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Homecoming 2025

By Anna Grace Fletcher & Cooper Wilson

Homecoming 2025 was one for the books! Filled with fun dress theme days, a nail-biter of a powder puff game, and more, students at ECS made lasting memories with their friends. This year's dress theme days consisted of Matching Monday, Secret Service, College Game Day, Generation Day, and Cardinal Chaos. For this year's dress theme days, there was a competition among the high schoolers to see who was the best-dressed for each day. Students voted on the people they thought dressed the best at the end of each day, and the winning students were announced during the homecoming pep rally on Friday.

While the dress theme days are a big part of homecoming week, another fun event is the Powderpuff game, where the junior girls play the senior girls in an intense game of flag football. The game went back and forth, with many wondering who would come out on top. Although the girls are fun to watch, the male cheerleaders always put on an entertaining show for the fans. This year's game was a close one, but the senior girls pulled off a buzzer-beater win, leaving this class 2x champs! On Friday, students got to enjoy dog day (with the brand-new addition of burgers), the pep rally, and the homecoming football game, which drew an impressive crowd. During the pep rally, students

played fun games and the cheerleaders led the school in cheers, getting students into the school spirit. Friday night, the annual clown parade took place before the football game. The clown parade is led by Ms. Carolyn Montfort, known as "The Clown Lady." This great tradition was started by Ms. Montfort in 1981 as a part of the Harvest Festival. In the clown parade, kindergartners and their teachers dress as clowns and walk across the football field. Adding to that tradition, this year, the 9th-12th-grade classes decorated golf carts to follow behind Ms. Montfort in the parade. Each grade competed to see who had the best-decorated

golf cart. Congratulations to the freshmen who won the competition! During halftime of the football game, the spirit court members and their escorts were announced. The spirit court and their escorts are selected by their peers for best representing the senior class and for modeling the mission of ECS. To end off the week of fun festivities, the annual homecoming dance took place on Saturday. The theme this year was "Glitzy 60" in honor of the 60 years of ECS. This was one of our most peak homecoming weeks, filled with lasting traditions and exciting new ones, all in celebration of ECS's 60th anniversary. Cheers to sixty years!

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Dear Readers,

I am so thrilled to be able to share this year's first issue of *The Eagle's Eye* newspaper with all of you. It has been such a joy to work with this year's incredible staff and to be a part of this time-honored tradition. This issue will mark the 39th year of *The Eagle's Eye*, and I'd like

to thank all of the writers, photographers, and editors for helping put this issue together and kick off another great year for ECS's favorite newspaper!

I have to admit that homecoming is always one of my favorite weeks on campus. From the dress theme days to the football game, it seems like there's something for everybody to enjoy, and I hope that this issue will do it justice. In addition to an exciting account of homecoming week, this issue of *The Eagle's Eye* will keep you up-to-date on all the best news around campus. We've compiled stories about fall sports, fine arts, student life and

everything in between. Moreover, if you're looking for something fun to do outside of school, we have a great restaurant review as well. To close out the paper, of course, we've kept the ever-so-popular Fun & Game page, our biggest hit! I'd say that, like homecoming, *The Eagle's Eye* offers something for everyone.

I hope you enjoy this paper, and I look forward to sharing more editions of *The Eagle's Eye* with you this year. Go Eagles!

Happy Reading,
Evie Johns

Star of the Issue: Sadie Kalsi

Interview by Tucker Chipman & Cooper Martin

Tucker: *Sadie, you made a name for yourself by wearing elaborate costumes during homecoming week. What was your favorite outfit you wore?*

Sadie Kalsi: I would say Gru.

Cooper: *What day did you wear that on?*

Sadie: Numero uno.

Tucker: *What is your favorite subject?*

Sadie: I would have to say study hall or English because

Ms. Crowe is the best!

Cooper: *So you have many pets. What are they?*

Sadie: I have chickens, cats, dogs, fish and a ferret.

