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Alumni Newsletter



ECS NAMES BRAXTON BRADY AS NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

There is a new excitement in the air as ECS has named Braxton Brady to be the next Head of School. Already, Braxton has made a tremendous impact on our students, parents, teachers and culture since he arrived on our campus last spring. His strong leadership skills, cultivated over years in Christian education, together with his enthusiasm and heart to disciple students in the

Lord, combine to lend him the skillset, experience and inspiration to further develop our school's vision to provide the best Christian discipleship in a challenging academic setting in the Memphis area. A Memphis native and ECS parent himself, he appreciates the history that makes ECS a stronghold in the community, and he also understands how our school needs to grow to continue to provide the Christian family a Christ-centered, biblically-directed education in our 21st century context.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to serve a school like ECS," Braxton says. "ECS has long been a school that has produced men and women who have made a significant impact in our city, state, country and world. I am humbled to serve alongside gospel-centered teachers and coaches who know why we do what we do – challenge our students to know Jesus Christ and develop the vision and practice of excellence in academics, character, leadership, and service to others. I could not be more excited about where we are going as a school community."

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
THE MARK BRINK AUDITORIUM
DEDICATION & ART SALE**

Join us on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for what is sure to be an unforgettable night as we dedicate the Mark Brink Auditorium and celebrate a beloved teacher now in his 46th year of teaching Bible at ECS. Hear from those closest to Mr. Brink about the immeasurable impact this outstanding teacher has had on the lives of nearly every ECS alumni, and take advantage of the opportunity to thank him in person for his service to the Lord at ECS for all of these years.

That same night, join us for an Art Sale in the ECS Legacy Center, featuring artists such as EMYO, Clay Enoch, Hillary Butler, Georgia Peeler, Beth Meadows and our very own David Butler, as well as many others, who will have their artwork for sale to help support the Mark Brink Tuition Grant & ECS Annual Fund. Don't miss out on a memorable night of reflection, thanksgiving, fellowship and fun.

In order to attract and maintain some of the best Christian teachers in the country for all of our students, ECS has a burden to provide for their needs. In Mark Brink's 46 years of teaching, he says that his greatest joy was being able to teach his own sons. Because this need is close to Mr. Brink's heart, we have created the Mark Brink Tuition Grant, purposed to meet the needs of our faculty so that they are able to afford their own children the same high quality Christian education they are faithfully committed to teaching their students.

[Donate to the Mark Brink Tuition Grant here](#) (or click the button below).

The logo features the text "ART at ECS" in a stylized font. "ART" is in white, "at" is in a smaller white font, and "ECS" is in red with a white outline. The text is set against a black background with white brushstroke effects.

**Art SALE &
Mark Brink Auditorium Dedication**
Evangelical Christian School
7600 Macon Road

**January 26, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

THE FANTASTICKS! REVUE

New ECS Theater Director, Lynden Jones, brought *The Fantasticks* to ECS for its Fall Musical, and it was met with *fantastick* reviews from our community. This story of young love highlighted the vocal talent of Laura Beth Baker, who played Luisa, and Hart Madison, who played Matt (both juniors). Match-making neighbors who trick their children into falling in love by pretending to feud were played by Meg Williams (sophomore) and Noah Mrok (junior). Jacob Mohler (junior) served as El Gallo, the narrator, who sang the familiar tune, "Try to Remember,"



and comic relief was provided by sophomore Ben Gray, who played Henry, and freshman Mia Floriani, who played Mortimer. The role of The Mute was played by freshman Evie Vander Zwaag.

"The students completely rose to the occasion and presented true emotion and storytelling on stage," Mrs. Jones said. "We have some of the most talented students in the area here at ECS."

Mark your calendars to join us February 21 - 23 and February 28 – March 2 as the ECS Theater Department brings a perennial favorite, *Oklahoma!*, to the Mark Brink Auditorium stage, featuring an ensemble cast of thespians, athletes and artists.

The Fantasticks featured music by Harvey Schmidt and lyrics by Tom Jones.

FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP



Girls Soccer

Team competed at the State Semifinals
Record: 16W-6T-3L

**This group of seniors finished in the final four every year in high school and won two state titles.*

All State Players: Catelyn Somogyi, Phoebe Harpole

Phoebe Harpole was selected as a State Player of the Week Oct. 8 to Oct. 14 by Max Preps. Games vs. Collierville, BGA, and USJ that week



Boys Golf

Finished 3rd in the Region

James Nichols tied for 19th in the State Tournament as an individual player.

Girls Golf

Finished 4th in the Region

Maggie Porter finished 5th at the State Tournament as an individual player.

Volleyball

The team placed 2nd in our District and 3rd in the Region Tournament and competed in the State Quarter Finals.

All-Region Player: Georgia Anne McCarter

All-District Players: Hannah Benson, Audrey Hutchins, and Georgia Anne McCarter



Football

Record: 9-3 with big wins over Knoxville Webb, Arlington, and Battle Ground Academy.

Entered play offs as 3rd seed in the Region and competed in State Quarter Finals.

Division II-AA All-Region teams:

Defensive POY - Austin Hill (OLB)

1st Team Players: OL - Dietrick Pennington, Joshua Crowell WR - Dawson Williams DL - Josh Hartsuff LB - Ethan Saunders DB - Carson Gagnon K - Chandler Caughron

2nd Team honorees: Back - Jacob Hatcher, Matthew McMeans OL - Josiah Tingley, Cody Ashmore DL - Tyler Jiles LB - Evan Lockhart, Preston Daniel DB - Jacob Epperson, Peter Nearn.

Honorable Mention: Back - Cameron Rosenberger, Joseph Welch, Allan Bowden OL - Paul Ellis

Region Coach of the Year - Jonas Rodriguez



Girls Cross Country

Finished 2nd in the Region and 7th in the State Meet

Boys Cross Country

Team finished 2nd in the Region which enabled them to participate in the State Meet. Senior Davis Rangl led the Eagles at State by finishing 11th overall.

DOT DAY

ECS Lower School celebrated its first Dot Day on November 20, which proved to be a fun way to integrate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) into these young students' learning.

Inspired by *The Dot* book by Peter H. Reynolds, Lower School teachers incorporated STEAM activities with a dot theme for all students, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Polka-dot-clad students rotated in small groups to Science where they learned which plastics melt best, and to Engineering,



where students competed to build the tallest tower using marshmallows and toothpicks. In Art, they created their own dots, inspired by Kandinsky's circles, and learned about the art and science of diffusion of ink on a porous surface (Crayola markers + water + coffee filter = a beautiful kaleidoscope of colors). On this dot-themed day, even their snack was appropriately, Dippin' Dots!

A favorite was the QR dot scavenger hunt, combining Technology and Math, in which students used iPads to scan QR codes found on dots pasted throughout the building. QR codes revealed math problems the students had to solve in order to learn clues to find the next dot.

Jules Hope, a fourth grader, enjoyed Dot Day. "We got to do fun things with dots," Jules said. "My favorite part was the scavenger hunt. We used math skills to figure out the clues on the dots." Jules also enjoyed coloring plastic cups which they melted into Christmas ornaments.

Piggybacking on the message of *The Dot* book to make your mark on the world, the day's devotional was based on Colossians 3:17: "Whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

"The kids were actively engaged in the learning process by being collaborative, creative, and thinking things through in the various activities," lower school Art teacher, Anne Smith, reflected. "It was a fun to see the day come together and was a result of a group effort of teachers and students."





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