row 2: **John Zuidema, Ben Maura, Julia Bavagnoli, Ethan Green, Zachary Stanton**

Eastern Christian Preschool is happy to announce the addition of new programs this fall! “**Lunch Box**” began the second week of school and has been growing steadily each week. Preschoolers, Jr. Kindergarten and half-day Kindergarten students are invited to eat lunch at school. After lunch, Jr. Kindergarten and afternoon Kindergarten children begin their classes while morning students enjoy an afternoon with their friends.

Children who attend “**Stay and Play**” and “**Come and Play**” enjoy special snacks and do theme-centered crafts and activities each week. Activities have ranged

New Energy Conservation Program

BY KURT KABOTH | CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

*“The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden to take care of it and to look after it.”
(Gen. 2:15)*

Our community at Eastern Christian is facing a big challenge this winter—significantly higher utility costs. In response, all of our campuses are implementing a new energy conservation program in line with our great appreciation of the gift of creation and our responsibilities as God’s stewards in His world.

Beginning in November, the temperature of all occupied rooms will be set at no more than 68° and the temperature of unoccupied rooms will be at 62°. We will be attentive to the comfort of students, faculty and staff, but strongly recommend wearing warmer clothing to school this winter.

We have serviced all of our heating plants and equipment, and are looking to make specific repairs to any cracked windows or drafty doors. We have asked everyone not to change any thermostats, and to be sure to turn off lights after the last class and to turn off faucets completely after use. Space heaters are being allowed only by special permission.

Throughout what we hope will be a milder winter, we will continue to focus on these conservation efforts. A fuel surcharge on new rental agreements will be imposed, and we are asking our current renters to consider a gift to offset the increase in heating costs.

Please keep Eastern Christian School in your prayers as we move through this challenging season. We would also ask that you consider an additional gift specifically to help offset the very significant increase in utility bills this winter. Please send these gifts to the Development Office and mark them “Annual Fund - Utilities.”

from making apple crisp and apple prints during Apple Week to building a cookie house and a log cabin during Builders Week. With the holidays approaching, many creative crafts and projects are being planned.

These new programs are held every day at the Preschool campus under the direction of teacher **Sue Martin**. Children and their parents are both excited about these new programs and have said that now there’s “after school” for Preschoolers, too!



Ethan Green eats with other preschoolers at “Lunch Box” time.

Celebrating Church Week

Pre-K and Jr. Kindergarten students at EC Preschool celebrated “Church Week” in October. **Pastor Michael Johnson** of Sixth Reformed Church in North Haledon came to school and spoke with the children. His son **Aidan**, one of the four-year-old Preschoolers, was very happy to bring Dad to his class!

Jr. Kindergarten students visited Bridgeway Community Church in Haledon as part of Church Week. **Pastor Andy Sytsma** gave the class a tour of his church and talked with them. His daughter **Natalie**, one of the Jr. Kindergarten students was excited to bring her class to see her Dad and her church!

Transportation Staff – Ready to Serve



*Veteran bus driver **Ray Roberts** warms up before starting his route.*



*EC bus driver **Jesus Fernandez** is one of many drivers who drive student groups to their field trip destinations.*



*Welcome to **Miriam Lopez-Sanchez**, who is a new EC bus driver this year.*



*A friendly welcome is always ready for you when riding **Doug Wanamaker's** bus.*

EC Special Events Create Community and Raise Needed \$'s



Dining with Friends and Classmates

Dining with Friends and Dining with Classmates took place on Saturday, September 24. It was a beautiful evening for friends to gather for dinner at various homes. The Classes of 1945 and 1950 enjoyed a buffet dinner together, then joined with Dining with Friends hosts and guests “under the stars” on the front lawn of EC’s High School for dessert. The evening raised \$7720 for Eastern Christian and was enjoyed by all who participated. **John De Groot** (’90) provided piano music, including his own original compositions, during the dessert portion of the evening.

Cedar Hill CRC hosted its very own Dining with Friends dinner for the senior citizens of their church. **Jan De See** organized this dinner event, and EC Transportation Coordinator **Deb Vanden Berg** donned her other



Dining with Friends participants Denise and Scott Martin returned to the High School for special desserts and coffee (of course!).

“cap” and agreed to be chef for the night. (Feeding a crowd of 50 wasn’t difficult for one who transports several hundred children every day!) Dinner music was provided by High School students **Paul Bruinooge**, **Dan Pecararo** and **Doug Wessel**. Devotions were led by EC’s 4th Grade teacher **Carol Byrna**. All enjoyed a delicious meal and the evening raised \$2300 for Eastern Christian. It was truly an evening of fellowship and sharing the blessings that EC has been to all who participated.

Auction Elegance – April 6, 2006

EC’s annual Auction Elegance will take place at *The Tides Estate* in North Haledon on Thursday, April 6. Last year 320 guests helped to raise \$40,000 for EC! The Auction Committee is currently accepting donations for Auction Elegance 2006. Would you donate a week’s stay at your vacation home? Do you have a golf membership at a local course where you could host a foursome? Or, do you hold tickets to a great sports event that could be offered at this year’s auction?

The variety and uniqueness of our donations helps in the success of our auction. For more information, please call EC’s Development Office (973-427-9294 ext. 211.)



June’s Chrysler “Drive for the Kids” raised \$1,790 for Eastern Christian School!

Golf Outing – May 22, 2006

Golfers: Mark your 2006 calendar with the date of our Annual Golf Outing – Monday, May 22, 2006. We especially want to encourage business owners to bring an employee foursome. EC Golf Team Alumni: Put together a foursome of former teammates and enjoy a day of golf while helping to raise funds for EC!

Please consider supporting one of these major EC fundraisers with your attendance and/or your donations of items, volunteer services or direct cash gifts.



Two of the coordinators for Dining with Friends were Sarah (Klein) Vanderwall and Liesl (Schuurman) Botbyl.

Facility Improvement Updates

BY FACILITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR DAVID VISBEEN

Two Phases of Boiler Replacement are Completed

This summer the boiler replacement project at the High School continued. In the spring we shared the exciting news about the first phase of the heating system replacement that included the lower level of the building, the cafeteria, the media center, and the classrooms in the Guidance Office corridor.