Tucker: *Wow, that's a lot of pets. If you had to choose one to take with you, what would it be?*

Sadie: I don't know. My ferret.

Cooper: *Sadie, if you were the head of school for one day, what would you do?*

Sadie: I would give everyone A-pluses and give everyone

Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits.

Then we would take a field trip to the animal hospital and to the actual hospital to see all the sick people.

Tucker: *That's great. What is one thing you're looking forward to this year?*

Sadie: Winning another state championship in lacrosse and acing all my classes.



Homecoming

The Powderpuff Game: A Beloved Homecoming Tradition

by Braylon Jackson

Homecoming Week at ECS is packed with a variety of long lasting traditions that everyone enjoys. One homecoming tradition that both the Seniors and the Juniors look forward to during this week has to be the annual Powderpuff Game. This long-standing tradition flips the script on the classic football gameday experience here at ECS. Instead of the football team, the senior and junior girls took to Legends Field to show off their speed, agility, strategy, and teamwork in a fun game of flag football. Meanwhile, the senior and junior boys serve as coaches, cheerleaders or fans as they cheer on their respective grades from the sidelines.

The game began, and energy and entertainment was instantly brought. The juniors started off strong and immediately took off with the ball as the seniors followed close behind. During the game, the junior cheerleaders, led by Cooper



Gordon, hyped up the crowd from the sidelines with a blend of their own original cheers such as spelling out “juniors.” The ball was kept on the junior side for a while as sharp plays and flag pulls were made by standout players including Allie Madison and Eden Conway, just to name a few.

The second half of the game started, and the senior girls began their comeback.

While the scoreboard declared the seniors the winner, the true result of the game came when they gained control of the ball. The seniors were able to keep the action on their side of the field for the remainder of the game and eventually closed the gap as they tied it up on the scoreboard. The senior girls then lined up for a tiebreaking field goal by Allie Broadway and sealed their victory in the 2025 Powderpuff Game with

a score of 8-7. The Powderpuff Game lies in the memories that it creates. This event will forever remain a beloved homecoming tradition at ECS and will be an experience that the class of 2026 and beyond will remember.



Photos by Kaylee Winchell

Student Life

Interview with Richard Engle

by Chase Ellingsworth

The following is an interview with Richard Engle.

Richard Engle is the president of the Aviation Club and leader of the student section for home football games. It is safe to say Richard Engle has played an important role in ECS leadership. The following is a Q and A with Richard about leadership and his legacy at ECS.

Q: What inspired

you to take on so many leadership positions?

A: My entire life I have always felt a strong calling towards being a leader.

Q: As president of the student

section, what has been your favorite memory?

A: For sure it was the time when we all sang HANK WILLIAMS Jr. songs at the ECS homecoming game!

Q: What does an ideal weekend look like for a man of your stature?

A: I like to go golfing and spend time with my dog Lulu.

Q: Since you are known for being on point with

your cologne game, what is your signature scent?

A: Musky Oakmoss is my go-to fragrance!

Q: What is your go-to Sips order?

A: Black Coffee of course! Shout-out Mrs. White and the wonderful Sips staff for all the hard work they put in!

Q: Do you have any hidden talents?

A: I can play the piano. My favorite songs to play are "Great Balls of Fire," "Clair De Lune" and "Piano Man."

Q: Do you have a catch phrase?

A: It goes, "I Can't Hear Squat!"

Q: What is the next event you are planning?

A: A few senior guys are planning to serve breakfast to the teachers. We are all going to have matching aprons that say "Senior

Traditions," inspired by the late great Hank Williams Jr.

Q: Where are you going to college?

A: Delta State. I aspire to become a pilot. My favorite aircraft is the C-17.



The 8th Grade Retreat: Building Community

by Braylon Jackson

This October, the eighth grade class at ECS embarked on their annual 8th Grade Retreat to Lakeshore Camp & Retreat Center located in Eva, Tennessee. This retreat lasted from October 13-15 and featured exciting activities and unforgettable moments.

