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Picnic on the Patio

It is nearly that time again. While we enjoy the warmth of the summer sun and a cool breeze off the lake, the evenings aren't quite as long as they were just a few weeks ago, and our thoughts return more often to the coming school year.

Our first Picnic on the Patio celebration was planned to praise God for graciously providing us with a gifted and qualified staff. He used our talents and molded all of our lives to begin this school. We stood in awe and looked forward, eagerly, in faith.

Once again we have so many reasons to give thanks to God. As we anticipate another year of Christ-centered education, we think it fitting to celebrate His goodness in giving us children to educate and experienced teachers to guide their learning. **Please join us for this year's Picnic on the Patio on August 26, beginning at 6:30p.m.**

Eastside Christian School Board

Our School Board is ready to guide the work of our faculty and our Association's committees through another year of operation. Our 2004/2005 School Board is comprised of the following members:

Jeff Baker

Building Committee Chair

Todd DeMeester, Treasurer

Finance Committee Chair, Insurance Committee Chair

Jim Holstege, President

Bruce Miedema, Vice-President

Education Committee Chair, Enrollment Committee Chair

Tom J. Newhof, Secretary

Steven Ophoff

Publicity Committee Chair

The Board expresses its appreciation to two of our past presidents, Tom Newhof, Jr. and Jerry VanBaren for their continued leadership on our behalf. Tom is working to establish a Foundation for Eastside (read *Eastside Christian School Foundation*) and Jerry continues to guide and implement our technology purchases.

2004/2005 Eastside Faculty

We are pleased to welcome back our Administrator, Agatha Lubbers, and the other members of the faculty:

Pre-K & K—**Vicki DeKryger** 1st-3rd—**Kristin Kleyn**

4th-6th—**Judie Feenstra** 7th-9th—**Pete Adams**

Art Instructor—**Kathi Holstege**

Band Director—**John Gillette**

Librarian—**Winifred Koole**

Music Instructors—**Marilyn Adams & Lori Pastoor**

Office Staff—**Kristi Thompson & Dawn Young**

Music Instruction

We are grateful that Marilyn Adams and Lori Pastoor are providing vocal music instruction and our program's direction again this year.

We are also delighted that John Gillette is leading our instrumental music program again this year. Some highlights that he is planning to include:

- Adding stringed instruments in our concerts;
- Presenting a sacred autumn performance, a musical medley emphasizing the Lord's Prayer;
- Studying Bach to Sousa;
- Establishing a support team for the continued development of our instrumental music program.

Protestant Reformed Teachers Institute Convention & National Art Show

We are proud to announce that the 50th Annual Protestant Reformed Teachers Institute Convention will be hosted at Eastside Christian School on **October 21&22, 2004. If you are able to provide some help during this event, please contact Lori Pastoor (616-464-1302).**

In addition to the many sectionals for the teachers, we will also host the first *National Art Show*. The Federation of Protestant Reformed Schools is sponsoring this show, comprised of pieces resulting from the art curriculum that it worked to develop. All of the schools are invited to submit two pieces from each grade. We expect to display 200 works of art in our gymnasium during the convention. All friends of the school are invited to visit this art exhibit.

Christian Learning Center

We have recently approved the Education Committee's proposal to take on the services of the Christian Learning Center (CLC) for a half-day every other week. Greg Yoder will be our on-site CLC service provider. Greg will initially focus on helping our faculty to teach to different learning styles and to identify students with special needs. We look forward to his assistance in meeting the varied needs of all of our students.

Eastside Christian School Foundation

Our foundation is intended to be an endowment that will accrue interest and will supplement the school's other sources of income.

In addition, foundation board members will work to establish a fundraising strategy for the school. Our foundation's founding board members are: Pete Adams, Jim Holstege, Anne Miedema, Tom Newhof, Jr., Lori Pastoor, and Tim Thompson.

Although we are still waiting for our attorney to finalize the incorporation documents, we are honored to announce that the Eastside Christian School Foundation is the beneficiary of three estates.

Scholarship Recipients

We congratulate both Kyle Thompson and Kristi Thompson, our 2004 recipients of the Gerald DeVries/Eastside Christian Scholarship at Calvin College. Kyle, a 2001 Eastside graduate, is beginning his freshman year this fall. Kristi, who has been our aide and office support since Eastside began eight years ago, is earning her elementary education degree.

Andrew Schimmel and Jordan Eldersveld, our 2002 and 2003 scholarship recipients, are returning to Calvin for their Junior and Sophomore years, respectively.

Fund Drive Update

With the Debt Elimination Drive that we initiated at the end of last year, we had a goal of raising \$240,000 to make up for the prior year Operating Fund Drive shortfalls (\$40,000) and to repay personal loans necessitated by a shortfall in receipts from Capital Campaign pledges (\$200,000). We are very grateful to announce that with a combination of the Debt Elimination Drive receipts, contributions from the Promoters, and the forgiveness of some loans we no longer have any debt associated with the building.

In addition, since initiating the 2004/2005 Operating Fund Drive in April 2004, we have received pledges for \$132,000 of our \$148,000 goal. If you wish to make a contribution to support the 2004/2005 school year, please contact our Operating Fund Drive Captain Jeff Baker (616-451-0554) or mail your donation to our Treasurer: Todd DeMeester
2510 Westboro NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

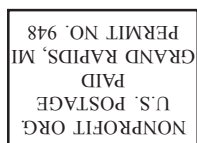
Stop-N-Shop

This year's Stop-N-Shop, the Eastside Promoters major fundraising event, will be on **Saturday, November 6**. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for coffee or lunch. We will have delicious baked goods for sale. We have signed up some new vendors and some old favorites as well. **If you'd like more information about becoming a vendor or volunteering to work at this event, call Kim Monsma at (616-452-3738).**

Cleaning Bee

If you are able and interested, please join us for a cleaning bee at the school on **Saturday, August 21, from 8:00a.m.—12:00p.m.** Just bring along some cleaning supplies and help prepare the school building for the arrival of our students.

The Eastside Christian School Association admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.



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