Thanks to the continued generosity of a donor, this summer saw the second phase completed. With a design completed by Reiner & Company, we were able to maximize the donor's gift and replace the heating in all classrooms located in the science and faculty room corridors. Each classroom has new radiation with individual control. Heat is provided by new boilers that operate at 94% efficiency.

The completion of this phase of the boiler replacement project reduces the load on the original boilers to the gymnasium, five classrooms in the gym corridor, and the office area. Once again, God has provided for ECSA through the generosity of a donor in our community. And as usual, God's timing is amazing. With the increased prices in fuel, our new, high-efficiency boilers should help us better control our costs in the years ahead.

New Handicap Accessible Bathrooms Installed

While the summer is a time for rest and relaxation for many, it is anything but that for the maintenance and custodial crews at Eastern Christian. The day the students and teachers begin their vacations, the maintenance crews go into *high gear!* Desks are moved out and classrooms are cleaned. Furniture is cleaned and repaired as required. Lockers are cleaned and even the gum (yes, from time to time students do chew gum) is scraped off the bottom of chairs. Finally, the floors are waxed and polished to get each building ready for the first day of the next school year.

That would be enough for anyone to handle, but every year it seems that something unusual is added to make the process a bit more difficult for our staff. This year, at the high school, we renovated two bathrooms near the gymnasium, creating dust and disruption right through the first week of school.

Thanks primarily to a grant from the **Homebound Pilots Foundation**, which was established by the late **Peter DeKorte**, these rooms were expanded and renovated to provide ADA-compliant handicap access. The initial intent was simply to renovate the existing bathrooms; but, thanks to the generosity of many, we were able to expand the rooms, relocate a janitor's closet, and install two new water coolers in the gymnasium.

In addition to the generosity of the Homebound Pilots Foundation, the Board of Directors wishes to acknowledge, with gratitude, the contributions of the following donors:

Atkinson Interior Contracting
B & B Property Maintenance
DeByron's Contracting
Eagles Sports Camp
Feitlowitz & Kosten, Architects

Hagedoorn Tile Company
Nicholas Kramer & Son
Post & Kelly Electric
Reiner & Company
Wayne Tile Company

Besides the two bathrooms renovated this summer, the Foundation's grant also provides funds for ADA renovations to the staff bathrooms. We hope to complete those renovations in the near future.

Special Tax Deduction Rules: Effective to End of Year

by Kurt Kaboth, Chief School Administrator

Special tax rules apply to contributions to public charities like Eastern Christian School from August 28th until December 31st. The 50% adjusted gross income limit is lifted for all cash contributions made to charities until year-end. You may wish to discuss this with your tax advisor.

Congress wants to encourage contributions going toward disaster relief, and included all other charities in this special rule adopted in September.

A taxpayer can make any gifts to charities he or she may like, but the amount that can be deducted for federal tax purposes is ordinarily limited to one-half of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income (the number at the bottom of the first page of a 1040 tax return.) The new rule allows the taxpayer to deduct up to the full amount of her or his adjusted gross income.

For example, if a taxpayer had an adjusted gross income of \$25,000, the previous limit on charitable deductions was \$12,500. Now, however, if the taxpayer had circumstances where he or she wished to contribute more than that, any contribution made until December 31st, up to \$25,000 would be deductible.

For corporations, the 10% deduction limit on charitable contributions is also temporarily lifted. This special rule only applies to cash contributions and not contributions of appreciated securities. Other special rules apply to victims of recent natural disasters and to those who have come to their aid.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to Eastern Christian School, or for more information on these special rules, please call the Development Office at 973 427-9294.

T.R.I.P. Update

A new school year of T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan) is well underway. **Last year current EC parents earned almost \$90,000 in tuition credits!** These credits were applied to the November and May tuition bills. In addition, "future families" (families who do not yet have their children in EC) have accumulated over \$70,000 in tuition credits, which will be available to tuition payments in future years.

T.R.I.P. is like most other things – the greater your consistency and effort, the greater the result. Please consider using T.R.I.P. with diligence this year to offset the cost of Christian education – for your own family or to help someone else. If you have any questions, call the T.R.I.P. office at 973-427-9294 ext. 210.

“Feed My Lambs”

A Challenging Reminder From a Former EC Teacher

“Feed my lambs!” Just how a Christian teacher fulfills that scriptural mandate is difficult to answer. So much, to my mind, depends on the teacher herself. In the degree that she feels called by the Lord for this task and no other, to the degree that she is sincerely dedicated to the teaching of His little ones, to the degree she will teach gladly, lovingly and self-sacrificially. The more she teaches, and the longer she teaches, the greater she realizes the immensity of her task and her commitment to the Master. Therefore, the Christian teacher must often herself sit at the Master’s feet and absorb His teachings. It is through this that she gathers strength and serenity for her classroom teaching.



Mrs. Gertrude Huizenga

This strength, this serenity will permeate her teaching. A spirit of love will prevail in the classroom. An earnest desire will be shown to cultivate the talent of each child, whether it be the ten, the five or the one. There will be the daily desire on the part of the teacher to bring the child face to face with himself and with his need to become the Christian citizen God would have him be.

How does she accomplish this? There is no easy formula. Prayer is a vital part of each day. The child is led to feel this. Whether it be the prayer at the beginning of the day in which God’s guidance is sought, or the prayer which mentions the sick child by name, or the prayer which asks God to help an individual child overcome some weakness, or seeking God’s aid, to help us overcome a sin which we as a class are falling into, whatever it may be we are making the child aware that communion with God is something a Christian does all his life. After our noon meal we in our grade are leaning a new prayer every other week; these are brought in by children and teacher. To begin our afternoon work, each child gets the opportunity to open with prayer. At this time, the missionary listed in the Prayer Guide is prayed for; we also point out the field where this missionary is stationed. So the teacher sets a Christian tone in her room through prayer.

She also sets a Christian tone through her bulletin boards. Without preaching, she suggests through pictures and words an attitude for Christian boys and girls to cultivate.

