

East Martin Christian School



Knight's News

November 15, 2019

~Partnering with Families ~ Educating Christian Leaders ~ Building Futures on Christ ~

School Calendar

11/27-11/29 NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

12/2 (Kindergarten-8th grade)
Christmas Program 6:30 P.M.

12/6 Martin Christmas Parade,
Dinner, and Live Nativity

12/16-12/19
Middle School Exams

Carpool Dates

Wednesday 12/11 P.M.
Wednesday 1/15 P.M.

Hot Lunch

Wednesday, 11/20
Corn dog with chips

Friday, 11/22
Lasagna with bread

Band Practice Sheet

Nov. 15-22 color: Salmon

Newsletter Information

Deadline is 7P.M. Wednesday
Send submissions to
Newsletter@EastMartin.org

269-672-5722

Office@EastMartin.org
www.EastMartin.org

Principal's Note

One of the joys of being the school administrator is getting to know the extended school community. I have been blessed in the past few years to speak with many alumni, family members, and other Christians who support our mission. A couple of years ago, as we celebrated seventy-five years of Christian education at EMCS, I placed a call to Mrs. Ruth (Westendorp) Hofman. She was the first graduate of East Martin Christian, and at the time of our conversation, she was eighty-eight years old. It was a special call that I will never forget. I am sorry to share with you that Mrs. Hofman recently passed away.

At the time I spoke with her, she was living in her own apartment in a retirement village, and was thoughtful, well-spoken, and extremely gracious to me as we talked about her childhood and life experiences. She remembered that East Martin had one teacher who taught thirty-six students in K-8th grade. Yikes! Everyone was expected to help, and everyone did--parents and students alike.

After she graduated eighth grade, she was done with school, eventually marrying and having four children of her own who also attended a Christian school. She shared a piece of advice that is still excellent advice for all of us: "Keep faith in God, keep faith in the school and in the church, and help as much as you can." Well said, good and faithful servant! This year, Mrs. Hofman's niece, who taught here years ago, returned to East Martin as a teacher, and I see many of her traits carried out, even today. Thank you, Mrs. Laura Westendorp, for all you do for our students and our school! We are blessed with families and traditions that make East Martin a strong and vibrant school where children are trained to keep the faith and live out their servant privileges every day and everywhere.

Wreath Pick-up

Reminder: wreaths will be ready for you to pick up from the gym after school on Friday, November 22nd. If you have any questions, please contact Jen DeYoung at 269-672-7496.

Ladies' Night Vendor Craft Show

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Ladies' Night Vendor Craft Show that was held on November 4th. We raised about \$1,400! It's always nice to see so many familiar faces from the community join us!

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516 118th Avenue ~ Martin, MI 49070

TRIP Store

TRIP holiday earning bonuses are heading your way! This is the perfect time to start your Christmas shopping while helping our school and reducing your tuition.

ThanksScriping Day: November 21st - This is a huge event that only happens three times a year. Earn the biggest bonus rebates of the season on dozens of eGift cards and reloads for one day only.

Holiday Bonuses: November 30th-December 13th - Earn even more on holiday shopping with two weeks of bonuses on top brands.

\$5 and \$10 Gift Cards: Now through December 23rd - They make the perfect stocking stuffers and small gifts for friends, teachers, coaches, mail carriers, and more! Available while supplies last.

TRIP store hours are Wednesdays from 8-8:15, unless otherwise noted. There is a TRIP mailbox in the entryway at school with more information and enrollment info. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jen DeYoung 269-672-7496 (call or text).

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no TRIP store hours on Wednesday, November 27th. Regular hours will resume on December 4th until Christmas Break.



Water Notice

In the State of Michigan, all public water sources, such as our school is, have their water tested quarterly. We have water test-form several places throughout the school and generally have excellent results. They are routinely posted on the bulletin board in the entry hallway. On this fall's test, however, we did show unacceptably high levels of copper at only one location, in one sink of the kitchen. This sink is never used for drinking water, so it should not have affected anyone's health. As a result of the numbers, we have replaced the faucet in that sink, and are awaiting new testing to ensure that the problem has been fixed. We are also sending home the results to families for your review. Please call Lisa Leep if you have any questions.

Amazon Smile

If you shop on Amazon, sign up for AmazonSmile and select East Martin Christian School as your charity of choice. Everything is the same except you start at smile.amazon.com, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to East Martin Christian School. This is not only available during the Christmas season but all year long.



Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God, and keep the vows you made to the Most High.
Psalms 50:14

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts.
Colossians 3:16