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## Lord of All or not at All

**WELCOME** to Edmonton Christian School,  
a place where we learn about THINGS.

**All things were created by God and for God.  
(Col. 1:16)**

Your child will learn lots of *things* this year. Everything is a thing... rocks are things, trees are things, worms are things, bio-diversity is a thing, families are things, governments are things, stories are things, computers are things and schools are things.

All kids in all schools in Edmonton will learn about things. But, the way we learn things needs to be different, because the Bible has something to say about *things*.

**God's laws endure;  
all things are God's servants.  
(Psalm 119: 91)**

All things are God's servants. Rocks, trees, worms, families, governments, stories, computers, schools, and even people are servants of God. The Bible doesn't differentiate between living and non-living things, or human and non-human things. Whether we like it or not, *all things* are servants of God.

The non-human creation serves God without know it. At our school, we acknowledge that God made everything. We investigate God's laws of nature and ask ourselves how everything works together. A basketball has no choice but to fall to the ground because God's law of gravity endures. A stretched elastic has no choice but to zoom away because of the created laws of elasticity and inertia. The ingredients in a shaken can of pop has no choice but to fizz because of the created laws involving gases, equalization and pressure. All things are God's servants.

As humans, we also are created things, made to serve God. But, human servants can choose to serve God or someone else. And, we can use the non-human creation to help us in our service to God or to something

else. Students will learn about how *things* serve God and honour God's plan for our world.

A student might choose to aim (and shoot) a stretched elastic at another kid in the class whom he/she wishes to hurt, or the student might use its energy properly to keep papers or school materials together.

A student might use a balance scale in mathematics and with classmates learn that God is the God of order and balance. "**Mathematics is the language with which God has written the universe.**" (Galileo)

Students might choose to read books or magazines that cause hurt and bring ugliness into their thoughts. Or, they can read stories and learn about life in God's world and enjoy the delights of language to communicate with others.

Pop could be chosen as the drink for every day for every meal and rot your teeth. Or, a pop can might be shaken hard and then sprayed on others or the floor, leaving a mess to be cleaned up. Used properly it might be consumed as a special treat.

A student chooses how to participate in gym class. Maybe one is not a fast runner and can never even hit the backboard when they shoot a basket, but they can choose to keep trying, be a team player, pass to someone who gets the ball in the basket and celebrate team spirit.

**"I believe God made me for a purpose.  
But he also made me fast.**

**And when I run, I feel His pleasure."**  
(*Chariots of Fire*, British sprinter Eric Liddell)

As students, staff and parents in the Edmonton Christian School community – we are going to learn a lot of *things* this year. I hope and pray that being God's servant is one of them!

(Thoughts by Darlene Eerkes, Principal)

### **FIRE DRILL**

Today we ran a very successful Fire Drill. We will be doing 5 fire drills this year.

***Our students will grow in critical thinking skills using a Biblical framework.***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Sept. 2	Early Dismissal 1:55 pm Family BBQ 5:00 pm Meet the Teacher Night 5:30 pm Kindergarten Meeting 6:30pm Junior High Athletic Meeting 6:30 pm
Mon. Sept. 6	Labour Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Sat. Sept. 11	Annual ESCE Golf Tournament
Sept. 20 & 21	School Photo Day
Mon. Oct. 11	Thanksgiving Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Oct. 21-22	<b>CEA Convention NO SCHOOL</b>
Thurs. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Fri. Nov. 12	Day In Lieu <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Dec. 20-31	Christmas Break <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

### Meet the Teacher and Family BBQ

This Thursday, September 2, 2010 all families are invited to connect with staff. A family and staff BBQ will be held at NE school on the asphalt at the back of our school (if good weather prevails) or in the gym (if weather forces us indoors). All families – parents and students – are invited to this BBQ from 5 pm – 6:15 pm. It is free, but donations are accepted. All attendees will need to stop at a ticket booth to pick up one or two tickets (per person) for a hamburger(s) and one ticket for one bag of chips. Water will be provided. Supper will no longer be provided after 6:15; staff will begin clean up at 6:15.

After enjoying your food, **students are asked to introduce their parents and teacher(s)**. Staff will mingle outside until 5:30 pm. (No one in the school until 5:30). At 5:30 the school doors will be open and teachers will be available in their homeroom classrooms, in the school. Parents and children should go together to visit the teacher and see the classroom. There is no outdoor/indoor supervision of children. This is a FAMILY introduction to the teacher. This is NOT a time for an in-depth conversation; appointments can be made with the teacher if a longer conversation is required. All families are encouraged to attend. You will also have the opportunity to meet more families and sign up for Schoolzone (if you have not already done so). Staff will be here to greet and meet parents, with their children **from 5 – 7 pm**.