In her subject matter, the Christian teacher desires to make it distinctively Christian whenever she can. A unit on Good Citizens in English is approached rather as Good Christian Citizens. Classification of all things as vertebrates and invertebrates, and the further classification of each is pointed out as a law of orderliness shown in God’s creation. Research on birds, mammals, etc. find the child under the Christian teacher’s guidance, realizing for himself the immensity

of God’s creation. In a unit on colonization in America, the child is made to see God’s guiding hand in the religious beginning of our country. Studying what the tithe means from our Bible story and showing the relationship of this to his allowance is only another instance of distinctive Christian teaching.

Then, one should not overlook the teacher’s personality in shaping young Christian lives. The example of a helping hand here, and encouraging smile, a gentle reproof and even the stern warning or punishment, if carried out in love, shows that the teacher cares. By her example, she sets the tone for Christian living and loving, and sharing and caring in her classroom.

‘Feed my lambs!’ A difficult mandate? Yes, to be sure! A dangerous mandate? – If entered in lightly! A demanding mandate? There is no greater! A discouraging mandate? At times! A distinctive mandate? A challenging one! **For the Christian teacher it is the mandate that she knows she must fulfill, for to her it is the pearl of great price!**

- Gertrude Huizenga

Elementary School Teacher in North 4th Street Christian and Wyckoff Christian Schools in 1950’s and 1960’s

Editor’s Note: Thank you to **Kathy (Eelman) Klaassen** (’68) for sharing this bit of history with us.



Teachers at North 4th Street Christian School in the late 1950’s: Back Row (L to R): Mrs. Gertrude Huizenga, Mrs. Martha De Rose, Mr. Don Holwerda, Mrs. Gertrude Zuidema, Mrs. Esther Bangma, Mr. Gordon Nichols, ??, Miss Emma Wispelwey (Stanavukovich), Mr. Clinton Clark. **Middle Row:** Miss Gerda Beversluis, ??, Miss Evelyn Huizenga, Mrs. Rena Van Hoff, Mr. Rhine Pettinga (Principal), Mrs. Julia Hommes (Secretary), Miss Alice Williams, Miss Gertrude Van Melle. **Front Row:** Miss Marge Van Hook, Mrs. Ellie Van Ry (Rozendale), Mrs. Bertha Fridsma, Mrs. Adrianna Pettinga, Miss Margaret Borduin, Mrs. Jean Kennedy.

Alumni News

Please note: The *Alumni News* we print was either received via a written note, e-mail or was noted from media sources. Alumni are encouraged to e-mail their news to: Alumni@easternchristian.org. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions. Now you can go to our website (www.easternchristian.org) and fill out a 5-minute survey so you can keep informed about EC. You can also submit your story or give your testimonial about your EC education. Check it out!

FORMER STAFF

Former teacher **Rev. Dick Oostenink, Jr.** sent in a note that his wife, **Marie Oostenink**, passed away in May 2005 at the age of 86. Marie taught for many years at the North 4th St., Pine St. and Wyckoff campuses. We extend our sympathy to Marie's family including children **Dick ('63)**, **Ruth ('68)** and **Judy ('71)**.

CLASS OF 1930

Elmer De Jong and his wife Naomi celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in February 2005. Sadly, in August Naomi passed away. Elmer now lives with his daughter Christa in York, Maine.

CLASS OF 1937

Donald van Reken writes, "After 2 years of college, I was in the US Army for 4 years. A pilot of a C-47, I dropped paratroops at Normandy on

D-Day and paratroops at Arnhem on Sept 16, 1944. After my army life, I was a missionary teacher in Nigeria for 8 years and a Christian School teacher in Cicero and later at Holland Christian Schools. God has blessed me."

Elsie (Van Hoff) Gideon sent the Development Office copies of news clippings about **Barney Steen ('38)** (see article page 12) and copy of a 1914 photo featuring a number of N. 4th St. grads and a program that included Development Office Assistant **Corene De Graaf's ('47)** father in the student listing!

CLASS OF 1938

Barney Steen passed away on 9/23/05. Barney taught at Eastern Academy from 1946 to 1951. He received his Master's Degree and Ph.D. from Columbia University and then taught at Calvin College from 1952 to 1983. Barney was a beloved coach to many and our sympathy is

extended to his family. (See additional article in Sports.)

CLASS OF 1945

Members of the Class of 1945 gathered as part of EC's fundraiser, "Dining with Classmates" in September. A group of 16 classmates along with spouses spent a wonderful evening renewing friendships and reminiscing. Classmates traveling from out-of-state included **Mae Harriet (Van Dyk) Rooy** from Florida, **Doris (Hofstra) Villerreal** from Texas and **Alice Wisse** from Illinois. EC's Development Office thanks Doris and **Gerda Beversluis** for coordinating this get-together.

CLASS OF 1955

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Class Rep **Elsie (Schwier) Golden** sent in this



Members of the Class of 1945 who attended Dining with Classmates in September: Row 1 (Seated L to R): Gerda Beversluis, Gary Link, Gertrude (Hartensveld) Troast, Jessie (Dykhouse) Vogel, Fred Sikkema, Mae Harriet (Van Dyk) Rooy, John Kooreman, Alice Wisse. Row 2: Daniel Minkema, Robert Troast, Ann (Vande Ree) Fisher, Helen (Van Abbema) Borduïn, Alice (Kruithof) Baker, Doris (Hofstra) Villerreal, Muriel (Van Lenten) Prins, Lenora (Visbeen) Malefyt, Herman Schipper.

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Four women from the Class of 1950 attended Dining with Classmates, along with their spouses. Pictured (L to R) are: Bill and Elizabeth (Malefyt) Almroth, Jake and Doris (Hall) Kuiken, Betty (Kuiphoff) and Jim Youngsman and Eleanor (Van Der Weert) and John Kooreman.

summary of their recent reunion: "The Eastern Christian High School Class of 1955 celebrated its 50th Class Reunion on Friday, October 14, 2005, at Ossy's Restaurant in Hawthorne. Classmates were greeted on arrival and each had their picture taken. Everyone wore a name tag to identify themselves to fellow classmates, who may not have seen them for many years. The room was decorated with blue and gold balloons. Class President **Ray Luyendyk** welcomed everyone and opened the evening with Scripture reading and prayer. He stated that 'in 50 years most of our classmates have had some sort of tribulation, but

God is in control of our lives and our hope is in Him'. Ray then led a time of remembrance for the lives of the eleven classmates and two teacher advisors who had been called to their heavenly home.

