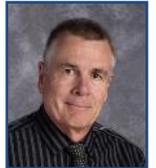


## From the desk of Mr. Allen Siemens ~ Lead Administrator ~



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men” John 1:1-4.

The Bible is clear, Jesus was not only at creation, He was intricately involved in the creating. The triune God created every inch of this world, the universe and everything in it, including you. They made all of this, knowing full well that Adam would eat the fruit, and sin would infect all of creation. From before the foundation of the world Jesus chose to come as the sacrificial lamb to redeem all those that would choose Him. He came as the Life and the Light!

In the nearly 2,000 years since John penned those words, much has changed in our world. We have made

such advances in science, technology, philosophy and theology, we are so much more enlightened now, right? Could it be that really not much has changed? We know that God has not changed. We know that the principles that governed the universe then are still in operation today. We know that the free gift of salvation is still free and available. We know that Jesus is still the Life and the Light of the world. John 1:5 is also still true today, “And the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it”

The Light is still shining, but men are still choosing to stumble around in the darkness. In fact in the midst of the darkness they actually declare they are in the light. Influential people in many sectors of society, state obvious lies and expect us to believe them to be true. There are many around us who

are calling evil good, and good evil. It seems like we are reliving Judges 17:6 “...everyone did what was right in his own eyes.” Everyone seems to have an opinion, their “truth” that they live by and trust. But just because a person sincerely believes something is true, does not make it true. “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we do not practice the truth.” I John 1:6.

There is still only one Way, Truth and Life! There is still only one true Light! He has given us all a choice, you can believe whatever you want. My prayer is that you will choose Life and walk in the Light. “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” I John 1:7.

## SOUTHERN GOSPEL CONCERT



At the beginning of each school year, Elyria Christian School hosts a Southern Gospel concert for an evening of music and fellowship. This year the concert was held on August 21, with Liberty Quartet as well as Ernie Haase and Signature Sound on the program.

Several families worked together planning the event, setting up chairs, and providing the quartets with food before and

after the concert. It was a three hour concert, beginning at 5:00 and ending around 8:00. The audience began to arrive at 4:00, coming from all over different parts of Kansas, some even from out of state. This year there were around 475 people who attended the concert. A free will offering was taken for the school.

The junior class sold concessions and meal deals. Hamburgers and hot

dogs were grilled by Junior parents Mrs. Shirley Dossett and Mr. Travis Hawkinson. “It was a good fundraiser for our class,” said Victoria Reimer, 11th.

Mrs. Dawn Froese attended the concert and was pleased with how the evening went. “It was great to see everyone enjoying the concert and worshipping together. It was a fun evening.”

-Hannah Bower, 10th

# HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The high school students started the year off with a bang by spending a couple days away from the busyness of school life and going to Kansas Bible Camp near Hutchinson for High School Retreat. This was a great opportunity for the new students to get to know their fellow peers and build new friendships. There were many fun ways the students got to know each other during these few days. The high schoolers competed in games, performed skits, met with their discipleship groups, and most importantly grew closer to God.

With the theme of “Abide” for the school year, the high school retreat speaker, Eric Mosher, went through John 15:5 which says, “I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” Pastor Mosher

taught the students about the importance of their beliefs and their values. “Our beliefs dictate our values. Our Values dictate our actions.” This statement was a recurring theme throughout his sessions.

There were several games played during retreat, such as sand volleyball, kickball, and a scavenger hunt. The students split into their classes for the games, and competed against each class.

Another fun activity that the students were able to do at retreat were skits. The skit theme was that each class owns a bakery, and in that bakery they have a food item of some sort and they are the only one that sells that item. The plot in that, however, was that someone tried to steal this special food item from that classes bakery.

The famous class competitions were won this year

by the seniors. This may have been their fourth straight year to lose the skit competition, but with their positive attitudes and competitive spirit they pulled out with the overall class win. “It was honestly not expected, but I am glad we won, because we had a party with Mr. Hinman,” said Kilynn Starburg, 12th, with delight.

