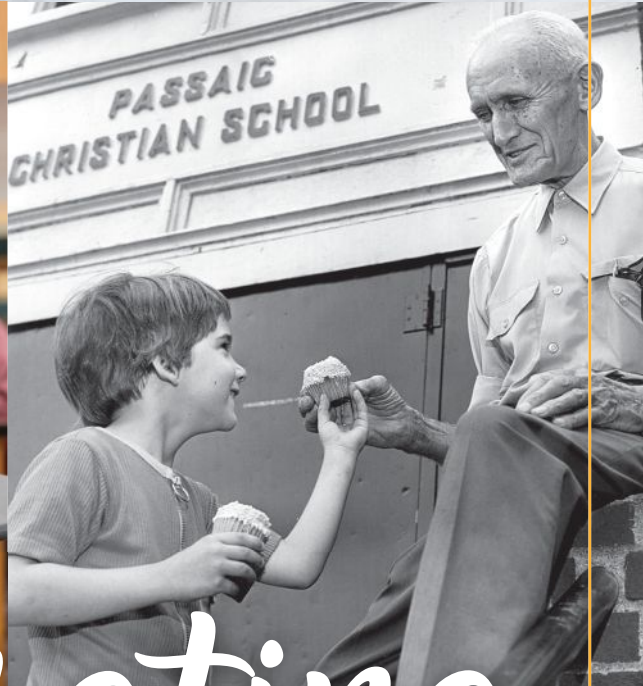




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A Year of Challenge... A Year of Accomplishment



COVID 19 struck with a vengeance, and on March 13, 2020, Eastern Christian held its last day of in-person classes for the 2019-20 school year. As of April 1, 2021, there were 130 million

confirmed cases of COVID worldwide with 2.8 million deaths.

It has been a year of challenge for everyone. But it has also been a year of great accomplishment in which we have repeatedly recognized God's protection and providence, allowing Eastern Christian to serve the needs of its community in a manner that few other schools have.

At the start of this school year, only about 11% of NJ public school districts were open for full time, in person learning. That number has actually fallen since then. The closure of schools has not only been tied to profound learning loss, but also to significant social and emotional impacts among children.

Eastern Christian has not been immune from these same challenges. We have faced health and safety challenges ranging from individuals who contracted COVID, to mandatory temperature checks, mask wearing, physical distancing, and the inability to operate parts of our school programs. In late March, an uptick in cases in New Jersey led us to pivot to remote instruction at our high school and to suspend athletics for a two week period.

Instructionally it has been a hard year, with first the pivot to remote learning last March, the challenges of offering both in-person and remote instruction in the fall, the interruptions in learning due to quarantines, and many more challenges. Financially, we have faced a significant loss of revenue from reduced tuition income and cancelled fundraising events. We have additionally faced significant unbudgeted expenses as the result of operating in the current environment.

But it has also been a year of great accomplishment!

Our students are learning, their needs are being met, and they are being cared for. Students returned to on-campus instruction in the fall with only very limited interruption for more than three quarters of the academic year. The results of winter standardized testing indicate our students are learning and progressing at, or even above, a pace we would expect in a normal school year, giving them a huge learning advantage over many of their peers in other schools.

Operationally, the Health & Safety Team has been unwavering in its commitment to keeping our students and staff safe. Our custodial and maintenance team have done amazing work in keeping our buildings clean and sanitized.

I am thankful we are seeing signs of light at the end of the tunnel. Effective vaccines are rolling out. This March, 400 doses of COVID vaccine were administered to members of our staff and to colleagues from surrounding schools in a clinic held on our Wyckoff campus—all signs that we are headed toward a more normal operating environment.

Instructionally, we project next school year will be a much more normal year. We are cautiously optimistic we will be able to resume classes and activities that we have had to curtail or suspend due to the pandemic, particularly in music and art. Operationally, we are hopeful we will be able to ease some of the stringent restrictions we have been operating under since last March. Already the guidance from the CDC, the NJ Department of Health, and our local boards of health is easing some of these restrictions and we anticipate we will see more easing in the months to come.

With God's blessing and the extraordinary dedication of our community and those called to work at EC, we have served our students and their families well. We have been true to our calling and the Lord has protected us, provided for us, and blessed our work! For all of these blessings, we say "thank you, Lord!"

Cover photos, clockwise: Tubing event, 2021; an undated, unlabeled photo from school archives; Dr. Terry Allen, 2020; MS outdoor chapel featuring Pastor Richard Jones of Bridgeway Community Church, 2020.



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High school students worshipping during a social-distanced, outside chapel this fall.

Faithfulness to all generations

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN'S
STORY IS ULTIMATELY
ONE OF FAITHFULNESS**

The name 'Eastern Christian School Association' first became official in 1951, when the boards of Eastern Academy (a high school) and four elementary schools—North Fourth Street, Riverside, Midland Park and Passaic Christian Schools—approved the consolidation.

However, the school traces its roots to August 17, 1892, when 62 Dutch immigrants gathered in the basement of 2nd Christian Reformed Church to form The Holland Reformed School Society. The next year, the society opened up Amity Street Christian School (It would eventually move to North Fourth Street). According to old school records, the date of the meeting was significant for the new immigrants: "It was on that date in 1878 that the King of The Netherlands decreed that schooling would be religiously neutral and that specifically Christian instruction would be curbed."

This single act would eventually lead to tens of thousands of students receiving a Christian education. The road hasn't always been easy,



but Eastern Christian's story is ultimately one of faithfulness: the faithfulness of a sovereign God weaving many stories and many faithful servants together to form a multi-generational, global tapestry bigger in scope than any of the founding fathers could have ever imagined.

In the words of one former principal, Gerrit Dykstra, long passed away, "His Covenant promise that He will be our God and the God of our children is an inducement for us to continue in this great cause of Christian education...Let us then go forward in faith for to him that believeth all things are possible."