Even before the trip began, the class was buzzing with anticipation as they were extremely excited for the fun that was to come. Many students have shared that their excitement stemmed from hearing about how much fun last year's retreat had been.

Students were divided into six different tribes and played Survivor, competing in various competitions throughout the retreat. When asked about the most popular activities, Middle School Principal Mr. Gross said, "I would argue the most popular

activities were the 'Midnight Madness' competition, the 'Gauntlett Relay' competition, and hanging out with friends — whether playing basketball, gagaball, or even fishing."

Mr. Gross reflected on the students' interactions, and said "I am always surprised to see how well students socialize with their peers. Every year I expect students to complain about being bored, but it hasn't happened yet. One night most of the students hung out on the beachfront under the stars." He added, "I do believe that this trip helped to strengthen bonds within the grade. Having a shared experience away from everyday life often builds a sense of community."

In addition to games and competitions, students participated in evening sessions which included musical worship and discussions centered around the importance

of Christian community. The first morning at Lakeshore began with a devotional and 20 minutes of silent reflection.

Mr. Gross shared, "My biggest hope is that students left this trip truly understanding why God created us to be in community. I also hope that students came away with an understanding of how to foster and maintain their social community."

Though tired after the trip, students expressed how much they enjoyed their experience. Mr. Gross even mentioned that many have asked if they can go on another retreat this year.

When asked about the purpose of trips like this, Mr. Gross explained, "The purpose of this trip is to allow students to experience the peace and joy that comes from being fully present with their classmates and to understand why a healthy community with peers is essential

for the Christian life."

From shared laughter to quiet moments of reflections, the eighth-grade retreat at Lakeshore Camp & Retreat Center offered a meaningful opportunity to build lasting connections and discover the true purpose of community.

Restaurant Review



Food Review

Huey's

by Thomas Cameron
& Stephen Smith

For our food review, we went to Huey's. Here's our take on the famous Memphis restaurant.

Thomas: I ordered their hot wings as an appetizer and their classic Huey burger with onion rings on the side. Personally, I'm a huge fan of the wings. They are lightly sauced and very crispy; the meat also comes off the bone very easily, which is a plus. I got the burger cooked medium rare, and it was fantastic. Honestly, if you get a burger well-done, you're really missing out because you are unable to get the most flavor of the

burger. The onion rings were super crispy and held together very nicely. Overall, I give my Huey's experience a 7.6 out of 10 because it took forever to get the food, and it's pretty expensive. Also, not having the side included with the burger is kind of ridiculous. However, despite the price, Huey's is still W eats.

Stephen: At our trip to the classic Germantown Huey's, I ordered my usual; which happens to be the Little Miner's, with a side of the kids Mac and cheese. This Mac and cheese is the same Mac and cheese as store bought

Kraft Mac and cheese, but somehow Huey's, as they do to everything else, makes it their own specialty, and it just tastes like a luxury in your mouth. As for the Little Miner's, I would say it's the most creative masterpiece on the menu, three decent-sized sliders, each one topped off with a different twist. Three delicious mini burgers – one with pepper jack cheese & jalapenos, one with bacon & cheddar and one with Swiss & mushrooms, or have all three with bacon & cheddar cheese. Personally, I go with all three with bacon and cheddar cheese- I like to keep it classy. I'd like to

thank my buddy Cooper Wilson for introducing me to this tasty meal years ago, as I have stayed loyal to it since then.



Fine Arts

Visual Arts

by Kora Ford

Here at ECS, there is a fine arts program dedicated to visual arts. There are several courses offered to high school students such as Drawing, Watercolor, Acrylic, Digital Photography, Ceramics 1 and 2, Dual Enrollment Art History and AP Art Both 3D and Drawing for high school.

The head of the fine arts department, Mr. Butler states, “The goal for the program is to know God more fully, through the creation of art and discovering talent.” He encourages students to partake in art classes to learn art as a creative resource to God. The program at ECS is meant to introduce new experiences to students as well

as offer new opportunities. Through this program, it can give a new understanding through the Lord’s eyes as a creator.

