



Evansville Christian School
Educate, Equip, Engage with Excellence
Friday Flyer – June 2011



We hope your summer is off to a great start! As we finished the 2010/11 school year, we shifted into our summer camp programs. We are also busy planning for next year, including teacher training, math & science curriculum adoption, technology improvements, renovations, etc.

Our East Campus school office is open from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. during the summer. We are mailing this “Friday Flyer”, as well as one in July, to help keep you up-to-date. During the school year, we email the flyer to families each Friday. **It is important to be sure the school has your current email address, which also serves as your log-in ID to Renweb, our school management system.** We also email account statements to this address.

Key Dates for 2011-2012

Aug 8	Back-to-School Night
Aug 10	1 st Day of School
Nov 23	No School (see note)
Dec 19	Christmas Break Begins
Jan 2	School Resumes
Mar 26-30	Spring Break
May 22	Last Day of School

A complete School Calendar, for the 2011-2012 School Year, is on-line (Renweb & website).

School Choice – There are several new school choice opportunities available to Indiana families based on income, e.g. a family of four earning less than \$62,000 per year would qualify. There are specific rules and deadlines – tell your friends and neighbors to contact the school office for the most current information. These new programs are only for students that come to ECS from public/charter school or are entering kindergarten. We are excited about this opportunity to impact families; but, are moving forward with caution. We expect to offer a limited number of vouchers for the 2011-2012 school year.

Welcome New staff – we have filled all staff positions for the coming school year! The new teachers have already been busy training, meeting with their mentor and team, and preparing for the year. New staff includes:

- Brian Comstock – 7th/8th grade English teacher;
- Abby Richmond – Music teacher;
- Samantha Southwell (Ice) – Full-time substitute;
- Nicole St. Clair – K assistant (North);
- Julie Burton – K assistant (Newburgh); and
- Teresa Bridgeman - K assistant (Henderson).

**Congratulations to the 2010/2011
 Teacher of the Year: Jenny Smith
 Employee of the Year: Jolene Ferris
 Innovative Teacher: Michelle Carnahan**

Further, we are excited to announce that Donna Bair will be the office/support person at our Newburgh campus and Anita Byers will be our new health coordinator (Jamie Rainelli has accepted a position in the East office).



If you purchased a DVD of the 2010/2011 K Celebration, 8th Grade Graduation, or Spring Musical, they will be available for pick up in the East Campus School Office after June 30.

We have 580 students registered for next year, including 82 K students. Praise the Lord!

Congratulations - Every 8th grader (23 in total) that took the Algebra I End-of-Course Assessment passed the test with 18 of the students (an amazing 78%) scoring in the pass+ range. Further, 55% of our 8th grade students took Algebra I. All three percentages are significantly above the state averages. Well done students & staff!

ISTEP Scores - We have received our 2011 ISTEP scores and are very excited about our students' achievements! Our scores consistently rank ECS in the top 5% of all schools in the State – out of more than 2,000 schools. The table presents the percent of students scoring above the State standards:

Grade	Language Arts		Math		Science		Social Studies	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
3	91	94	91	90	-	-	-	-
4	99	89	99	96	92	98	-	-
5	81	93	86	98	-	-	84	87
6	96	91	98	91	92	82	-	-
7	93	100	88	100	-	-	95	100
8	98	98	98	98	-	-	-	-

Overall 94.0% of our students passed the Language Arts portion with 42% scoring in the Pass+ range. 95.5% of our students passed the Math portion with 53% scoring in the Pass+ range. Congratulations to our students and staff! Also, thank you parents for your support, which is a key to our success. Information on accessing student results, on the IDOE Parent Network, has been mailed to homes.

Back-To-School Night – will be Monday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. All families (from all campuses) should meet in the auditorium at our East Campus (4400 Lincoln Avenue). 5th-8th grade should sit in the balcony. Class lists will be posted in the lobby and outside the school office. The first day of school will be Wed., August 10, 2011.

Attendance - For the 2010/2011 school year, we had 95 students with more than 10 absences during the school year which resulted in a warning from the State. Many of the absences were "excused" (illness, death in the family, doctor/dentist appointment with excuse form), but, many also fell in the "unexcused" category (vacations, sporting events, doctor/dentist without an excuse form, etc.). We ask that parents consider the importance of the continuity of education and the impact absences have on students' learning and the entire class. Please partner with the school to establish good attendance habits for your child.

Tryouts for Fall Sports – Mandatory tryouts for 5th-8th grade girls' soccer, 5th-8th grade girls' volleyball, and 6th-8th grade boys' soccer (new season) are in mid-July. Detailed information has been emailed to homes. Be sure to contact the office if you have any questions. 5th-8th grade boys' tennis (adding 5th grade), 4th-8th grade boys'/girls' cross-country (adding 4th grade), and 3rd & 4th grade co-ed youth soccer will be sent at a later date.



Gym Uniforms – may be purchased in the school office throughout the summer or at Back-to-School Night (2nd -8th grade; 1st graders do not change for gym). Incoming 8th grade students may wear their old uniform for their last year if desired). The cost is \$18 for a complete uniform (\$10 for shirt or shorts).

Fall Family Fun Night – will be Friday, September 30, 2011. This year, the auction will also be online so you can easily become a sponsor or donate. Go to www.biddingforgood.com/fallfamilyfun. The sponsorship and donation forms are on Renweb - just fill them out and send them to Allison Hemmerlein at allihem1@gmail.com. Call Allison at 217-0525 if you have any questions. PTF needs your help!

Summer SCRIP – The East Campus office will sell “cash and carry” cards through the summer. In addition, PTF will operate the weekly order process. Orders must be placed by Friday at Noon to be processed on Monday morning. Orders will then be available for pick-up on Friday.