Next Week at a Glance:

**Tues., Mar. 13:** Chapel – Drama Team – Jesus Feeds the 5,000 (John 6:1-15)
    *Parents in Prayer* – immediately following chapel

**Thurs., Mar. 15:** Grade 1 Grandfriends’ Day – 8:30 – 10:00 am

**Fri., Mar. 16:** Father & Child Night out featuring Outrageous Pets – 6:30 pm

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal

We’re all familiar with the quote, “the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” That was certainly true this week with the snowstorm and the damage after the storm. Teachers planned lessons for their students and an open house was planned for prospective new families. These plans were changed along with several other meetings and events.

Our chapel message this week focused on God’s plan for salvation. We remembered the story of creation and how God created a perfect world. The bad news is that sin entered the world and the consequence of sin is death. The Good News is that God loves us so much that He created a plan to save us from our sin.

We walked through the final hours of Jesus’ life before His death on the cross. We learned that Jesus’ Passover celebration became His Last Supper with his disciples and is now what we call communion. God’s plan for our salvation wasn’t easy. Jesus endured persecution and a horrible death for us. When He finally bowed His head and said, “It is finished,” we learned that nothing could thwart God’s perfect plan; not even sinful mankind.

Mark Your Calendar:

**March 21:** Wyckoff Preschool Grandfriends’ Day

**March 22:** Midland Park Preschool Grandfriends’ Day

**March 26-30:** No School – Spring Break

**April 3:** Kindergarten Easter Chapel (rescheduled from March 20)

**April 11:** Evening Parent Teacher Conferences

**April 12:** No School - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences

**April 13:** No School - Parent Teacher Conferences

**April 17:** 4th Grade Musical

The G.A.M.E.S.!

**Tuesday, March 13, 2:30pm in the ECES Gym**

Parents, join us Tuesday for the G.A.M.E.S., a special pep rally and expo for after-school clubs and summer camps (grades K-4). Cheer on students and teachers at 2:30, then visit tables to meet camp and club leaders, ask questions, and register while the fun continues. **Win a free day of camp or club!**
After School: Check out our spring activities! See our flyer for details about our Jewelry Club, Soccer Club, Sewing Club, and our new group music lesson offerings. Click here to register your child today!

PTO News:

Volunteers Needed! Sign up here to select your date to volunteer for the following opportunities.

- **Thursday Pizza Volunteers**: March 22, April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31. We need volunteers to ensure the serving happens quickly, which allows our children enough time to eat and play. Please consider volunteering on one of the days from 11:30am - 12:30pm
- **Morning Playground**: We still have plenty of open spots.
- **Wednesday Snack Day**: 5 spots available, from 9:40-10:30am on April 18, May 2 & 16, June 6 & 13

Upcoming Events


Foundation Office News:

**EC AUCTION GALA on Thursday, April 19!**

Live Auction Highlight- Sundial Beach Resort, Sanibel, Florida. [https://sundialresort.com](https://sundialresort.com)

- Enjoy four day/three nights in a one-bedroom island residence which sleeps four. Complimentary access to kayaks, paddleboards, and more. Valid through June 1, 2019.
- You must be present to bid. If you cannot attend, and would like someone to bid in your place, please contact the Foundation Office.

**Silent Auction**: Go to [www.one.bidpal.net/ecaution2018](http://www.one.bidpal.net/ecaution2018) to check out items available on the silent auction. New items are added each week! You can start your bidding now – you do not need to be present to be the high bidder.

Be sure to check out the EC section of the silent auction including front row seats at each graduation!

Gift Cards Needed: Another way to help would be to donate a gift card. Please consider donating a gift card when placing your TRIP order, or purchase one when doing your grocery shopping. Send to school in an envelope marked EC Auction with your name. Any restaurant, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target or Amazon would be appreciated. Please have donations to school by Friday, March 16.

Email events@easternchristian.org or call the Foundation Office at 973-427-9294 for additional information.

EC Golf Outing: Monday, May 21 at Black Bear Golf Club.

**Requested Announcements:**

The "**Make Something Right" Spring Tour**, featuring forBrothers (from Allendale) and Jess Ray will be at Bridgeway Community Church on 3/24. The tour is also in support of International Justice Mission and the fight against modern human slavery. Each evening will open and close with the artists forming a 7 piece band - the rest of the evening will feature them individually. This is a killer night of music you will not want to miss!

Doors open at 6:30PM / Event at 7:30PM
Advance tickets $11 online and at Bridgeway (Sunday, 9-1 Mon-Fri)
Day-of tickets will be $16 at door.

Bridgeway Community Church, 381 Haledon Ave. Haledon NJ 07508
Website http://www.bridgewaycrc.org/
Church phone (973) 595-6235
Church email: info@bridgewaycrc.org

**Online tickets:** https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jess-ray-and-forbrothers-in-haledon-nj-tickets-42884167700?aff=aff0bandsintown
THE G.A.M.E.S.!

JOIN US!

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For more info, please see this week's Home Bulletin or contact suzannekraai@easterncatholic.org.