

East Martin Christian School



Knight's News

September 1, 2022

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School Calendar

9/2 & 9/5 No School
Labor Day Weekend

No Martin Bussing

Wednesday 9/14 P.M.
Friday 10/7 A.M./ P.M.
Wednesday 10/12 P.M.

Hot Lunch

Wednesday 9/7
Corn Dog with Chips

Friday 9/9
Pizza & Ice Cream

Wednesday 9/14
Chicken Patty with Chips

Friday 9/16
Walking Taco

Band Practice Sheet

Sept 2-9: Yellow

Newsletter Information

Deadline is 7P.M. Wednesday
Send submissions to
Newsletter@EastMartin.org
The Newsletter will be
published biweekly

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Administrator's Note — Mr. Dirk Weeldreyer

Welcome back to school! We trust that the opening two weeks of class have been going well for your student as they get "into the swing". It's been wonderful to see all of their bright, shining faces back here in the halls!

As we move into this new school year, our focus is on this year's theme, "Living God's Story". At the Opening Chapel, we talked about this theme as it connects to our verse for the year, Acts 4:20:

"For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Throughout this year, we will be talking about all of the ways that we can live out God's story by sharing all of the wonderful things God is doing and has done in our lives!

As we start this new school year, we'd like to introduce some new staff members, as well as staff members who have moved into different roles:

At the end of last school year, **Mrs. Laura Westendorp** announced her intention to retire from EMCS after many years of service to students in several schools. God had different plans though as Mrs. Westendorp has returned to EMCS this fall to teach Middle School Math and Science on an interim basis! We are also grateful that **Mrs. Annalee Johnson** will be helping her fill in, particularly focusing on our Outdoor Education/STEM program.

With Mrs. Westendorp's (originally planned) retirement, **Mrs. Shannon Hahn** (formerly our kindergarten teacher) has moved into the ESS classroom this year. Taking her place in kindergarten, we are very excited to welcome **Ms. Hannah Schewe**. Ms. Schewe comes to us as a 2022 graduate of Cornerstone University. Welcome, Ms. Schewe!

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Also new to our staff this year is **Ms. Aimee Buchholz** who is taking over as our art teacher. Ms. Buchholz took art education classes in Indiana, and has other art teaching experience. She is also the parent of a new kindergartener, and we welcome them both to East Martin!

We would also like to welcome **Mr. Steve Sikma** to our staff. Mr. Sikma will be teaching Physical Education, and will be frequently accompanied by his wife, Jodi. The Sikma's are retired long-time educators in both Christian and public schools, and we appreciate their willingness to join our team!

One more new (but returning) face this year will be our new custodian, **Mrs. Paulette Dandrow**. Mrs. Dandrow has children who have graduated from East Martin, and we are pleased she is able to join us as well!

Finally, we would also like to take a moment to recognize our staff members who have gone on to other adventures this year. Mrs. Helder, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. Tuinstra have dedicated many years of service to East Martin, and while we are sad to see them go, we wish them God's blessing in the next phase of their lives.

Our staff looks forward to working together with all of you in the education of God's precious children! Thank you for your ongoing support of East Martin Christian School!

Martin Public Bus

If your child rides the Martin Public Bus, before or after school, please take note of the dates and times on the left side of the newsletter as it will list when the bus is not running.

Little Caesar's Pizza

It's Pizza Pizza time! Our Little Caesar's fundraiser (pizza kits, bread sticks and cookie dough) starts Monday, September 5. Each student will get an order form, however, if you would rather sell as a family that is fine too. The TOP seller will get a \$25 gift card, so remember to ask family, friends, and co-workers. Order forms and money are due back to school on Friday, September 30. If you would like to order online go to pizzakit.com, please remember to enter our school ID# 406050 so we get the credit. Web orders are due Sunday, October 2. Delivery is the week of October 17 (day to be determined).

Harvest Sale: October 15

We are excited to announce that the 79th Annual Harvest Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at 4:00 P.M. This is a big event, so be sure to invite your family and friends! Please start bringing in new items or services that you would like to donate. Contact Jessica Tucker (269) 998-2960 or Jenny VandeBunte at (616) 217-7977 with items/description to be included in the Harvest Sale booklet. Please be sure to turn in all donations (excluding perishable items) to the school office by October 1st. Thank you for your support of the Harvest Sale, and of Christian education at EMCS.

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch will begin Wednesday, September 7th. Order forms were sent home last week listing the lunch options and dates. This year, we will be doing three months of orders at a time for each family for the time being. Order forms will be sent home with your youngest student. Please be sure to fill them out and return them on their due date with your payment for your meal selections for each student.

Pick-ups/Drop-offs

Midday

If you are bringing a student to school late or picking them up early for an appointment, please use the front door. We have the doors locked during the day for safety. Use the button for the buzzer, and someone will open the door for you.

Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather, you may drop off your student(s) in the front and they may come inside.

After School Pick-up

Please allow the bus to enter first and then the car line can follow.

Directory/Handbook

The school directory and handbook will be coming soon and it will include contact information for other school members. Please be sure to read the handbook portion for school guidelines.

Emergency Forms

If you have not done so already, please make sure to return your forms with emergency contact information.

Facebook Page

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