



Dates to Remember



- ACDA All State in New Orleans** – Thursday, November 1st – Saturday, November 3rd - Hilton Riverside New Orleans
- Faith and Friends Food Pantry Drive begins** – Thursday, November 1st – Thursday, November 15th
- Pep Rally for Basketball/Spirit T-Shirt Day** – Monday, November 5th - 2:30pm – EDS Gym – students may wear their **maroon EDS spirit t-shirt** only, casual clothes policy in effect
- 1st Grade field trip to the Grant Tree Farm** – Tuesday, November 6th – leave 8:00am, return 2:00/2:30pm – EDS bus
- Pokemon Club Meeting** – Wednesday, November 7th – 3:15 – 4:15pm in Ms. Marque’s office
- Washington DC trip mandatory meeting** – Thursday, November 8th – one parent should attend either 12:00 or 5:30pm – see bulletin for details
- Veteran’s Day Program** – Friday, November 9th – 10:30am – gym
- Picnic Assembly** – Monday, November 12th – 1st - 4th grades lunch from 11:30-12:00; 5th – 8th lunch from 12:30-1:00pm
- Jr. Beta Convention** – Wednesday, November 14th – details coming soon
- Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program** – Wednesday, November 14th – 11:00 – 11:30am
- Mid 2nd Quarter** – Wednesday, November 14th
- 5th Grade Dancing Classrooms Culminating Event** – Thursday, November 15th 1:00pm – EDS Gym
- 1st and 2nd Grades field trip to “The Nutcracker Ballet”** – Thursday, November 15th - leave 8:25am, return by 11:00am – EDS Bus
- Thanksgiving Breakfast for 1st – 8th grades** – Friday, November 16th – 9:30am
- Coats for Kids Drive ends** – Friday, November 16th
- Thanksgiving Holiday** – Monday, November 19th – Friday, November 23rd
- Holiday Care PK3-KDG** (for contracted students only) – Monday, November 19th – Wednesday, November 21st
- Decorate Jesse Tree** – Monday, November 26th – EDS Commons
- Scout Pack Meeting** – Thursday, November 29th - EDS Commons – 5:30pm

Boo's Views

I just finished a three-week seminar on the Children of Islam. The purpose of these talks is to learn about each other's faith, to become friends, and to establish a relationship with others of different faiths. As you may recall from the bulletin one talk was on Islam, the second on Judaism and I gave the talk on Christianity. Last Friday, George Bodin who gave the talk on Judaism invited us to Temple Sinai to their Friday evening service. He had been asked to be the lay leader. When I heard what had happened at the Tree of Life in Pittsburgh, I was so upset. Today I invite you to read the letter from the Executive Director of our National Association of Episcopal Schools, The Rev. Dr. Dan Heischman.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The Tree of Life congregation in Pittsburgh has a fascinating history. It began as an Orthodox offshoot of the city's oldest Jewish congregation which was increasingly identifying with the Reform tradition. For a number of years it met in a former Lutheran church downtown, during which it joined with the Conservative network of congregations. For almost forty years, from 1907 to 1946, it made its home in the Oakland section of town. From there it moved to its current location in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood, handing its old building over to the Pittsburgh Playhouse Theater.

As a growing number of Jewish families left the city to live in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, the congregation merged with another Conservative congregation as well as became home to both a Reconstructionist and an additional Conservative congregation.

Its very history reflects the endless adaptability of a tree, as well as the continuation of its life from generation to generation. No wonder various ancient traditions, not the least being Judaism, have held up the image of the tree of life as a symbol of immortality: a tree gives birth to other trees, its livelihood is nimbly preserved throughout the passage of time, well beyond the span of human life. So, too, this congregation has recently served a role quite similar to the classic role of a tree providing shelter, or, as was so commonly the case in the Celtic tradition, offering a central place under which people could gather.

One of the most remarkable aspects of trees is their capacity to foster life even though they have died. I recall many times, walking through a forest, where I would come upon downed trees, having completed their course of life in their particular place and time, lying on the ground, in part decaying while serving as the host location of new vegetation springing forth out of their dead trunks.

In the midst of the unspeakable tragedy of this past Saturday at the Tree of Life Congregation's home, we see that last characteristic of a tree so clearly reflected: those who died will give life to others, inspiring many, waking up some, reminding all of us that – as horrific and senseless as these killings were – violence, hatred, and bigotry will not have the last word. Those who died continue to give, and in this case they give us hope even in the midst of tremendous grief.

Many of us returning to school this day no doubt struggled with what to say about this event – in individual conversations, in chapels, in messages that might be sent to the larger school community. We are blessed, at least, to be a part of a tradition where hope does not diminish with yet another act of destructive hatred. The Tree of Life continues: we will persevere in gathering, finding shelter, and living out the blessing of God's steadfast love as it endures from generation to generation.