Bill Van Dyke served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. He included humorous antidotes about certain classmates and helped to provide an informal atmosphere which was enjoyed by all. **Kurt Kaboth**, the new Superintendent/Chief School Administrator, was invited to join the reunion and talked about his vision for Eastern Christian. **John Steen**

reminded classmates of their final graduation wishes by reading the humorous 'Class Will.' **Mae (Bangma) Reinstra** presented classmates with a number of 'White Elephant Awards' based on information gathered from questionnaires submitted prior to the reunion. The reunion attendance totaled 43 including 23 classmates. It was a wonderful evening for renewing friendships and catching up on the lives of classmates.

The Class of 1955 has a couple of unique distinctions. It was the first class to graduate from the new high school facility in North Haledon on June 24, 1955, and the first class to graduate as Eastern Christian High School, having spent three years at Eastern Academy in Prospect Park. The Class of 1955 expressed its gratitude for the commitment and sacrifices made by parents to provide a Christian education and the many blessings that God has showered upon classmates and families in the fifty years since graduation. The evening ended with the nostalgic singing of the class hymn."

CLASS OF 1956

Class Rep: **Shirley (Van Til) Faber**
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Class Rep **Shirley (Van Til) Faber** writes, "Save the Date – October 13, 2006! We had our first meeting to plan our 50th class reunion. If you attended the last one, you will remember how great it was and won't want to miss this one. You will soon be receiving some information in the



1955 Class Reunion - October 14, 2005: Row 1 (Seated L to R): Bill De Jonge, Ken Van Til, Claire (Douma) Van Til, Elsie (Schwier) Golden, Mae (Bangma) Rienstra, Doris (Van Ostenbridge) De Jong, Dot (Pruim) Carlson, Don Zuidema, Bob Jeffer. Row 2: Dick Watterz, Henry Amos, Jim Reynierse, Joan (Hommes) Zuidema, Helena (Fylstra) Foster, Nancy (Rooze) Laauwe, John Steen, Don Knapp. Row 3: Dick Schipper, Ray Luyendyk, Bill Van Dyke, Ted Faber, Ed Jaasma, Jim Littel.

mail. Please respond back as soon as you can. Any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 201-891-4807 or at the above-listed email address." In addition to Shirley, the other committee members are **Len Dykman, Richard Kuiken, Marilyn (Van Ek) De Block** and **Beatrice (Van Beveren) Spalt**.

CLASS OF 1962

Class Rep: Nancy (Hartog) Ruitter

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"Be sure to tell people that I'm delighted with the quilt and glad to support EC!" This was **Linda (Vermeulen) Foster's** comment when she traveled to NJ this summer to pick up her quilt at the home of **Gerry Nywening ('39)**, one of the *Esther Quilters*. Linda had brought her patchwork from Michigan to this EC-supporting volunteer group, whose labor of love added the final quilting. Linda said that she saw the article about this faithful group in a past issue of *The Herald* and liked the idea of giving to the school in this way. While EC photographer **Mark Lucas** was taking photos, Linda and Mark discovered another EC connection – Mark's parents and his in-laws were long-time friends of Linda's parents, Nick and Jo Vermeulen. Linda now works as the Director of Education for the 1st Reformed Church in Byron Center, MI. She and her husband Barry live in Grandville and can be contacted at barrylindafoster@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1964

Class Rep: Ruth (Smith) Choka

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Ruth Choka e-mailed, "This past summer I had lunch with **Bernice Houseward** who was in NJ on vacation. Bernice is married to **Stephen Pastor** and they reside in Michigan. Bernice is the media librarian at Rose Wood Elementary School and teaches K-6 information skills. She also still performs in theatres in the Grand Rapids area. Bernice also keeps in touch with **Carol (Wynbeek) Veldman** and former classmate **Ann (Pekelder) Bruinooge**. She is asking to hear from **Charlotte Bilson**.

Bernice can be reached at bernieh5@hotmail.com."

Ruth also had an update on **Bob Pruiksmas**:



Anita (Van Valkenburgh) Tirpak with husband Clint and son Ty.

EC Alumni Root for Hawaii Team at the Little League World Series

Eastern Christian alumni were in abundance at the Little League World Series in August. **Anita (Van Valkenburgh '81) Tirpak's** son, Ty, is an outfielder on the Ewa Beach (Hawaii) Little League Team. In December, Anita's husband Clint was diagnosed with cancer. While undergoing chemotherapy treatments, Clint could not travel with the team while they were focusing on winning the regional championship. Anita's dad, Don Van Valkenburgh, flew to Hawaii to help out with Clint's first-base coach duties. He lugged batting cages and pitching machines to practice every day! Clint was able to join the team in time for the playoffs. The World Series took place in Williamsport, PA, close enough for many New Jersey friends and relatives to come to the games. In addition to Anita

and Clint, **Alida Borduin ('41)** and **Don Van Valkenburgh** attended along with Anita's brothers, **Don ('70)** and **Roger ('73)** and their families. **Virginia ('64)** and **Richard Tirpak, Bruce ('82)** and **Karen (Reinstra '83) Borduin, Gary** and **Jeanne (de Korte) Veenstra ('81), Ben** and **Sharon (Zuidema) Spoelstra ('81)** and their families all attended as well as **Hilda (Tuit) Borduin ('43)** and **Korky and Sue (Borduin) Vander Ploeg ('75)**. Undefeated, Hawaii beat Curacao in the final "nail-biting" game to win the World Championship title, which was broadcast live on ABC!

Sue Vander Ploeg adds, "Sharing this with my cousin and cheering with the Hawaiian people was a thrill I'll never forget. Relatives flew in 'leis' for the moms several times. Fresh flower leis from Hawaii were worn at Little League championship games in Pennsylvania! It was incredible to experience this event with so many EC people. Ty Tirpak attends Hanalani Christian School...a school similar in size to EC...God is faithful through the generations."



Anita's son Ty recited the Little League pledge at the beginning of the final game, and husband Clint (far right) recited the Parent's pledge.

