

EUGENE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

Hello ECS Friends, Alumni and Families,

Back to school time is here and we are so excited to welcome our students and families back for another amazing year at Eugene Christian School and Eugene Christian High School! Currently, we have an enrollment of 476, preschool to 12th grade. This is an all-time high enrollment in the history of the school! Over the course of the next few years that will grow to a capacity of 140 in middle school and we'll continue to add to our high school. We are so excited for what God is doing and has planned for the future of our school.

I get a lot of questions about how the high school is doing so I thought I'd share a brief update similar to what was sent to some of our middle school families earlier this year.

Student Activities - A big part of what is happening at ECHS are Student Activities. We have started multiple clubs and we have an engaged student council who plans many of our student events including activities at our Fall Retreat, Homecoming, and Prom.

New Staff - For this year, we have also hired a number of highly qualified new staff in all of our academic departments. The staff are great role models, love Jesus, and our students. Additionally, we are happy to share that last spring we became an official testing site for the PSAT and SAT. We will be offering that each year as well at no additional cost to our families.

Christ Centered Arts - Many of our students who led worship at the middle school are now continuing that at the high school level with ECHS having chapel every week on Thursday and two Family Worship Nights.

Athletic Program - Last year we started with boys and girls cross country, boys and girls volleyball, and boys and girls track and field. We've seen all of our teams grow in number this year and we were able to add boys soccer this fall. We are planning to add basketball for both boys and girls this year as well.

Speaking of growth, I'd like to share where we are in terms of enrollment, both now and where we've come from. During our transition year of adding high school, we started with 37 students, not a lot, but we moved forward in faith that this is God's school and that is what He wants. This year we were able to start with 55!

Here's the really cool part and where your family comes in. If we can all catch the vision of what God is doing, ECHS will grow and flourish. Here's a little more detail: We currently have 37 eighth graders, if all of them go to ECHS (we only lose 8 seniors) next year and we gain another 5-7 students outside of the ECS community which we have the last couple of years, our enrollment could be 90+ students. The following year, we will graduate 10 seniors and if all of our current 42 seventh graders enroll at ECHS, plus a few more, we will have at least 125 students to start the 2028-2029 school year. With that enrollment also comes momentum and word of mouth in our community about what an awesome Christian High School option we are for other families as well, and then before we know it, we have a high school of 200-300 students and all of the things that come with it. This doesn't happen without faith though and all of us coming together to make this vision a reality. I can speak confidently that God is in this, and I know that as we outgrow our current high school campus He will provide. We've seen Him do this time and time again; when He calls us, He goes with us and provides for us.

Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for the Eugene Christian School Community.

Jeremy Hugo

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

ZAC TENDICK



How long have you been here at ECS?
This is my first year at Eugene Christian School.

Where did you teach before ECS?
I taught at Pleasant Hill High School, Middle School, and Elementary School for the past 10 years.

Why do you love teaching here at ECS?
It's been great teaching at ECS. The people are all very friendly, welcoming, and encouraging. Often music and band are not as supported as other subjects and activities in schools, and as a music teacher you are constantly trying to prove your worth and legitimize what you are doing. I don't get that feeling at Eugene Christian. It seems like a school and community that wants band and music very much and that is a great change of pace for me.

Who inspired you growing up?
I had a fantastic youth pastor and mentor when I was in middle school and high school. I wasn't super close with my father when I was young and this mentor helped be there for me at a very influential time in my life. What I remember most about him was his generosity and patience. He was so giving of his time and never got upset with students, even when working with the roughest of kids. I took those lessons to heart and now apply them in my own teaching and mentoring. He was a great friend who taught me how to live out my faith in the way that I interact with others and how I pursue relational connection with students.

What is something about you that people may not know?
I'm kind of a huge nerd. I get really into superheroes, Japanese anime, fantasy and sci-fi, and video games.

What church do you attend?
Ekklesia.

What is your favorite classroom activity?
My favorite activity in the classroom is rehearsing and improving music that we are going to perform. So much of our time as band directors is taken up with other things, but this is the heart of what a band director does. I really enjoy digging into the nitty gritty of the music and helping the group sound its absolute best. I also really enjoy conducting, which is not something I anticipated when becoming a music teacher.

What scripture really resonates with you right now?
One of my favorite scriptures is Matthew 6:25-27 which says, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" This passage has always really spoken to me as I desire to live my life in alignment with what God wants for me, not worrying so much about what comes next. I want to focus on what he has for me each day, being mindful and present to see what he wants to show me, and hear what he wants to tell me.

What is your favorite hobby?
I have many hobbies and my favorite changes often. Some of them include collecting Transformers action figures, building custom mechanical keyboards, collecting sneakers, playing and collecting retro video games, and playing as much trumpet as possible.

What is the perfect Saturday?
I get up early and go for a nice walk to a coffee shop with some friends, or a brisk hike to get the day going. Come home and make breakfast with the family and then turn on some college football while I get my daily trumpet practice in. Then we all head over to the in-laws house to watch the Oregon Ducks football team win, visiting with family and friends throughout the afternoon. After we return home, we spend the evening having dinner together as a family, going on a walk or bike ride in the neighborhood, playing catch or basketball outside, and perhaps a movie on the couch to close out the night.

NOV 6TH
6:30-7:30PM

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