For two years, **Nancy Hemrick** has been working to digitize EC's vital, legal, and permanent records, making more information easily accessible. We hope these lesser-known narratives found from our archives will testify to the faithfulness of an almighty God and the faithfulness of his servants, even through difficult seasons.

The visionary leadership of an immigrant pastor, 1892

Location: Amity Street School, Paterson

From: Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Fourth Street Christian School, no author

Led by two pastors, Rev. R. Drukker and Rev. Van Vlaanderen, 62 people met on August 17, 1892 to formalize the work that had started two years earlier.

According to records, "About 65 persons were assembled for the purpose of organizing a society which wished to start a school for Christian Instruction. After prayer had been offered and a Holland Psalm had been sung; this gathering at once went to its task, trusting in God that He would lead them in their deliberations."

At its school dedication a year later, the Rev. P. Van Vlaanderen, was led to proclaim to the listening crowd, "God has done wonderful things for us."



An Amity Street school photo dated 1899



Nevertheless, the grammar school had some challenges to overcome in the early years. According to records, "During the first years of its existence, not only did the school have to face the attacks and sneers of some of our own people, but to finance the school properly was a difficult task. The ardent support of a small number and especially of Rev. P. Van Vlaanderen meant much for the success of the school under God's blessing."

In addition to his key role in forming Amity Street Christian School—he was also, not surprisingly, elected as the first president of the Board of Directors—Rev. P. Van Vlaanderen is listed in local records as serving as the pastor of "Erst Christelijk Gereformeerde Gemeente te Paterson, N.J." from 1889-1904; it was a Dutch speaking church translated as First Christian Reformed Church of Paterson,

NJ. Little else is known about this visionary man, nearly lost to history. Wouldn't he have been surprised in 1892 to know about his enduring legacy here in New Jersey!



**GOD HAS DONE
WONDERFUL
THINGS FOR US"**

—Rev. P. Van Vlaanderen

The high school that almost wasn't, 1919

Location: Eastern Academy, Prospect Park

From: 25th Anniversary of Eastern Academy; An historical review of Eastern Academy 1919-1944



By human standards, Eastern Academy shouldn't have really happened.

The idea of a local Christian high school was first conceived in 1913. A teacher was hired, but only one student—named Garret André—was enrolled. It was an abysmal failure, and the idea was shelved.

Then, in 1917, Rev. Walter P. Heeres, delivered an impassioned speech at an elementary school rally regarding the need for a Christian high school: "As a challenge to others he offered to sell his car and contribute the money for the cause on condition that others would make comparable contributions." No one responded.

In 1918, a third attempt was made. After a rousing speech by Rev. Vander Mey about the necessity of Christian secondary

education, 60 individuals united to form a school association and a board of 10 men were nominated to draft a constitution.

However, documents record that "This committee did not report back to the association until almost a year later...the members were also plagued by a feeling of hesitation."

Despite the delay, the laborious work slowly continued, shouldered mainly by the original 10 men. More troubles were to follow. "Before the opening of school in September the board of directors hoped to acquire the necessary

money to pay all the expenses for the first year. By the end of May, four months before the opening of school, only \$117.00 had been received. This alone speaks volumes as to poor support after a year and a half of preparation. Two thousand dollars plus the income received from tuition was the sum needed."

More creative measures were enacted to raise necessary funds, but these also failed. By July 17, "this might have discouraged any group less determined. It was faith alone which prodded the board on."

Despite all this, the high school opened with 17 students on September 3, 1919, sharing the North Fourth Street elementary school building, utilizing makeshift desks of wood planks and saw horses, and possessing only \$628 in its treasury. The school would remain in a shared space until 1924, when it moved to a remodeled house on North 7th Street, Prospect Park.

It was certainly the humblest of beginnings, but it was still a beginning. "Though the board was not able to realize the goal it had set, the moral and spiritual foundations laid by the committees bore fruit in later years," stated a 25th anniversary booklet. "Men with vision like this save a people from perishing. Though they would insist that God receive all the glory, and rightly so, God also uses means, and His glory is in part reflected in the work of His children."





Ladies help pull school through Great Depression, 1929

**Location: Passaic Christian School, Myrtle Avenue, Passaic;
Riverside School, Paterson**

From: History of the Passaic Christian School by Gideon Watzet; Golden Jubilee of the Riverside School for Christian Education 1899-1949

The Passaic Christian School also had a rocky founding, taking 20 years from its original proposal in 1894 to make it to its formal building dedication in 1916.

Those 20 years were marked by several stops-and-starts, a lack of support, and at times, general differences of opinion. However, in 1916, the school finally opened with 72 elementary school students enrolled at Myrtle Avenue in Passaic. The school took off and enrollment soon soared to nearly 250 students.

Less than 20 years after its turbulent beginning, however, the school faced another massive hurdle that threatened to undo it: the stock market crash of October 1929, which would tumble the United States into the Great Depression. The school would document that salaries were "cut to the bone."

In the words of Watzet: "The most discouraging feature of the depression years was the gradual decrease in enrollment. By 1936 there were only four rooms in use with 160 pupils in attendance [at Passaic Christian School]. With salaries at a low level, the teachers volunteered to accept a further reduction in salary."

However, help came from an unlikely source. Known as "Ora et Labora," a Ladies Circle was organized in 1929 and stepped in to purchase items that the school board was unable to provide. It also made more significant impacts as the years of economic downturn continued. "It was this Ladies' Circle that finally paid off the mortgage, eliminating the need of raising sufficient funds each year to pay the interest," stated Watzet.

THEY ORGANIZED TO HELP THE SCHOOL IN ITS FINANCIAL STRUGGLE...HOW DO THEY DO IT? BY A DINT OF HARD WORK.