High school retreat gave everyone a chance to get to know each other better, make new relationships with people, learn about God, and overall connect with each other outside of a school setting. It really helped get the school year kicked off and helped the students get to know the people they would be spending the rest of the year with.

-Macy Reiff, 10th



# NEW AT ECS

## NEW APP

We are excited to announce that the new Elyria Christian School app is available in your App Store! Search “Elyria Christian School”, download, and stay connected to school announcements, events, athletic schedules, game results, lunch menus, and a peek inside what is happening in classrooms at ECS! Here is a short video about the app -

<https://youtu.be/7vwOazdsTuw>.

A few notes about the menu items:

- \*The Feed is where announcements, school activities, etc. will be posted.
- \*The Events section is linked to our school calendar. Any athletic event or other school activity that does not yet have a time assigned will be listed as “12:00 am” until official times are known.
- \*The entire athletic schedule can be found under Athletics. Game times will be listed at “12:00 am” here also until official times are assigned. Please keep in mind that small school athletic schedules can change in a moment’s notice, especially with Covid! Game scores will be updated as soon as possible.
- \*The Dining section will be updated each month as soon as we receive the menu from McPherson.

*\*\*If you have questions about the app, or any of the information below, please email Rhonda Stucky at rhonda.stucky@ecseagles.us. \*\**

## NEW WEBSITE

Head over to [www.ecseagles.us](http://www.ecseagles.us) and check out the new ECS website!

Many, MANY “Thank You’s” go to Chris McGowan for his months of work on building this new website! He did an amazing job!

Thank you also to June Unruh, Tonya Robertson, and Rhonda Stucky for their help with providing pictures, gathering information, entering data, and keeping the website up-to-date.

Thank you to parents and students who provided testimonials for the website. Personal testimonies are the best way we can share about ECS with others! We are always looking for more, so please contact Tonya Robertson if you would be willing to share a short quote/testimonial!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BBQ Dinner



*It's BBQ Time!*



**Elyria Christian School BBQ Dinner**  
**Monday, October 11 11:00 am-7:00 pm**  
**McPherson County 4H Building**  
**710 W. Woodside in McPherson**

There will be NO dine-in option this year. Instead, order your food one of two ways:

- 1) *Call Ahead*—starting Monday, pre-order your meal by calling 316-251-5352 or 620-755-0640
- 2) *Carside Ordering*—pull up and we'll take your order

Here's how things will work. We will have two Greeters at the Woodside entrance taking donations and directing guests to the correct line. Guests that have called ahead will be directed to the Call Ahead (drive thru) line where they will give their name and pick up the pre-ordered food. Guests who have not called ahead will be directed to the Carside Ordering line where Carside attendants will take orders. All guests will exit through the NW drive.

*Looking forward to serving incredible BBQ!*

## Celebration Banquet

The Celebration Banquet is an annual event hosted in order to celebrate all God has done in and through Elyria Christian School over the past year. This event provides a great opportunity to connect with other families and ECS supporters and to invite families who may desire Christian education for their children, but are not yet a part of ECS. You will leave inspired and encouraged to take part in continuing the mission and legacy of Christ at Elyria Christian School.

\*Dinner is at 6:30pm, doors open at 6:00pm and appetizers will be served.

\*RSVP by calling the school office at 620-241-2994 or email us at [office@ecseagles.us](mailto:office@ecseagles.us).

\*If you would like to help sponsor the Celebration Banquet, please email Tonya Robertson, event sponsor, at [tonya.robertson@ecseagles.us](mailto:tonya.robertson@ecseagles.us) or call 620-241-2994.