Other opportunities **Thursday, September 2nd** evening:

All KA/KB kindergarten parents are invited to Kindergarten Orientation at 6:30 in the auditorium.

K-1 parents, please meet in the K-1 classroom at 6:30 for orientation.

Any Junior High parents interested in information on extra curricular athletic teams, please meet at 6:30 in the 9V classroom.

Maps of the school will be available on a table by the main office door.

Information or assistance with Schoolzone will be available from staff at a table by the main office door.

### CHANGES TO SCHOOL ABSENCES

Students are expected to be at school and on time for all classes unless a valid excuse is provided, either written or phoned in to the office. According to the School Act the only reasons that are accepted as "**excused absences**" are:

- illness or other medical
- transportation issue
- bereavement
- religious holidays
- school suspension/expulsions
- permission from the Edmonton Public School Board
- unavoidable circumstances (i.e. legal, safety issues)

Parents are requested to **phone the school by 8:30 am** on the morning that their child will be absent from school. When **leaving a message**, please leave your name and the name of the student, grade, teacher's name, and the reason for the late/absence. Should a student be **absent without notification**, the homeroom teacher will communicate the absence to the school admin assistant, who will then phone the child's home or a work number to determine the student's whereabouts.

Your call to the school will save us time; please call us! Teachers, office staff and then administration will contact parents when their son/daughter has accumulated more than expected absences in a month, unless for known medical or personal family reasons. Students are expected to be at school!

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## **PARKING/DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES**

Thank you to the smooth and efficient way in which YOU are dropping off and picking up your children from school. New families are learning the process and previous families are remembering the routine. THANK YOU for doing such a great job on the first couple of days of school. For more information, please read the guidelines for using the Drop and Ride and parking around the school, found in the Student Handbook.



### ***Safety before convenience.***

There are NO visitor spots in the Staff Parking lot. We have many staff and all our spots are used. The staff parking lot is NOT a drop off/pick up zone. No one, except handicap eligible parents, should be driving in the staff parking lot during drop off, pick up times. Too many children are rushing to catch a bus or meet parents.

From time to time police will be checking the area to ensure that safe driving conditions are being maintained. Speeding will be observed. Tickets will be given for people failing to keep safety a top priority. Thank you for your consideration of all pedestrians, drivers and our resident neighbours, as we maintain a SAFE flow of traffic around our school.

## **COACH NEEDED**

We are currently looking for a volunteer to coach our Senior Boys volleyball team. If you are interested or know of a qualified person who may be able to do this. Please contact Brady Van Ry 408-7942(3230) or [brady.vanry@epsb.ca](mailto:brady.vanry@epsb.ca).

## **NEEDED: PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

For student crossing patrol supervision. Every morning between 8:05 and 8:20 am we need two parents to supervise the park and ride area and the street crosswalk. Please send your name into the office if you are able to help. It would be good if we had a few parents so no one would have to come every day.

## **SCHOOLZONE**

Access this information system at least weekly. This will provide parents and students with secure access to school and student information. Using portal technology and the convenience of the Internet, it is available any time and any place. If you are experiencing problems, contact the school office for assistance.

## **PARENTS IN PRAYER**

Parents in prayer will start again this year on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 in the chapel room. Anyone can hand in prayer requests (named or anonymous) to a "prayer box" in the office. YOU are welcome to join parents in prayer.

**YEAR BOOKS 2009-2010** (last year) are in. If you ordered a yearbook and did not get one, please contact the office immediately. There are a few extra books, they are available in the office, first come/first served for \$ 20 each.

## **CHANGE FROM STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Due to congestion students in grade 6G and 6J will enter and exit the school at the northwest entrance. For more information see page 42 in the Student Handbook

## **ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Edmonton Christian Schools 16th Annual Golf Tournament** - Saturday, September 11 - Sandpiper Golf & Country Club. You are invited to join us as a single golfer, a pair or a foursome for this enjoyable community event. The registration fee is \$145 which includes BBQ, 18 holes, Dinner and a \$45 tax receipt. Hole sponsorships are also available. Funds raised will be used to purchase mobile computer labs at our West and Northeast Schools. Register by calling 780-476-6281 or go to our website: [www.edmchristian.net](http://www.edmchristian.net).

**SHOP NOW & SAVE PROGRAM:** Purchase gift cards for the major grocery stores (*Safeway, SaveOn, Sobeys, Superstore*), *Dost AutoPro, Ben's Meat* and *Red Robin Restaurants*. We buy the cards at a discount and return 60% of the savings to you every July in the form of a rebate cheque. Many of our participating families have received rebates of \$300 - \$500! The other 40% of the discount stays with our schools of which 10% is donated to a worthy organization. Gift cards are available for instant pickup at Northeast School and the Society Office.