Ladies also played a critical role at the nearby Riverside School presumably during that same era. An anniversary booklet from 1949 praised the assistance of its 'Society of Willing Workers' shedding light on female fundraising practices that have since been forgotten: "These are very active ladies, and that smile can instantly be changed into a determined look. They organized to help the school in its financial struggle... How do they do it? By a dint of hard work. We have seen them on a truck collecting paper and old clothes. We have watched them serving dinners and being caterers at weddings. You may also find them conducting a rummage sale in an empty store downtown."

Fire shuts down school, but the community opens it back up a week later, 1933

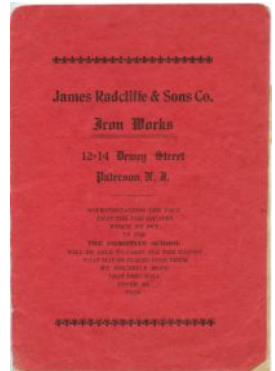
Location: North Fourth Street School, Paterson

From: Fiftieth Anniversary of the North Fourth Street Christian School, no author



PHOTOS: The North Fourth Street campus in a photo dated sometime before 1924.

Interestingly, a 1908 school program featured an ad from a local ironworks company boasting about their installed fire escapes, with a note that reads “we sincerely hope that they will never be used.”



WITH THE HELP OF FIVE CHURCHES, TWO PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS OF EDUCATION...AND ONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL...EVERY SINGLE CHILD HAD A SEAT AND AN INSTRUCTOR WITHIN ONE WEEK.

In the overnight hours between March 31 and April 1, 1933, a devastating fire tore through North Fourth Street school, destroying the third floor and the roof, and causing extensive water damage on lower floors. The building would be out of commission until the following September.

With the help of five churches, two public school boards of education (Paterson and Prospect Park) and one Christian school they'd eventually merge with, every single child had a seat and an instructor within one week.

The quick ramp-up was a testament to the strength and resiliency of the community, but not everyone was happy. “This was a disappointment to some pupils who expected an extra vacation,” stated one eyewitness.

The school was insured, thereby ensuring no financial loss to the institution. And the fire repair actually brought jobs to the community: “Many supporters and members who were without work during this time of depression were engaged to help rebuild the school.”

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An advertisement for war bonds appears in an EC publication.

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Frances Greydanus is quoted in the same book: “The leaders of the Germans understand the meaning of this command: ‘Train up a child in the way he should go, and he will not depart from it’ and carry it out by taking the very young child from the home and educating him in the principles of the Nazi government. Surely, if ALL Christians fully understood this, our schools would be larger and greater than they’ve ever been in the past.”

Yet even in the darkest times, God’s community was still at work. Deep in the annals of Riverside Schools is this wartime story: “During the war years, the Riverside School found it difficult to hold the annual picnic due to the scarcity of food and other things, and decided to hold a drive and collect funds to offset the loss of this income. The supporters of the school rallied to the cause and the board found that more money was collected than they ever had or could have realized from a picnic.”

“Hour of Trial”, 1944

Location: Eastern Academy; Riverside School

*From: 25th anniversary of Eastern Academy; Envoy April 1944;
Golden Jubilee of the Riverside School for Christian Education*

Eastern Academy’s 25th anniversary was overshadowed by the height of World War II. The school’s written material during these years show the contradictory forces of a joyful high school experience and a world at war.

In a student newspaper dated April 1944, for example, the front page features two stories: In one, “Speaking for everyone at E.A., I send to the parents and relatives of Alfred Van Loon our sincerest sympathy at Al’s death while at the Great Lakes Training Station,” and in another, “Well, the senior boys are now the undisputed champions on Eastern Academy’s basketball court.”

In its anniversary bulletin written in 1944, it was estimated that 200 students and alumni were in service and “some have already given their lives.” It adds, “Testimonies come back to us that the religious training provided in the home, church and at E.A. has helped them



The results of the fundraising efforts still stand today. A current photo of the high school.

BELOW: A fund collection envelope from 1951

Crisis led to consolidation 1950

Location: Multiple; decision impacts five schools

From: History of the Passaic Christian School, by Gideon Wattez; 50th anniversary of the North Fourth Street Christian School; Golden Jubilee of the Riverside School for Christian Education 1899-1949

Space seemed to be an issue for all of the local Christian schools from the onset. One document mentioned that in 1899, students at Amity Street were “packed like sardines in the basement.”

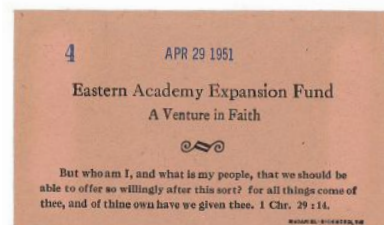
Apparently, this problem continued on a number of campuses for a number of years. In the late 1940s, the schools that would eventually merge to form Eastern Christian School Association were faced with burgeoning enrollment but no space. Elementary schools in Paterson, Midland Park and Passaic needed to expand but were unable to successfully fundraise. Meanwhile, the area's only Christian High school—Eastern Academy—was also launching a fundraising drive for a new building and was drawing from the same pool of supporters.

“After much prayerful study, the idea of consolidating all the school societies into one unit was proposed.

This move would offer some relief to the impossible conditions which we were facing. The various school societies were led to see the wisdom of merging. Thus the crisis had led to consolidation,” said Wattez.

This upheaval was not done without emotion. Writings from Riverside School in 1949 capture the difficulty with poignant words: “The supporting societies consider their schools as their very own, much like parents do their children. They work and live just for that one school. In the new set up things will be changed,” it states. “Consolidation is in the travail of birth...May God bless the efforts now put forth, so that this great undertaking may be successful, for the wellbeing of our covenant youth.”

Final merger agreements were filed in December of 1951 to form Eastern Christian School Association. The move led to a massive reshuffling in school populations, repurposing the North Fourth Street school to become a junior high for all area seventh and eighth graders, eliminating space pressures at the remaining three elementary schools, and enabling the success of only one fundraising campaign to create a new high school campus in North Haledon. This campus, erected in 1954, stands today.