### CELEBRATION BANQUET

**2021**

**Saturday**  
**November 6**  
**6:30 pm**

Featuring guest speaker:



**DAN MEERS** 

MASCOT, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, AUTHOR, AND FAMILY MAN

Dan Meers is a man whose energy, humor and excitement not only entertains but also encourages others to strive for the best of life. Dan has served as KC Wolf, the official mascot of the Kansas City Chiefs for over 25 years. His work and experiences as a professional sports mascot have reinforced to him the philosophy that laughter and a cheerful heart are good medicine. After listening to Dan, you realize that what makes him so truly special is his genuine desire to motivate others to enjoy life as much as he does. The constant smile he wears comes from within. The humorous message he shares has inspired thousands to live life to the fullest and to enjoy it each and every step of the way.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Upcoming Events

#### October

- 1 - JH Retreat (9:30 am)
- 2 - HS VB @ Burrton Tournament
- 4 - JH S @ ECS vs Hesston
- 5 - ACT District Testing (8:00 am)
  - HS VB @ Centre
  - HS S @ ECS vs WAHAA
- 6 - 5th grade Starbase (8am - 3pm)
  - JH S @ Holy Cross
  - JH VB @ Wakefield (Tri)
  - HS XC @ Burrton (Hvy Cty West)
- 8 - Fall Pictures
- 9 - JH S @ Berean Festival
- 11 - BBQ Dinner Fundraiser (11a—7p)
- 12 - HS VB @ ECS vs Rural Vista
  - K-12 Music Concert (6:30pm)
  - Board Meeting (6:30pm)
- 13 - PSAT Testing (8:00 am)
  - 5th grade Starbase (8am—3pm)
- 14 - JS S @ ECS vs Valley Center
  - HS XC @ WSL/HOP League Meet
  - JH VB @ ECS vs WAHAA
  - 2nd grade swimming (1:50 pm)
- 15 - NO SCHOOL
  - End of first quarter
  - Parent-Teacher Conferences (1:00p)
- 16 - HS VB @ WSL Tournament
- 18 - NO SCHOOL
  - HS S @ WAHAA
  - JH VB @ WSL Tournament
- 19-22 - Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 19 - HS S @ ECS vs TMP (Senior Night)
- 20 - 5th grade Starbase (8am - 3pm)
- 21 - HS S @ El Dorado
  - HS JV VB @ Berean Tournament
- 22 - Service Day
  - K-6th Fall Parties
- 23 - HS VB Sub-State
  - HS XC Regional Meet
  - ACT Test
- 25 - HS Regional Soccer
  - HS JV Scholar's Bowl
  - First Day of JH BB practice
- 26 - HS Regional Soccer
- 28 - HS Regional Soccer
- 29 - HS Regional Soccer
  - HS VB State Tournament
- 30 - HS VB State Tournament
  - HS XC State Meet

#### November

- 2- HS Scholar's Bowl @ Moundridge
- 5 - Grandparents Day (10:30am)
  - Early Dismissal (11:30 am)
- 6 - Celebration Banquet (6:30pm)
- 8-14 - Buffer Week, No gym use
- 9 - HS League Choir

## Grandparents Day



**K-6th grade Grandparents  
join us**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

**at 10:30am in the ECS Gymnasium**

## High School Musical



This year's musical production of **The Music Man** will take place on **November 11, 12, and 13**. The annual **Dinner Theatre** will be held before the final show on the 13th, with **limited seating available**. Tickets will go on sale **October 20th**. All seating is reserved and payment is due at the time of reservation.

## Alumni Night



**ECS is hosting ALUMNI NIGHT!**  
**On Friday, December 17 & Friday, January 7**  
**Alumni get in FREE**  
**to the home basketball game.**  
**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## HS Volleyball

