



EUGENE CHRISTIAN — SCHOOL —

May 2024 Quarterly Newsletter

Hello ECS Families, Alumni, and Friends,

We are headed into the last weeks of the 2023-2024 school year already, and it's hard to believe. These last several weeks have been some of the busiest but also best of this school year. In March we were able to host our Spring Open House and had outstanding attendance by our ECS Families. We had a fun middle school experience called the Night of the Notables which was a great success, and we are looking forward to bringing back the Science Fair for next year.

Celebrate ECS was a big success this year thanks to so many generous donors. The evening saw over 90 ECS parents and friends attend the fundraiser at North Fork. We had a goal of raising \$55,000 dollars to help fund student scholarships and we were able to reach \$62,000!

We are so thankful that the Lord continues to provide for ECS through our wonderful friends and families. I'm excited to see what next year brings.

Helping Every Child was a great success this year as our spring service project. Each class was able to put together baskets for foster families here in Lane County and as usual our families were very generous and we had some amazing baskets. Thank you to all who contributed.

This year we will be celebrating our 8th grade graduation on June 4th at 6:00 here in the ECS auditorium. After they return from the East Coast/Washington DC trip we will be graduating 27 eighth graders. We are definitely in the countdown to summer at that point.

Looking ahead to the summer we will be hosting our first ever and hopefully annual ECS Kickball Tournament. The tournament will be held on Saturday, July 27th and all of the proceeds will go to the ECS Teacher Endowment Fund.

God bless each and every one of you and thank you again for your wonderful support of Eugene Christian School.

Jeremy Hugo - Head of School

Details -

Auction - \$20,550

Paddle Raise - \$36,050

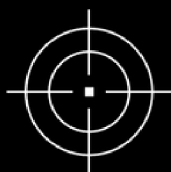
50/50 raffle - \$3,800

We want to THANK YOU and our sponsors for making this year's Celebrate ECS event such an incredible success. Through your support and giving spirit we raised \$61,655!!



CELEBRATE ECS 2024

A benefit for our Student Scholarship Fund



GOAL
\$55,000

ACTUAL
\$61,655

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ECS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Gary Meili

Grades attended at ECS

I was a student at ECS starting in 1970 through 1980- Kindergarten through 9th grade. I attended ECS at the previous campus.

Favorite teacher at ECS

We had so many great teachers at ECS back in the day. My 1st grade teacher was Mrs. McMahon-who I will never forget. Some of my favorite middle school teachers included Mr. Brownlee (Social Studies), Mr. Kinkaid (English and PE), and Mr. Forvilly (Math.)

Favorite memory while at ECS

At the end of every school year, we got to do something called "Outdoor Education" -- or as we all called it "Outdoor Ed." We packed the entire middle school into our school buses and went on a weeklong fieldtrip to cool places all over Oregon. I remember visiting Fort Clatsop, the tide pools along the northern coastline, dozens of museums, and many of our state parks. At night, we camped in tents at various campsites along the way. We played capture the flag and flag football, and we sang songs around the campfire. For a middle school boy back then, that was pretty cool. I also really enjoyed playing team sports every year for our school. Our soccer / football field and our gym were both very small, but WE didn't know that. We had the best time playing against other small schools in our area (in each sport) every year.

How did your time at ECS prepare you for the future (spiritually and educationally)?

After leaving ECS, I went on to Churchill High School (Go Lancers!) I was amazed at how well I was prepared for high school from an academic standpoint.

My education at ECS allowed me to enroll in upper-level courses immediately -- which gave me the opportunity to enroll in several AP classes as an upper classman. Completing the AP classes at Churchill resulted in almost a year of college credit coming out of high school. Spiritually, ECS gave me the confidence as a young Christian man to know who I was and who I wanted to be later in life. When I look back now on the things we learned in Bible Class, I realize how much of a privilege it was to learn about the Lord every day in school. ECS provided the spiritual foundation that God continues to build on in my everyday life.

Looking back, what advice would you give to current ECS students?

Start as early as you can and stay as long as you can. ECS is a "Christ-protected" campus where you can not only learn about God but get an amazing education. In a world that's hard to navigate from a Christian perspective sometimes, ECS is a place where you get the opportunity to set your spiritual compass for life.

What is your occupation?

I am the co-owner (with my brother, Curt) of Meili Construction. Our grandfather started the company. It was passed down to our dad, and now to us. At Meili Construction, we get to build grocery stores, affordable housing, single-family homes, warehouses, medical facilities, and occasionally, schools. In June of 2012, we began renovations to a large commercial printing facility on Chad Drive that, before the next school year, would become the current Eugene Christian School campus. As an alumni, to have the opportunity to take an active part of growing ECS at a new location is indescribable. While all of us loved the previous campus, the new campus is providing even more opportunities for an even greater number of students today.

What was it like for you to be a part of the latest construction projects here at ECS as our enrollment continues to expand?

It has been so exciting to watch the growth at ECS the last 12 years. We were so thankful to have been invited back (a couple of times) to create more classrooms inside the building footprint as student enrollment has increased. And maybe it's just the builder in me, but I don't think God is finished growing Eugene Christian School. God has been blessing ECS and our families for several generations. If we keep our eyes focused on him, I'm confident he will continue to bless our school for many more generations to come.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Brittany England - 1st Grade Teacher



How long have you been here at ECS?

This is my 5th year teaching at ECS, I was hired in 2019.

Where did you teach before ECS?

Prior to working at ECS, I was a Behavior Support Specialist for The Child Center. My experience there encouraged me to achieve my MA in Teaching.

Why do you love teaching here at ECS?

I love that we have the opportunity to share the gospel with our students. I love hearing what they are learning about the Lord, worshiping with them and praying with them.

What church do you attend?

I attend Ekklesia

Who inspired you growing up?

My mom has always been a huge inspiration to me. She worked full time, raised two daughters and managed to spend quality time with each of us, all while radiating joy. She gave her heart to the Lord when I was in high school and it's been a blessing to watch her grow and thrive in her faith.

What is something about you that people may not know?

I grew up in Southern California and moved to Oregon with a very dear friend, right out of high school, in 2004. It was quite the adventure!

What is your favorite classroom activity?

Currently, I've been enjoying teaching Science with my class. It's been a joy to watch them excited with learning about Space, sharing what they already know and integrating God's creation throughout their learning.

What scripture really resonates with you right now?

"I believe I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:13-14 ESV

What is your favorite hobby?

Favorites are tough! :) I love being outside, walking with the dog and my son, hiking, and bike riding. I also love baking and cooking.

What is the perfect Saturday?

A slow morning drinking coffee and spending time with the Lord, followed by a fun breakfast and trip to the coast with my son Ridley and our dog (on a sunny day). If we have some friends or family join us, even better! We'd end the day with a sunset and beach bonfire.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/4 - 8th Grade Graduation

6/11 - Kinder Graduation

6/13 - LAST DAY of SCHOOL

7/27 - Kickball Tournament

ECS KICKBALL

TOURNAMENT

JULY 27TH, 2024

FORM A TEAM OF 10 ←

GO TO MANNAHOUSE ←

SCORE LOTS OF POINTS ←

RAISE \$ FOR OUR TEACHERS ←

KICK IT FOR JESUS ←

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