Personal loss in the midst of a national tragedy, 2001

Location: Eastern Christian High School

From: Personal Interviews, 2020

On September 11, 2001, New York City woke up to a gorgeous, sunny day. It was something Lynda Pasqueretta, newly hired high school front office administrator, remembers vividly.

"It was after this one day that the world began to completely change." At 8:46:40 a.m., as teachers and students continued on with their typical Tuesday routines, Flight 11 would crash into the World Trade Center less than 25 miles away. The day was only beginning.

A little radio was placed in the front office and became Eastern Christian's connection to the world. Based on the reports coming in, Pasqueretta and co-worker **Cathy Lagerveld**, under the direction of Principal **Jan Lucas**, typed up a brief message and hand delivered it to each classroom so teachers could read it.

She recalls, "When the bells rang at the end of that block, students flooded into the front office, asking to use our [landline] telephones...There were two lines at our desks that went out into the hallway, with students wanting to check in with their families," she shares. "There were two girls who kept returning every single break, as their father was a NYC firefighter, and their mother was unable to reach him."

It was the Van Hine family. Emily was a senior; Meghan was a freshman. Their mother, Ann, was a busy mom and co-owner of a dance studio. Their father, Bruce, was a member of the Special Operations Command, Squad 41 out of the Bronx.

Ann Van Hine picked the girls up from the high school at 2 p.m. Still no word. The family continued to wait. Then, according to Ann, "A little before midnight, I heard a car pull up." The two men inside—Bruce's lieutenant and personal friend, plus a fellow firefighter—delivered the news. Bruce was unaccounted for.

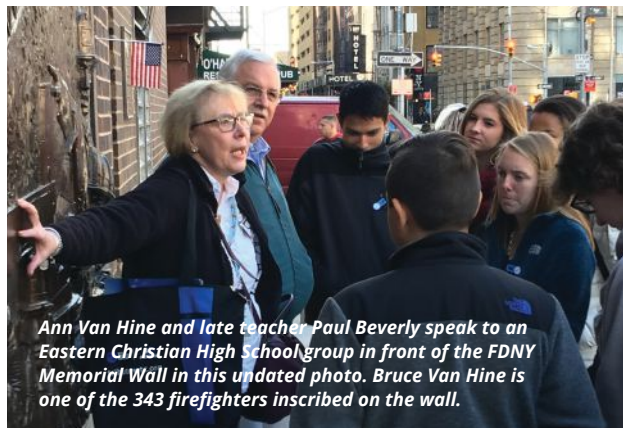
"We had a personal loss in the midst of a national tragedy. It was our loss but the whole nation/world was changed. There is nothing that can prepare you for that. There is the loss of not only the loved one, but a sense of privacy. It is a two-edge sword because the care and concern of others was amazing, but it was our loss. So, in a weird way you become a public figure, but you didn't sign up to be a public figure," says Ann.

During these years, the Eastern Christian community would play

a role in shepherding two families who lost fathers—the Van Hine family and another family that would join the community at a later date—their stories joining those of 2,975 other families. Ann would like readers to know that "We have not forgotten the love and support the EC community showed us and that we try to pass that forward."

As for Ann, she has spoken several times at Eastern Christian High School in the years that followed and has also given students personal tours at the 9/11 Tribute Center (now museum). God has opened up a much wider sphere of influence than Eastern Christian School, however, allowing her to share "the story of His presence and provision on over 550 walking tours as well as to school groups." She has additionally traveled to Japan four times to share her story with survivors of the 2011 Great Eastern Japan Earthquake, Tsunami and Nuclear Disaster.

"GOD HAS NEVER LEFT US OR FORSAKEN US. HE IS WHO THE BIBLE SAYS HE IS. HE CAN BE TRUSTED EVEN WHEN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. HE NEVER WASTES ANYTHING. HE USES EVERY EXPERIENCE WE HAVE TO ENABLE US TO HELP OTHERS. HE IS GOOD."



Ann Van Hine and late teacher Paul Beverly speak to an Eastern Christian High School group in front of the FDNY Memorial Wall in this undated photo. Bruce Van Hine is one of the 343 firefighters inscribed on the wall.

Pandemic, 2020-2021

The story of the Coronavirus pandemic is still being written. Yet we can look back at God's faithfulness in past times of struggle and be encouraged at the good work the Lord continues to do even now. Here are three major news stories that reflect the continued faithfulness of the Lord and acknowledge the continued faithfulness of his servants:

EC Commended by Accreditation Agency

Eastern Christian School received a glowing commendation from the Middle States Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools for its completed Mid-Term Report, part of a necessary, 7-year process to maintain accreditation.

"The report was found to be complete, and shows evidence of faithful implementation of the strategic plan for growth and improvement. I was impressed with your school's response to the challenges presented to you by the COVID-19 impact," stated Mary Burke, the associate vice president of accreditation in a recent letter.

HS Dean of Students **Tina Schwab** managed the accreditation reporting process, which involved gathering input from the wider community.

Part of the 7-year cycle includes formulating school-wide objectives and monitoring progress. This cycle's objectives are:

Global Competence

Written in 2017, the seven-year goal expresses that Eastern Christian students "will demonstrate a heightened level of global competence." This goal included a variety of measurable internal and external assessments, as well as a number of action steps. The initiatives under this umbrella goal included establishing an international student leadership counsel and a curriculum review focused specifically on equity and inclusion.

Character

Building on prior work, the character goal seeks to ensure students "will demonstrate Christian character as outlined in the Eastern Christian core values and graduate profile." Most notably, the work under this category has been recognized with the 2020 National School of Character award. Despite COVID-related challenges, work continues in earnest to cultivate a culture of service, excellence and caring.

