

August 12, 2014

Eastern Christian High School Attn Ruth Kuder, Principal 50 Oakwood Ave North Haledon New Jersey 07508

Dear Ruth,

Congratulations! Christian Schools International is pleased to celebrate with you the recognition that **Eastern Christian High School** has received. It is an honor for the school to be listed on the website "The Best Schools in America." It is for God's glory that we celebrate your listing among the fifty schools named as "The Best Christian High Schools in America."

We are especially encouraged to hear from the editors of the list that they sought schools that demonstrated intentionality of spiritual formation (faith development) and commitment to mission, because those things are central to Christian education. We were also happy to hear that the researchers were seeking schools that demonstrated academic excellence and innovative practices, because high standards are honoring to God and for the students entrusted to our care. The editor and researchers wanted to identify schools from all across the country, so they conducted their research in regions to make sure that they accomplished this goal, thereby discovering rich geographical diversity as well as diversity in the student body of the schools.

Given these high and laudable standards, we are pleased—but not at all surprised—that 14 percent of the schools recognized are member schools. These schools demonstrate the characteristics which led to this recognition. But beyond the criteria, these schools, like most of our member schools, are built on a foundation of Scripture and faithfulness. They, like most of our member schools, are driven by their mission to advance the kingdom of God into every corner of their community and into all the world.

Christian Schools International is proud to be alongside of each of our schools as they seek to serve God faithfully, and it is a privilege to affirm your school as one of the seven Christian Schools International member schools listed among the best Christian high schools in America:

Eastern Christian High School, New Jersey
Holland Christian High School, Michigan
Lynden Christian High School, Washington
Pella Christian High School, Iowa
Rehoboth Christian School, New Mexico
Sioux Falls Christian High School, South Dakota
Valley Christian High School, Arizona

We congratulate **Eastern Christian High School** for being named among the seven. We are thankful for you, for your rich heritage, for your faithfulness, and for your service to our Lord.

In His Service,

Dave Koetje President/CEO

Cc: Tom Dykhouse, Executive Director
Eastern Christian School Association