Varsity Record: 4-5

JV Record: 1-4-2

	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>
8-31 vs CC-Hutch WAHAA	25-25, 14-25, 16-25 (L) 25-12, 25-19 (W)	25-12, 14-25 (L) 15-25, 14-25 (L)
9-7 vs Herington	19-25, 14-25 (L)	12-25, 25-23 (Split)
9-11 @ Solomon Tournament	3rd Place	—————
9-14 @ Little River vs C.G. Little River	25-16, 25-15 (W) 15-25, 14-25 (L)	————— 6-25, 14-25 (L)
9-16 @ Berean Bluestem	14-25, 21-25 (L) 25-23, 25-19 (W)	17-25, 18-15 (Split) 25-21, 18-13 (W)
9-21 vs Goessel vs Classical	16-25, 22-25 (L) 25-11, 25-15 (W)	9-25, 25-27 (L)
9-23 @ Burrton w/ Canton Galva		
9-25 @ Wakefield Tournament		
9-28 @ Goessel vs Solomon/Wakefield		
10-2 @ Burrton Tournament		
10-5 @ Centre vs PB/Centre w/ Goessel		
10-16 @ WSL Tournament - Centre		
10-21 @ Berean Academy—JV Tournament		
10-23 Sub-State @ TBA		

## HS Soccer

Varsity Record: 5-1-2

		<u>Varsity</u>
8-31 @ Berean		0-0 (OT)
9-2 @TMP-Hays		2-1
9-9 vs Circle		8-0
9-14 vs Wichita Defenders		6-0
9-16 @ McPherson JV		1-0
9-17 @ Classical		0-1
9-20 vs El Dorado		10-0
9-21 vs Berean		0-0 (OT)
9-23 @ Wichita Defenders		
9-30 @ Augusta		
10-5 vs WAHAA		
10-11 @ WAHAA		
10-14 vs Valley Center		
10-19 vs TMP-Hays (Senior Night)		
10-21 @ El Dorado		
10-25-30 Regionals		
11-2 State Quarter-Finals		

## JH Volleyball

A Team Record: 3-3

B Team Record: 1-2-1

C Team Record: 1-0

	<u>A Team</u>	<u>B Team</u>	<u>C Team</u>
9-2 @ Herington w/Centre	14-25, 23-25(L)	23-25, 25-21, 15-12 (W)	—————
9-9 @ Solomon vs. Little River	12-25, 25-3,17-15 (W) 13-25, 11-25 (L)	————— 3-25, 3-25 (L)	21-25, 20-25 (L) —————
9-13 @ Berean Academy	4-25, 20-25 (L)	14-25, 16-25 (L)	—————
9-16 @ Peabody Goessel	25-22, 25-18 (W) 25-19, 19-25, 15-13 (W)	————— 25-21, 23-25 (Split)	—————
9-27 @ Central Christian w/ Defenders			
9-30 @ Rural Vista w/ Canton Galva			
10-7 @ Wakefield w/ Peabody			
10-14 vs. WAHAA			
10-18 @ WSL Tournament - Canton Galva			

## JH Soccer

A Team Record: 2-3-1

B Team Record: 2-1

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
9-2 vs. Classical	0-3	0-1
9-9 @ WAHAA	0-1	—————
9-13 @ Berean	0-4	1-0
9-14 vs. Wichita Defenders	0-0	—————
9-16 @ Hesston	3-0	3-1
9-20 @ CCA	4-1	—————
9-23 @ Wichita Defenders		
9-27 vs WAHAA		
10-4 vs Hesston		
10-7 @ Holy Cross		
10-9 @ Berean Festival		

## HS Cross Country

9-09 @ Hesston Londyn Olsen placed in top 20 of freshman girls.  
 9-16 @ Buhler Londyn Olsen placed 10th in JV girls.  
 9-23 @ Marion  
 9-30 @ Berean  
 10-7 @ Burrton (Harvey County West Park)  
 10-14 @ Wheat State League Tournament - TBA  
 10-23 @ Regional - TBA 10-30 @ State - TBA





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The vision of Elyria Christian School is to provide a Christian education that excels in spiritual and academic instruction. We view the opportunity to educate children as a sacred trust given of God. We realize this is an awesome responsibility given to parents, thus, we desire to partner with them as we train young people with a biblical world view.

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*Train up a child  
 in the way he  
 should go, And  
 when he is old  
 he will not  
 depart from it.  
 ~ Proverbs 22:6*

**..Since 1995**

**Marriages:**

**Births:**

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