Kirsten Braunius



Strategic Plan

Also multi-faceted in nature, this objective calls for Eastern Christian School to "develop and implement a strategic plan dealing with three critical areas related to long-term sustainability: enrollment, facilities, and financial sustainability." This has included an intentional effort to retire long-term operating deficits and increase EC's endowment. Furthermore, it has resulted in a better understanding and optimization of current space.

In an in-service day presentation to teachers, Schwab tied the accreditation goals back to the ultimate fabric of the school, which is to ultimately raise up a generation that loves and serves God and neighbor with excellence. She adds, "[These goals] are part of who we are and what we are trying to do with our students."

National District of Character

AWARDED FOR A SECOND TIME

Eastern Christian School will be honored in March at the National Virtual Forum hosted by Character.org, a non-profit advocate and leader for character education. After a rigorous application process, EC has been recertified as one of only 7 Districts of Character in the nation, earning the award for a second time in a row.

"Each of these schools and school districts has put in place a comprehensive approach to help their students understand, care about and consistently practice the core values that will enable them to flourish in school, in relationships, in the workplace and as citizens," stated Dr. Arthur Schwartz, President of Character.org.

The application process was orchestrated by a cross-disciplinary committee consisting of **Jesse Wright, Liesl Botbyl, Mary Faber and Donna Holly**. Character.org's philosophy breaks character education down into 11 principles, and the Eastern Christian School team spent months collecting extensive evidence in all 11 categories to demonstrate a consistent and intentional effort in promoting good character. In addition, the school was assigned a national evaluator to determine re-eligibility.

Principles evaluated by Character.org range from promoting core values, to providing students with opportunities for moral action, to fostering a meaningful and challenging academic curriculum.

Wright reveals that creating a culture of character involves "student, faculty and community beyond our walls all contributing to that education. This

recognition of character speaks to all of those stakeholder and contributors."

As a Christian institution under the Lordship of Christ, Eastern Christian School's standard stretches even higher. "Character Education at Eastern Christian goes well beyond developing students who have strong ethical values in order to do "what is right". Our mission and goal involves the development of men and women who can think about their lives and relationships through a Biblical worldview in order to become transformers of the world," says Botbyl.



*Aubrianna Jacobus
and Alaia Yoo*

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– Liesl Botbyl

ABOVE: Students hold a variety of leadership roles on all campuses (principle 9). Here, a pre-COVID photo from the elementary school shows the reading buddies program at work. ▲

BOTTOM: Despite the pandemic environment, Eastern Christian School has intentionally cultivated a caring community (principle 4), engaging family and community members through winter snow tube events. ►





Elementary school mothers lead chapel last year before the pandemic

Honoring and Celebrating

EVERY TRIBE, NATION AND TONGUE

Many of these experiences were made possible by a \$15,000 Vital Worship Grant awarded by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship to Eastern Christian School after a vigorous application process facilitated by grant writer **Melanie Davies**. The school was recently commended for the successful conclusion of this 2-year process, which was chaired by teachers **Belen Araneda** and **Adam Culp** under the support of Assistant Head of School **Ruth Kuder**. The grant enabled the school to purchase music, chapel and devotional materials; bring in new speakers; and offer specialized training.

As part of the process of assessing effectiveness of the initiative, students and staff members participated in a survey titled Diversity in Worship after the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Out of 250 responses, 70% observed a noticeable difference in worship styles and themes because of the efforts to culturally diversify chapels.

"I feel blessed to know God more in school and in church," shared one participant. Another commented, "I feel like it is a safe place."

The survey also revealed some other statistics regarding our school community. Currently, EC students worship at home churches speaking in English, Spanish, Korean, Greek, Russian, Chinese, Armenian and Malayalam. Home church worship styles ranged from remaining mostly stationary to lifting up hands to dancing in the service.

The journey started with the grant will continue for the foreseeable future. "Revelation 7:9 gives us a picture of every tribe, tongue, people and nation worshipping God and so not only is it a beautiful thing to bring together people of many backgrounds, but it's also just biblical. God created us in His image, each unique and beautiful in our own way and each purposeful in our way. When we worship in many different forms, we are able to see a glimpse of God's many facets," shares Araneda.

*In a year where many activities are cancelled, yearbook staffer, **Josaida Pineyro**, decided to poll music students on their favorite songs from last year. The near-unanimous winner: **Baba Yetu**, a song about the Lord's Prayer, written exclusively in Swahili.*

This experience was one of many opportunities on campus aimed at intentionally cultivating unity within diversity last year. From Pre-K through high school, students were brought into the richness of the Christian faith represented by a variety of cultures and languages. Guided under the mission of last year's spiritual theme, "Every Tribe, Nation and Tongue," students and staff members learned from parents, they learned from community pastors and diversity experts, and they learned from each other.

This year the work continued under a different theme. "In implementing 'Every nation, tribe and tongue,' we created a foundation of unity. We have moved from understanding that to acting on it through 'Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly,'" stated an internal report.

"IN IMPLEMENTING 'EVERY NATION, TRIBE AND TONGUE,' WE CREATED A FOUNDATION OF UNITY. WE HAVE MOVED FROM UNDERSTANDING THAT TO ACTING ON IT THROUGH 'ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY.'"

2020 Giving Tuesday

EC supporters donated \$151,050 on Giving Tuesday, shattering the original goal of \$50,000 and outpacing previous Giving Tuesday records by more than \$135,000.

The money this year helped defray unbudgeted COVID-19-related expenses associated with ensuring the safety of in-person learning at all three campuses.

Gifts were received from more than 175 individuals. Notably, EC's Board of Directors and Foundation Board committed to make significant personal contributions toward the goal; 100% of EC's Administrative and Education Council also participated.

By the end of the day, the school's total reached \$89,550. The following morning, an astonishing additional \$61,500 arrived in the mail.