"Bob is married to **Mary Beth (Meenen) Pruiksmas ('70)**. They sold their business and retired 6 years ago and now reside in a small mountain town in Colorado. Their house is built on 35 acres and they have a 50-mile view of the surrounding area. Bob is involved in the county search and rescue organization as the administra-

tor, vice chairman of the Board of Directors, and he coordinates operations during missions from the searchbase. He also teaches a class in 'lost subject behavior.' He and Mary are the financial secretaries in their church. When they are not volunteering, Bob and Mary hike some of the most the beautiful mountains in the country

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(Sangre de Cristos), and drive their jeep on the back road mountain passes or fish. Bob says he always has room for guests and can be reached at pruiksmapiopc.net.”

CLASS OF 1965

Class Rep Needed

Carol (Meyer) Vander Tuin contacted the Development Office asking if any classmates might have plans for a reunion this year or next.

CLASS OF 1969

Class Rep Needed

Lynn (Borduin) Faber informed the Development Office with regret that she can no longer act as the Class Rep for Class of 1969. Lynn has experienced health issues for many years and we appreciate her years of service. If anyone is interested in representing this class, please contact the Development Office.

CLASS OF 1972

Class Rep Needed

Larry Hoogerhyde ('54) e-mailed the sad news that his former student Mark Van Halsema had suddenly passed away on Aug. 3, 2005. Mark is fondly remembered as an annual member of the EC Forum Club during his high school years, most notably starring as the “King” in

“The King and I” in 1972. We express our sympathy to Mark’s family.

CLASS OF 1974

Class Rep: Betsy (Leesman) Ertmann
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Class Rep: Karen (Veenstra) Nelson
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Former teacher Larry Hoogerhyde ('54) e-mailed the Development Office to comment that while visiting his children in San Diego, CA, he had the opportunity to have lunch with two former students, Bryan Martin and his sister Jill (Martin) Rische ('75). Larry writes, “Both Jill and Bryan are very involved in the work of the kingdom. It was exciting to share and learn of their work for the Lord. What a joy to see two former students after so many years and to learn of their work in God’s kingdom. As teachers we sometimes wonder what happens to those students in whom we have invested so much time. Here is a wonderful example of the returns on that investment. I know there are many more examples and I praise God for allowing me to be a part of each of their lives.” Jill herself e-mailed the following additional information: “[My husband Kevin and I] are the founders and directors of Walter Martin Ministries ([www.walter-](http://www.walter-martin.com)

www.walter-martin.com) located in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We are the producers of the nationwide radio program ‘Essential Christianity,’ featuring my father Dr. Walter Martin as ‘The Original Bible Answer Man.’” Jill has co-authored *Through the Windows of Heaven: 100 Powerful Stories and Teachings from Walter Martin, the Original Bible Answer Man*. She is also the author of *Jack Star and the Secret Door*, a youth fantasy adventure in the tradition of C. S. Lewis’s *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Jill has been a guest on radio programs across the United States and Canada, including Billy Graham’s *Decision Today*, and Janet Parshall’s *America*.

CLASS OF 1975

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The Class of '75 extends their sympathy to classmates Barry and Adria (Van Leeuwen) Broersma on the death of their son, who died after a car accident this summer. See news about Jill (Martin) Rische under Class of 1974.

CLASS OF 1981

Class Rep: Karen (Davis) Hagedoorn
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Class of 1995 – 10-Year Reunion – November 26, 2005 **Front Row:** Jackie Brock Brauch, Maya Hemmingway, Diane Hollema De Rooy, Sarah Klein VanderWall, Stephanie Baptiste, Donna Huntington Herr, Elizabeth Hoogmoed, Becky Dykhouse Teusink, Darlene Faasse Kameno, Joanne Dykhouse, Jacki Carucci **Back Row:** Blaine Falkena, Pete Schipper, Steve Peters, Dan De Rooy, Ken Jeltema, Jonathan Van Haste, Neil Vander Weert, John Belanus, Brian Lass, Paul Heerema, Andy Steen, Nick Veenstra, Jason Terpstra, Keith Post, Bob Bley, Brian Roper

See the special article in this issue on **Anita (Van Valkenburgh) Tirpak** and her EC alumni relatives at the Little League World Series.

CLASS OF 1985

Class Rep: Laura (Golden) Gorter

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Reunion Rep: Susan (Dykman) D'ambra

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A Twenty-Year Reunion was held on Saturday, November 26th at the Indian Trail Club. More information will be in the next issue of *The Herald*.

CLASS OF 1990

Class Rep: Julie (Frens) Stinton

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Pam Husselman e-mailed to say, "I have been in contact with **Jo-Nathan Kyles** recently, and he says hello. He is making a name for himself as a

Rock-N-Roll star and will have an album out in stores in the spring."

Sue (Van Heemst) Schulster sent the following update, "We recently had another baby (See *Alumni Births*)...My husband, Don, is now in his 5th year as pastor of Good Shepherd Church in Hilltown, PA. I guess I'm technically a stay-at-home mom, although I do have a part-time job as a tour guide/historic interpreter at a 44-room concrete castle called *Fonthill Museum* in Doylestown, PA. " Sue adds that she would love to hear from classmates at suevhs@verizon.net.

CLASS OF 1994

Class Rep: Julie (Bowers) Tilson

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Class Rep **Julie (Bowers) Tilson** notified us of her recent move. Classmates can contact Julie at the above address with your news and announcements.

CLASS OF 1995

Class Rep: Elizabeth Hoogmoed

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A Ten-Year Reunion was held on Saturday, November 26th at Portobello's in Oakland. More information will be in the next *Herald* issue. Congratulations to the following classmates who were recently married:

Congratulations to **Andrew Steen** and **Rachelle (Scarpa) Steen ('99)** who were married on July 2 at Grace Church in Ridgewood. After a honeymoon in Portugal, they now live in Prospect Park, NJ. Andy is employed by Needlecraft and Rachelle is a second grade teacher at Eastern Christian Elementary School.

Congratulations also to **Shannon (Cooper) Bush** who was married to Niels Bush on Oct. 15 at New Life Ministries in Midland Park, NJ.