We join our prayers with those who are bereaved, as well as the members of this congregation.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Daniel R. Heischman

The Rev. Daniel R. Heischman
Executive Director



- Q. What grades will the south campus serve?
- A. The south campus will serve Middle School students (7th and 8th) as well as, Upper School Students (9th) adding an additional grade each year. The north campus will continue to serve our preschool through lower school students (PK2-6th). Our goal is that this year's 8th grade class will be our first 9th grade class.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Halloween Evening, Oct. 31st, from 5:00 – 7:00, rain or shine, come and join us at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 1532 Sam Houston Jones Parkway in Moss Bluff. This is Mother Boo's mission church. They are having games, face painting, food, a Haunted House and Trunk or Treat. This is a great safe way to spend the early part of the evening on Halloween. Everyone is welcome. Bring your neighbors!

4-H Club

The next 4-H meeting will be held on Monday, November 5th at 3:30pm in the EDS Library. The election for 4-H officers will be held during this meeting.

Washington, DC – Trip Announcement

First Meeting for Parents – Thursday, November 8th, 2018

The culminating field trip is our trip to Washington, DC for **current 6th and 7th grade students**. The trip has been tentatively scheduled for next fall on Friday, November 15th – Monday, November 18, 2019. There are only three mandatory meetings for parents. The first one is **Thursday, November 8th** at either **12:00** or at **5:30pm**, in one of the 4th grade classroom. At least one parent should attend one of the times available, whichever is best for you. The trip plans, fees and registration information will be presented. There is a discount for early registration.

Veteran's Day Performance

Our annual Veteran's Day performance will be on Friday, November 9th in the EDS gym at 10:30am. If you have a family member or a friend who is a veteran or currently serving in the military, we would love to have them at our show. We also have a slide show presentation honoring Veterans and current military service members. If you have someone you would like to add to the slide show, please submit a digital picture with their name, branch of service, and dates of service to Kathy Grubb, by emailing her kgrubb@episcopaldayschool.org.

The following students need to wear navy blue t-shirts, like the blue color on the American Flag: Solid navy no other colors or pictures, shirts can be either long or short sleeves.

Graeme Fisher	Kambry Shahon	Sophia Joseph
Paytin McCann	Kollin Jackson	Marianna Sickey
Jacob Prestia	Noah Allardyce	Aubrie Weeks
Stratton Stewart	Cassidy Scroggins	Ryland Williams
Adam Selim	Tessa Null	Whit Moffett
Jaskirat Singh	Tyler Clemons	Sartaj Thind
Layla Pourciau	Julia McElveen	Jonathan Goldman

Coats for Kids

The Coats for Kids box arrived and will be in our Commons area until Friday, November 16th. Last year the Kiwanis Club of Lake Charles collected and distributed roughly 1,000 coats. We are grateful for your support of the community project. The coats collected directly benefit: Potter's House, ETC Harbor House, The Lord's Place, Boys Village, Oasis Women's Shelter, CPSB title 10-Assistance to Homeless Children, Solomon's Porch, Care Help of Sulphur, Abraham's Tent and DeWanna's Closet.

Check Us Out

- Crystal Jones, an assistant at EDS in the PK3 classroom, is available to babysit nights and weekends! She has been a nanny in the EDS community for over five years and is looking to meet new families in the area. Please contact her at cjones@episcopaldayschool.org or 337-304-2646 if you are in need of her services.
- Shauna Temple, EDS Alumni, is available for dog sitting in your home, house sitting in general, date night and weekend babysitting. Shauna is CPR and first aid certified as well as an ABA clinician. References available. Contact: Shauna Temple, by email: shaunaleigh8@gmail.com, or cell phone: 337-377-2118
- Piano Lessons available after school in Hardtner Hall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Brigette Walker Martin at 337-515-1580 or by email at bwalkermartin@yahoo.com

A Big Round of Applause to...

(NOTE: If you would like to thank someone who has volunteered or done something special at the school, please send their names to Kelly Davis (kdavis@episcopaldayschool.org) by Tuesday of each week.)

Auction News:

Thank you to everyone who helped make this auction a successful event. EDS reached a record-breaking year!!

Read for the Record:

We would like to thank our Junior League of Lake Charles volunteers who came and read to our classes for "Read for the Record" on Thursday, October 25: Natasha Mir, Marcela Jones, Stephanie Hankins, and Stephanie Potter. Also, a big "Thank you" to Whitney Hurbut, JLLC president, for organizing this event for EDS.

The Kindergarten Teachers would like to thank Sarah Bass for reading to the PreK4 and Kindergarten Classes last week for Read for the Record.

CCAL Volleyball Tournament:

Congratulations to the 7th grade volleyball team won 2nd place in the CCAL volleyball tournament.