Golf Outing Recap

On Monday, October 19, 2020, 114 golfers came together at Wild Turkey Golf Club in Hamburg, NJ for a day of supporting the mission of Eastern Christian School through golf.

It was a great day on the course with a time of fellowship, catching-up, and seeing mask-less faces of friends and community members outdoors.

The day began with a putting contest and lunch, followed by the scramble format outing, and concluding with a delicious dinner under a big top tent.

The combined efforts of volunteers, sponsors, and players raised over \$38,000 for Eastern Christian School! Thanks to everyone for another great golf outing. See you next year!

Special thanks to... **Platinum Sponsor:** Columbia Bank **Swag Sponsor:** Visbeen Construction Co. **Gold Sponsors:** Bushoven LLC, Kuiken Brothers Co. Inc **Silver Sponsors:** Abbey Carpet and Floor of Hawthorne, Heerema Company, KV Builders LLC, Leegwater Electric Co., Martin Orthodontics, Regency Wealth Management, Reiner Group Inc, Wayne Tile Company **Lunch Sponsor:** KJB Fireplaces Inc, Putting **Contest Sponsor:** Ken Steenstra Landscaping Inc **Golf Team Challenge Sponsor:** Wispelwey Dental LLC **Driving Range Sponsor:** Ulrich Inc **Beverage Sponsor:** Jeff Vander Molen and Terrie O'Connor Realtors **...and to many other Hole and Prize Sponsors**

HOMECOMING 2021

HERITAGE DINNER on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
(in accordance with COVID-19 regulations)

All those who graduated 50+ years ago are welcome to attend. We will be honoring the following classes celebrating milestones in 2020 and 2021:

1965 and 1966 - 55 years
1960 and 1961 - 60 years
1955 and 1956 - 65 years
1950 and 1951 - 70 years
1945 and 1946 - 75 years



HOMECOMING FEATURES

Alumni and Friends Golf Outing
EC5K and Fun Run
Homecoming Super Saturday
Alumni Soccer Game
3v3 Basketball Tournament
HomeComing Dance

SAVE THE DATES: OCTOBER 15 & 16, 2021

COVID-19 Stopped Our Gala

BUT IT DIDN'T STOP EC FROM PROVIDING SAFE IN-PERSON
AND QUALITY REMOTE LEARNING EVERY DAY!



Great is Thy
FAITHFULNESS!

*Keep your eyes open
for an upcoming spring
celebration!*



EASTERN CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

Alumni Celebrations

WEDDINGS

Sarah Vander Ploeg '03 &
Kevin Harrison
8/15/20

Kelly Braunius '04 &
John Ombaldo
10/17/20

Bryan Bushoven '07 &
Katelyn Tilli '07
8/7/20

Joan Hoogerhyde '07 &
Tito Zepeda
2/5/21

Keith Spoelstra '07 &
Arielle Van Wingerden
11/21/20

Vincent Criscenzo '08 &
Laura Schiraldi
12/5/20

Cristin Hemstead '08 &
Robert Berry
4/18/20

Kristina Winters '08 &
Christian Rubio
10/9/20

Cheryl Bogertman '09 &
Kyle Florek
7/30/20

Jaclyn Steinbruch '09 &
Dan Cruickshank
10/23/20

Ben de waal Malefyt '10 &
Becca Boven
9/25/20

Thomas Ursetti '11 &
Cassandra Peterson
9/25/20

Kaylin Ramos '13 &
Christopher Dzepovski
9/5/20

Linnea Topp '11 &
Cody Schmeer
7/10/20

Jacob Shotmeyer '12 &
Carly Struyk
9/5/20

Heather Tanis '12 &
Joseph De Siervo
8/14/20

Matthew D'Urso '13 &
Larissa Lemes
8/9/20

Jenna Shotmeyer '13 &
Matthew Heinrich
7/25/20

Ryan Vander Plaat '13 &
Courtney Rice
11/1/20

Tara Kleinmanns '14 &
Mark Simpkins
9/5/20

Sarah Mulcock '14 &
Jonathan Arringdale
8/14/20

Matthew Bottge '16 &
Courtney Schlect
10/3/20

Kelsey Veenstra '16 &
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8/18/20

Morgan Abma '17 &
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9/4/20



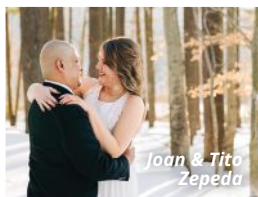
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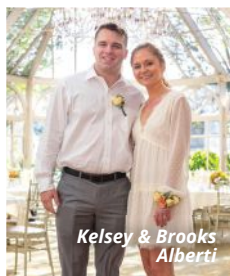
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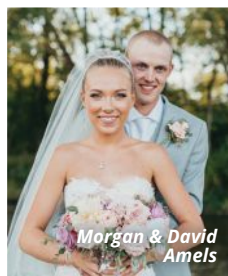
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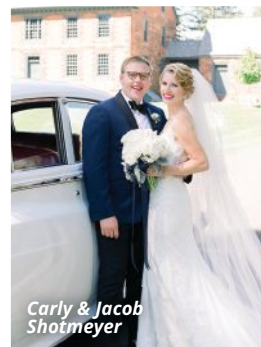
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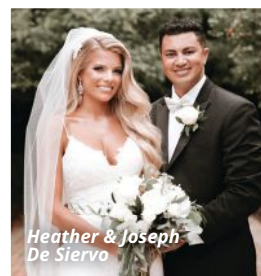
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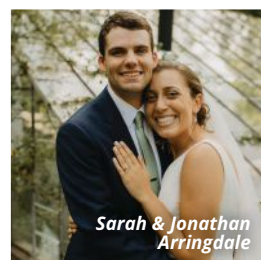
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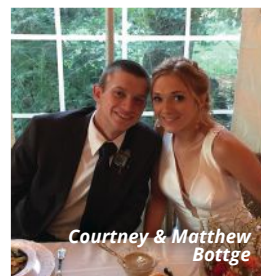
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BABIES