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ECHS Class of 1995 Graduation Photo: Row 1 (Left to Right): Eva Negretti, Jennifer Janecek, Sharon Vogel, Jackie Brock, Katie Wray, Brenda Cooke, Rebecca Dykhouse, Vickie Folkerts, Diane Hollema. Row 2: Elizabeth Hoogmoed, Kim Dyksen, JoAnne Dykhouse, Sheryl King, Sarah Klein, Megan Simcox, Nancy Ochs, Kristine Bersch, Emily Vander Goot, Joanna De Groot, Gregg Boonstra. Row 3: Brian Lass, Amy Brauch, Hannah Christoffels, Jackie Carucci, Martha Cooke, Kristin Anema, Shannon Cooper, Carrie Tanis, Donna Huntington, Darlene Faasse, Heather Unrath, Gabe Cuervo. Row 4: Ernie Pastor, Matt Van Genderen, Dave De Waal Malefyt, Tim De Boer, Isaac Kreil, Brian Ten Kate, Nick Veenstra, Bob Bley, Christian Huizenga, Dan Aupperlee, Brain Bangma. Row 5: Ken Jeltema, Joe Weitz, Jon Van Haste, Michael Laauwe, Mark Huther, Mike Kuiken, Andrew Brown, Dave Vander Plaat, C. Jason Terpstra. Row 6: Paul Laauwe, Stephen Peters, Peter Schipper, Brian Roper, Jason Lenderink, Neal Vander Weert, Dan De Rooy, David Rohner, Kevin Heerema. Row 7: Keith Post, Michael Bosloper, Marc Pruiksma, Adam Costello, Keith Modelski, Doug Wieggers, Paul Heerema, Jon Belanus, Russell Meyer, Andy Steen, Daren Van Dyke. (Not Pictured: Steffany Baptiste, Maya Hemingway, and Aaron Goar.)

Alumni Birth Announcements

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

CLASS OF 1977 – Rich and Kathy (Van Goor '81) Vriesema, a daughter, Michelle Lynne on 8/22/05. Michelle joins Emily (age 16), Andrew (age 14), Allison (age 12) and Michael (age 7).

CLASS OF 1986 – Ken and Laura (Veenstra '89) Steenstra, a daughter, Jaclyn Taylor on 7/22/05. Jaclyn joins Cheryl (age 9), Scott (age 6) and Kelly (age 2).

CLASS OF 1987 – Susan (Meenen) Balsamello and husband Chris a daughter, Rachel Marie, on October 25. Rachel joins 2-year-old sister Jaclyn.

CLASS OF 1988 – David and Mary (Kolk) Dykman, a son, Jonathan David Dykman, born on November 10, 2004. Jonathan joins sisters Casey (11) and Kelly Grace (7).

CLASS OF 1990 – Rick and Sheryl (King '95) Pierce, a son, Richard John on 6/14/05.

CLASS OF 1990 – Don and Sue (Van Heemst) Schulster, a daughter, Grace Julian on 7/19/05. Grace joins big brother Aiden (age 3).

CLASS OF 1998 – Chris and Sandi (King) Chiera, a daughter, Mattison Brielle on 7/21/05.

CLASS OF 1999 – Helen and Robert Mader, a son, Aiden Robert on 6/3/05.

Alumni are encouraged to submit birth announcements by e-mail or letter to: Editor, *The Herald*.

CLASS OF 1996

Class Rep: Rebecca (Aupperlee) Lapinsky
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Paul and Cheryl (Crean) Cusack ('01) were married on Sept. 17 at Faith Community CRC in Wyckoff, NJ. They are now residing in Midland Park. Paul graduated from Reformed Bible College in December 2004 and is working at Faith Reformed Church in Midland Park as Youth Pastor.

Congratulations to **Peter Ten Kate** and **Janeen Peters ('01)** who are engaged to be married in May 2006. Pete is a graduate of William Paterson University and is employed as a salesman for Reiner & Co.

CLASS OF 1997

Class Rep: James Pyrich

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Emanuele and **Lori (Spyckaboer) Intorrella** were married on Sept. 9 at The Bethwood in Totowa,

NJ. They are now living in Sterling Forest, NY. Lori is working as a medical assistant for Dr. Boyd Seidenberg in Ridgewood, NJ.

On Oct. 15 **Jeff and Marina (Granuzzo) White ('99)** were married in Covenant CRC on Oct. 15th. They are living in North Haledon, NJ.

CLASS OF 1998

Class Rep: Sandi (King) Chiera
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Congratulations to the following classmates who were recently married:

Bryan Bunagan was married on Oct. 15th to Michelle De Ritter. The wedding took place at Cornerstone Church in Wyckoff, NJ.

Eric Nelson and Michele (Sietsma) Nelson were married on Aug. 13 at Unity CRC. They are residing in Hawthorne, NJ.

Kim (Veenstra) Meserole married Jeremy Meserole on July 1 at Faith Community CRC in Wyckoff, NJ. They are living in Stony Brook, NY.

CLASS OF 1999

Class Rep: Jennifer (Van Der Heide) Rysdam
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Congratulations to **Melissa (Bruins) Macy** and **Sam Macy** who were recently married at Covenant CRC in North Haledon, NJ. They are residing in Hawthorne, NJ.

Robert Mader is currently deployed in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. He is assigned to the 16th Expeditionary Special Operations Group. (See *Alumni Births*)

CLASS OF 2000

NEW Class Rep: Janelle Klaassen
E-Mail: Bella8262@aol.com

Janelle Klaassen has agreed to be the Class Rep for Class of 2000. She also reported that she and **Stephen Peters ('95)** are recently engaged and planning an April 8, 2006 wedding.

Also, congratulations to the following classmates who were recently married:

Benjamin Ashby and **Sarah (Steenstra) Ashby** were married on Aug. 6 at Covenant CRC in North Haledon, NJ. They reside in Holland, MI where Sarah teaches 2nd Grade at Holland Christian School.

Jamin DeJong and **Amy (Kraai) DeJong** were

married on June 4. They live in Grand Rapids, MI where Amy is attending Grand Valley State College to obtain a teaching certificate.

Jon Kuiken and Amy Cram were married on Saturday, Oct. 8 in Pemroke, MA. They are residing in Brighton, MA where Jon is working on a graduate degree at Boston College.

CLASS OF 2001

Class Reps: Gina Marocco
25 Weldon Ct., Totowa, NJ 07512

Yvonne Wisse

33 Cogswell Ave. Apt. 11, Cambridge, MA 02140
E-Mail: yjwisse@hotmail.com

Class Rep **Yvonne Wisse** e-mailed, "I wanted to update my contact information... so that classmates can easily contact me for Class Of 2001 announcements." See her new address above.

