



Eastside Christian School

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December, 2020

Dear Eastside Christian School Families and Friends,

Warm greetings to all of you as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior over the next month, and pause to acknowledge the heavenly peace only He can provide.



As 2020 draws to a close, I want to thank you for all that you do for ECS and invite you to continue your support through the school's Eagle Legacy Fund. As we all know, it has been a year unlike any other! Our school, like so many organizations, has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic since the spring of this year. After our campus was closed by state mandate in March, we quickly pivoted to provide instruction online to our Preschool—8th grade students. Since September, we have worked hard to improve our virtual programming so as to offer continued online education for about 30% of our students this year. Additionally, we have implemented countless measures around our campus in an effort to provide the safest in-person learning environment possible for the 70% of our families who have chosen to send their children back to the classroom.



Despite all these changes and challenges, ECS has been steadfast in offering an excellent education from a deeply Christ-centered perspective. For over 50 years we have not wavered from this mission, and we are resolute in maintaining this laser-like focus in the years that come. The Eagle Legacy Fund continues to be instrumental in supporting these efforts. This past year, for example, generous gifts to the Eagle Legacy Fund supported important investments in much needed technology upgrades to support the school's implementation of virtual programming. This year, Eastside Christian School is envisioning the future and we are beginning the exciting journey towards a new classroom building. All Eagle Legacy Fund gifts will be directed into an already established and designated building fund.



When we talk about supporting a “legacy” here at ECS, there are few things as permanent and impactful as constructing a new classroom building. Our strong academic and spiritual programs will continue to be the bedrock upon which this school exists. Yet our physical plant, our classroom buildings, are aging and it's time that we moved beyond our dependence on portables.

While the construction of a new building may still be years away, we are taking the first concrete steps towards making the dream of a new classroom building become a reality. We look forward to the completion of this legacy project, knowing it will be around when ECS celebrates its 100th year in existence. I am both humbled and excited to think that I personally have some part in moving the new classroom building project forward, and invite you to join me in kick-starting the literal “building” of this physical legacy together.

To all of you who have already given so generously to ECS, please accept my heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation. If you have not yet given as a family this year or feel inspired to give more, I can assure you that every cent of what you give will be placed directly into our building fund so that future generations of ECS students can benefit from the visionary efforts of this amazing community.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Migliore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Mark Migliore
ECS Principal