Dave '01 & Tara Ten Kate
Callan David 12/2/20

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Weslie Clara 8/22/20

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Hunter Alan 8/7/20

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Madison Joy 4/3/20

Joe & Victoria (Faber) Macaluso '08
Jenna Carolyn 11/28/20

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Mason Robert 8/1/20

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Gilman '09
Carrie Mae 5/8/20

Tim & Emily (Brotherton) Milazzo '09
Kaia Lilly & Kova Peter 7/31/20

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Braelynn Olivia 5/14/20

Dan & Joy (Abma) Charnesky '10
Carter David 8/13/20

Jordan & Carolina (Candamil)
Gayfield '10
Annalise Haven 2/20/20

Dan & Rachel (Soodsma) Hansen '10
Lucas Daniel 9/3/20

Jesse & Victoria (Leonardo)
Hewitt '10
Aubree Love 6/12/20

Mark '10 & Leah (Groenewal)
Tirondola '11
Mark Douglas 8/13/20

Tyler '10 & Kimberly Westra
Theodore Wayne 6/3/20

Andrew & Victoria (Westra) Dodson '11
Liesel Eira 12/13/20

Jordan '11 & Brittany (Faber)
Klingler '10
Lyla Mae 4/6/20



Braelynn Sietsma



Lucas Hansen



Madison DeKorne



Lyla Klingler

UPCOMING REUNIONS

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CLASS OF 1960 – 60 YEAR REUNION

Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 12 noon

Portobello Restaurant Oakland, NJ

Please e-mail lwynbeek@aol.com for more information and reservations.

CLASS OF 1971 – 50 YEAR REUNION

Friday, October 15, 2021 at 7pm

Facebook page: "EC Class of 1971"

Co-Chairs: Bill Reitsma: reitsma1@ptd.net; Dave Bruinooge: dcbgolfer674@aol.com

Remembering

FORMER FACULTY/STAFF

The following faculty members recently passed away. They faithfully served Eastern Christian School for many years, impacting the lives of hundreds of students.

Donald Holwerda
1/20/2021

ECSA FACULTY 1957 – 1990
(33 YEARS)

Served as: Teacher of Grade 4, 5 and 6 at North 4th St campus & Wyckoff campus

Principal – North 4th St campus
1963-1977

Jean Driesback
1/31/2021

ECHS FACULTY 1985 – 2000
Spanish Teacher

Chairperson of Foreign Language Department

ALUMNI

Marjorie (Fylstra) Bandstra '35
North Haledon, NJ 12/25/2020

June (De Jonge) Vander Wall '43
Lamont, MI 12/16/20

Daniel Minkema '45
North Haledon, NJ 10/18/2020

Alice (Soodsma) Kulig '46
Canajoharie, NY 1/22/2021

Juan (John) Stam '46
Costa Rica 10/20/2020

June (Zimmer) Dickten '48
Warwick, NY 10/4/2020

Donald Van Heemst '48
Hollidaysburg, PA 11/26/2020

Nancy Pelgrim-Rader '49
Apopka, FL 8/18/2020

Jessie (Van Althuis) Martin '50
Mahwah, NJ 10/11/2020

Lambert Hazen '51
Hamburg, NJ 6/28/2020

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Grand Rapids, MI 6/20/2020

Janet (Oosting) Miedema '53
Middletown, NY 8/13/2020

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West Milford, NJ 10/13/2020

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Webster, NY 9/13/2020

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Fair Lawn, NJ 10/25/2020

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Jenison, MI 11/11/2020

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Wyckoff, NJ 9/7/2020

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Kentwood, MI 12/14/2020

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Grand Rapids, MI 11/8/2020

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North Haledon, NJ 7/16/2020

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Rockville, MD 5/22/2020

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Pompton Lakes, NJ 1/31/2021

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Edmeston, NY 8/14/2020

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Chattanooga, TN 9/22/2020

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Virginia Beach, VA 1/24/2021

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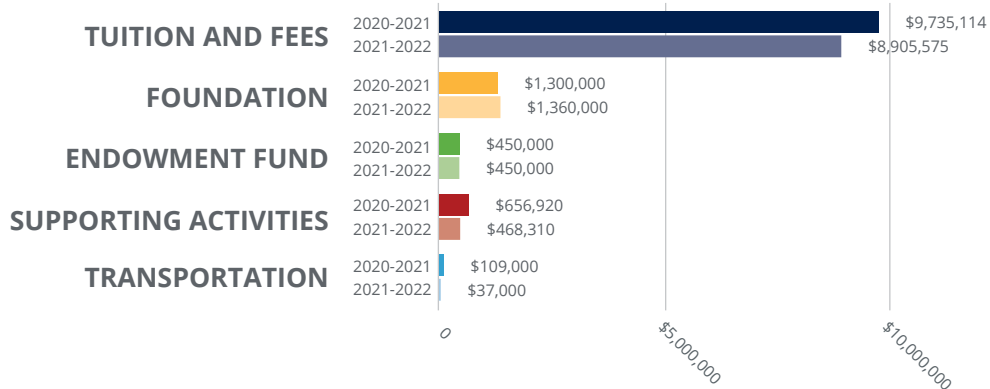