Cheryl (Crean) Cusack was recently married (See *Class of 1996*). She graduated from Calvin College in May 2005 and is working for the Hawthorne Public School System as a special education teacher's assistant.

Congratulations to the following classmates who were also recently married:

Whitney (Maneri) Samples and **Adam Samples** who were married on July 1 at Christ Church in Newton, NJ. They reside in Huntington Beach, CA where Whitney teaches 3rd Grade at nearby St. Pious School.

Congratulations to **Jeff Dekker** and his wife **Ashley Grube** on their wedding Oct. 15 in Michigan. They are residing in Naperville, IL.

Also congratulations to **Janeen Peters** who was recently engaged (See *Class of 1996*). Janeen graduated in May from William Paterson University with a degree in Elementary Education.

CLASS OF 2003

Class Rep Needed

Jade Van Vlaanderen has accepted a position as a dancer on the Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pride of Aloha*.

After completing Army Basic Training in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, **Allan Fix** was stationed in Bamberg, Germany with the 130th Engineers Brigade. While there, he earned his Combat Lifesaver Certification and achieved the rank of Specialist. He was deployed to Iraq on 10/31/05 where he will serve as Tactical

Commander on search and detection missions of improvised explosive devices. Allan's parents, Chris Fix and Cheryl (Breure) Zahner ('78) enjoyed having him home this past August. He would welcome e-mail at *Snofix21@aol.com*. Please pray that God will keep Allan safe and bring him home to family and friends.

Congratulations to Sarah Vander Ploeg who played the role of "Lily" in the Princeton University Player's musical production of *The Secret Garden* in November!

CLASS OF 2004

Class Rep Needed

Julie (Nienhouse) Preiskines and Josh Preiskines were married Aug. 6 at Covenant CRC in North Haledon, NJ.

CLASS OF 2005

Editor's Note: See photo below for news about two June graduates who received Holland Christian Home Scholarship awards.



In addition to the scholarships listed in the summer issue of *The Herald*, the Executive Director of Foundations for the Holland Christian Home Richard Kuiken presented scholarships to two graduates of the Class of 2005. **Lauren De Jong** and **Kelley Greenfield** each received a Holland Home Nursing Scholarship in June. Lauren and Kelley are now attending The College of NJ.

Two EC graduates from the Class of 2003 were among the other scholarship recipients: **Lauren Decker** and **Rebecca Santhouse**. The Holland Christian Home's newsletter stated: "While no one knows what the future holds, if we continue in faith, we can move into the future with hope. And a look at some of the members of the younger generations associated with the Home confirms that hope! The Holland Christian Home Scholarship Fund is one source of that hope. The Fund was established in 1983 (?) in memory of Peter Vogel, a beloved member of the Holland Christian Home community who had served 25 years on the Board and 13 years as chief administrator. The Fund provides scholarships to qualified students pursuing nursing majors." Thank you to the Holland Christian Home for their generous support of our students!

A New Eastern Christian School Alumni Directory is Coming!

Eastern Christian School has selected University Publishing Corporation (UPC) to publish a revised, updated and affordable alumni directory for 2006. Located in Bloomington, Indiana, UPC specializes in the publication of high school, college and professional school directories nationwide. Their unique methods will allow us to provide an attractive and accurate directory to all participating alumni *at no cost* to Eastern Christian. The directories will be sold by UPC for \$29.00, with a share of the profits going back to our school when at least 20% of our alumni purchase a book.

Watch the mail for more information. You can help update our records simply by completing and returning an information card, but we encourage you to consider supporting the program by purchasing a directory. (*Please note that this project is separate from our Annual Fund Drive*). Your enthusiastic response is crucial to the success of the program. Distribution is scheduled for Fall, 2006.

Dining with Classmates

ATTENDEES SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What is the most important lesson you learned at EA?

"There were so many important lessons learned in those early years, but what we were always aware of was that we were covenant kids and had to behave accordingly. It was a privilege to go to a Christian school" – Alice Wisse

"Educationally – how to write term papers. Personally – a great gain in self-confidence. Spiritually – the importance of God in every sphere of my life." – Mae Harriet (Van Dyk) Rooy

"Discipline" – Fred Sikkema

"How important a Christian Education is throughout life." – Doris (Hofstra) Villarreal

How has your education at EA helped you – in your work or volunteer service?

"EA taught me what education meant: to serve our Lord in every aspect of our lives. Our class motto was 'Rowing, not drifting.' I often told my students to row, not drift." – Alice Wisse

"Help to live the Christian life" – Fred Sikkema

"As a teacher, the personal interest each one of my teachers took in us gave me role models to follow." – Mae Harriet (Van Dyk) Rooy

Looking for Classmates Online?

You need a password to the *EC Alumni Directory* located on our affiliated website, www.theclassList.com/ecsa. It is simple to get your password! The first step is to identify yourself as a valid alumnus by e-mailing us (development@easternchristian.org) your graduation year or years of attendance, your mailing address and an e-mail address for us to use. Once we verify the information, a password will be e-mailed back to you. You can search for classmates, get their e-mail addresses and also decide which e-mail calendar you wish to receive.

EC ALUMNI WHO ARE CODED "LOST" ON OUR DATABASE

Contact the Development Office if you have address information for any person listed.

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
1924	William Zeedyk	1962	Mary Hunter	1972	Greg Van Den Berg	1982	Ken Reyes
1926	Jack Van Dyk	1962	Nelly Sytsma Kaat	1972	William Vander Horn	1982	Bill Sampson
1926	Leonard Van Olden	1962	John Knoops	1972	Mark Young	1982	Melanie Hennigh Shultz
1926	George Younge	1962	Roberta Rieck	1972	Paul Young	1983	John Fyffe
1927	Carrie Bakker	1962	Fred Rozendal	1973	Frances Geertsema	1983	William Reinalda
1928	Catherine Mathewson	1962	Ruth Vander Weert Stelstra	1973	Brian Martin	1984	Eugena Drakeford
1928	Alvin Vander Byl	1963	Lois Vermeulen Boonstra	1973	Gilbert Meyer	1985	Penny Copeland Brown
1929	Sadie Hettema	1963	Janet Nederfield De Long	1973	Judith Greydanus Miller	1985	Lynda Remington Keifer
1929	Mitcheal Orbeck	1963	Marshall Kunerth	1973	Marilyn Klapmust Mooney	1985	Edelys Montes de Oca Rosales
1929	Jeanette Vander Groef	1963	Andrea Leong Leong	1974	Beverly Cebra	1986	Sherry Askew
1929	Tunis Verblaauw	1964	Clare Garver	1974	Peter Decker	1986	Sharon Chappell
1931	Alberdina Bos	1964	Floyd Josten	1974	Sandra Young Martone	1986	Michael Cochran
1931	Mildred Holmberg Muller	1964	Alan Post	1975	Lawrence Bandstra	1986	Tara Hand
1932	Pearl Tilstra	1964	Richard Schaaafsma	1975	Kevin Brown	1986	Nancy Pulhamus
1932	Henry Van Dyke	1964	Valerie Schuler	1975	Herman Herrera	1986	Lisa Faber Teja
1933	Grace Rozema Shideler	1965	Virginia Benefield	1975	Terry Li	1987	Mark Beamon
1934	Jeanne Meyers Tanis	1965	Carolyn Feenstra	1975	Debra Prather	1987	Renee French
1934	Greta Vander Valk	1965	Margaret Reid Greydanus	1975	Theresa Wielenga Stockton	1987	Isaac Wilson
1935	Vivian Walder Younger	1965	George Gros	1975	Bernardo Tedesco	1988	Cindy McClam Hunt
1936	Trina Travaille	1965	Karen Krause	1975	Anne Vander Roll	1988	Heather Shanley
1937	Klazina Kuiken Cartland	1965	Edwin Van Ek	1976	Cynthia Taylor Ahmad	1988	Kenneth Stuhr
1937	Robert Meima	1965	Bruce Van Haveren	1976	Vincent Bivins	1989	Allison Dansen
1937	James Van Dyke	1965	Paul Van Ness	1976	Gregg Fisher	1989	Rene Garcia
1938	Emma Kuiken Puderbaugh	1965	Shirley Veenema	1976	Francisco Gonzalez	1989	Jennifer Tackema Muller
1938	Russell Williamson	1966	Carol Schuurman Brain	1976	Alice Van De Ree	1989	Sean White
1940	Eileen Jurgensen Angelillo	1966	Daniel Englishman	1977	Samuel Abma	1989	Eric White
1940	Elizabeth Bruining	1966	Paul Ferrar	1977	Esther Dobutovic Harding	1990	Alexandria Edwards Galuski
1941	Dorothy Locker Basie	1966	Walter Madern	1977	Ruth De Boer Harrell	1990	Yolanda Nichols Greene
1941	John Basie	1966	Ruth Hengeveld Madern	1977	Valerie Carter Howard	1990	Kevin Hames
1941	William Farrar	1966	John Quock	1977	Christine Monk	1990	Oslin Holder Reavis
1941	Christoffel Van Buren	1966	Bruce Slump	1977	Donald Van Eck	1991	Katherine Jaarsma
1946	Marie Huizer Witte	1967	Eileen Hollander Boote	1978	Tina Fairfax	1991	Jason Lapinsky
1947	William Rankin	1967	Duane Siff	1978	Mercedes Monica Godoy	1991	Sandra Waite
1947	Barry Youmans	1968	Keith Bell	1978	Monica Jackson	1992	Stephan Linton
1948	Laurie Lowe	1968	Robert Nienhouse	1978	Adria Johnson	1993	Crystal Feggins
1948	August Vogel	1969	Ruth Rhoda Clark	1978	Peter Kress	1993	Jessica Izurieta
1950	Bruce Miller	1969	Karen Green	1978	Damaris Martin	1993	Ivy Joo
1951	Elaine Doran Bandstra	1969	Norman Steenstra	1978	Sylvia Luscher McCarthy	1994	Katherine Thebeau
1953	Lucille De Marco	1970	Thomas Avogardo	1978	Barbara Samson	1995	Jeffrey Jensen
1954	Gertrude Boer	1970	Stacey Gerhard	1978	Kenneth Vander Sluys	1995	Jason Wallerius
1954	Rena Meima	1970	Cynthia Haven Page	1978	Debbie Vieldhouse	1998	Jason Dyer
1955	Nella Traas Shorey	1970	Sueann Schotanus Posthumus	1979	Daniel Murray	1998	Julie Mahan
1956	Howard Hornstra	1970	Bruce Pruiksm	1979	Margie Bivins Saunders	1999	Kent Williams
1957	Sybridge Smilde De Haas	1970	Luis Santa Cruz	1980	Elizabeth Cedano	2000	Wing (Winnie) Fung
1957	Helen George	1971	James Burnham	1980	Linnea Johnson	2000	JiYoon Lee
1957	John Hornstra	1971	Robert Van Dyk	1980	Sharon Voorman Snowberger	2001	Meghan Faber Moran
1958	Ann Fieldhouse Moscatello	1972	Norman Brinkerhoff	1981	Timothy Brown	2004	Rebecca Hersh
1959	Grace Gonzales Elkhardt	1972	Michael Bush	1981	David Lintvedt	2005	Eun Ho Choi
1959	Marion Harvey Yascyniak	1972	Debra Bush	1981	Thomas Van Wyk	2005	Yong Hwon (Nick) Kwon
1960	David Schuil	1972	Cynthia Butts	1982	Doris Arnett-Gary		
1960	Philip Wang Yee-Lap	1972	Evi Fry	1982	Jeanette Bivins		
1961	Joyce Kruithof	1972	Roger Huckins	1982	Aimee Cooper		
1961	Eric Mak	1972	Lenny Madern	1982	Steven Graves		
1962	Frederick Eckhardt	1972	Roger Van Den Berg	1982	Jennifer Kuipers		

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June 23, 2005 – October 25, 2005

Gifts received after October 25, 2005 will be acknowledged in the next issue of The Herald. During this time period, 280 gifts were received or pledged in honor/memory of a loved one or friend. The total amount of these gifts in honor /memory of a loved one or friend was \$34,801.22. Thank you to all who made these donations to support Christian Education at EC!

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