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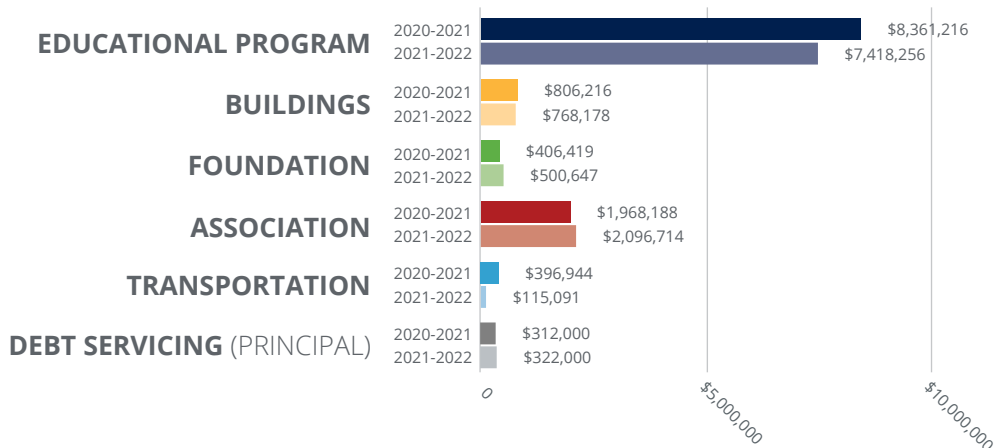
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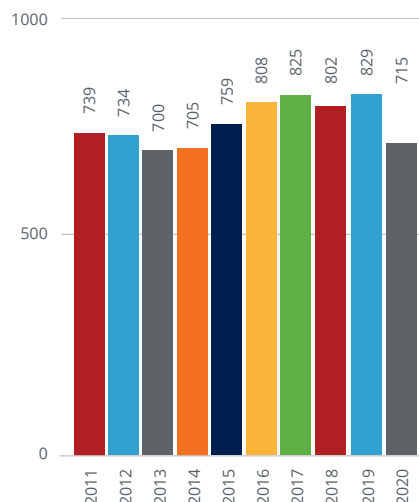
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Fall 2020 Athletics Summary



Katie Kuiken

GIRLS TENNIS

The Eastern Christian 2020 girls tennis team represented the school with class, sportsmanship, and a 7-5 record, demonstrating a level of competitiveness that establishes EC as a formidable opponent among local schools. The biggest team improvement for coach **Adam Culp**'s team came as a result of an added year of experience for 6 of the 7 starting players. The competitive difference was best illustrated by a marathon 3-2 win over the Hawthorne Bears, and a more decisive 4-1 win over Hawthorne later in the season. Under the leadership of team captains **Katie Kuiken** and **Kate Foy**, the team developed strong chemistry and a positive work ethic. The strength and determination in **Christy Kim**'s game earned her 5 wins at the first singles position. Freshman standout **Kathy Kim** and senior **Katie Kuiken** won 6 matches each. Fortified by two doubles teams with .500 records, the Eagles showed strength from top to bottom.

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GIRLS SOCCER

Of the four wins the team totaled in this strange and shortened season, the 2-1 victory under Butler's lights on its senior night avenging an earlier 5-0 loss was by far the team's best. Junior captain **Gabbi Angelucci** came up with dramatic heart-stopping saves that added to her 100+ total for her first season in goal. Captain **Nicole Foster**, the only senior on the team, and sophomore **Brooke Talsma** held the team together with smart and physical play. Freshmen **Allie Spalt**, **Mackenzie Wynbeek**, and **Gianna Angelucci** all grew to be promising players for what looks to be a bright future for coach **Seth Stadtlander**'s program. The league also recognized the great play of our girls by selecting Nicole Foster and Gabbi Angelucci for Second Team All-League honors and Brooke Talsma for Honorable Mention.



Gianna Angelucci



Daniel Buckles

CROSS COUNTRY

EC XC entered a new era in 2020 following the retirement of long-time coaching legend **Joel Apol**. Though the shortened season saw just 7 meets (all at Garret Mountain and mostly on Saturdays), coaches **Stephen Bailey** and **Lindsay Hoffman** were impressed by the boys' strong start, winning first place in their pod during the Season Opener race on October 3 and then second place during the Brett Taylor Invitational on October 17. Led by seniors **Will Critchfield** and **Aidan Schulster**, the team's most consistent performance came

from junior **Luke Parker**, who finished top 10 in most races, including the NJIC championships. The season also provided a glimpse into a bright future with junior **Joshua Steen** running strong and freshmen **Austin Vanderpyl** and **Jaden Ritsma** contributing in many Varsity races.

Our girls team was led by senior captain **Kristen Ghinelli** in her 4th year as a varsity runner who qualified for 2nd team All League and All County honors. Senior **Karissa Kuperus** and Junior **Kayla Kingston** always gave solid efforts and qualified for Honorable Mention. Despite all of the obstacles the pandemic offered this fall, we are thankful that our seniors had the opportunity to compete and represent our school so well. With so many talented runners returning, we look forward to the future success of our program!

BOYS SOCCER

Under the direction of first year head coach **Rich Troast**, a young Eagles squad started the season 3-0-1 with no goals allowed. Multiple injuries then derailed their momentum, including a season ender for senior standout **Daniel Buckles** in goal (though he later returned as a defender following hand surgery.) Five different teammates saw time hoping to fill that void as the team kept fighting behind the leadership of captains **Michael Steinginga**, **Evan Hopeck**, and **Jayson Farraye**. Season highlights included a 1-0 win at Hawthorne Christian and a 3-1 win over Butler on Senior night. For his consistent and outstanding play, junior Evan Hopeck was selected by NJIC coaches for First Team All-League recognition. Sophomore **Michael Cook** and senior **Michael Steinginga** received Second Team All-League honors for their defensive efforts. Although this turned out to be a rebuilding year with a 4-9-1 record in a Covid-shortened season, 9 returning starters and a winning season for coach **Max Harvell**'s JV team give the EC faithful plenty to be excited about for the program's future!

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XC warm-ups. L-R: Matt Vanderwall, Joshua Steen, Will Critchfield, Aidan Schulster, Kayla Kingston, Karissa Kuperus and Zherui (Jennifer) Wang

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