Over the course of time the arts department has grown. After two years of absence, ceramics has become a popular class. Additionally, AP Art and Dual Enrollment Art History have tripled in size. In the last five years, there have been awards given to students who rank in scholastic competitions.

The department as a whole has been expanding with a broad range of students with different levels of experience. Mr. Butler says, “The work that students

are doing is impressive. It is a testament to the talent that exists on our campus. I feel privileged that I am able to walk alongside our artists while they are at ECS.”

Mr. Butler also states, “I am constantly reminded that we are made in the image of a creative God. I’ve learned it takes both determination and patience to work in art, and God must have been infinitely more patient and determined to continue pursuing/working/forgiving us.” Art is certainly a constant reminder of God’s grace and beautiful creation.



Student-Led Production

by Parker Barton & Nykira Sengstacke



Students took center stage in the new production, an entirely student-led play that highlights creativity, leadership and teamwork in ECS fine arts.

Students got the chance to bring their own production to life. Directors Brokke Scott and Ashlyn Lorrits stepped into Mrs. Jones’s usual role and made it their own. From choreography to blocking to even giving singing advice, they’ve handled it all.

The production is centered on

emotions. Throughout the show, joy, sadness, anger, and fear are portrayed in a whole new light, using songs and scenes from *The Lion King*, *Little Women*, *Clue*, etc. Students have worked during zero periods, community, and even lunches to nail down their lines and show off their God-given talents.

Director Ashlyn Lorrits shared, “Directing the show with my co-director, Brokke Scott, has been such a fun and eye-

opening experience. Even with the challenges, I’ve learned so much about what it takes to bring a production to life. Organizing alongside our writers and stage crew has been such a blessing, and with the guidance of Mrs. Jones and Miss Glosson, we’ve grown not just in skill but also in our understanding of theater itself. It’s been wonderful to worship God through the art of theater and the joy of creating together.”

Director Brokke Scott added, “Getting to direct at ECS has always been a goal of mine, whether it was later in my life or now. It has been a great learning experience for me as someone who wants to pursue a degree in the arts. It’s also been a great opportunity to see the talents of other students whether that’s with writing, acting or even designing a poster. I hope people enjoy

our scenes and songs, but more importantly, see a glimpse of the gospel through this walk through human emotions, knowing that our Lord and Savior Jesus, being fully God and fully human, has experienced them all with us.”

This production is more than just a performance, it’s a celebration of student creativity, discipline and determination. ECS is proud to provide an outlet where students can share their ideas and express their gifts in new ways. The entire school community stands behind the directors, actors and crew who have poured their hearts into this project. They’ve made it their own, and the message they’re sharing through this show is both powerful and meaningful.

Sports

Season Highlights Include a Hole in One!

by Addison Franks

ECS is home to many fun and entertaining sports, but one sport that is not talked about enough is golf. The ECS golf team brings together an amazing blend of raw talent and hard work.

Mathile Walker is a skilled sophomore golfer at ECS. Mathile placed first in the Dragon Invitational by shooting a 77 on the girl's side of the tournament! Mathile also won three out of five regular season matches alongside Sophie Kay Butora.

Another star for the ECS golf team is Weston Murphy. Weston is a junior here at ECS. This year he shot

a 69 at the Dragon Invitational, placing second on the men's side of the tournament! The men's golf team also tied CBHS, one of the best golf teams in Memphis, at Miramichi on September 16 with Adrian Franks leading the team, shooting a 36.

On September 15, ECS played match play for the first time against St. George's at Galloway, and Jansen Wood conquered his opponent in a nine-hole competition alongside Jack Mandrell who tied his opponent. That following Wednesday, the golf team faced

the Houston Mustangs at Spring Creek in another match play battle where Caleb Vaughan tied his opponent. A highlight of the season was when junior Cooper Boeving hit a hole in one in the match vs CBHS at Colonial Country Club.

And we can't give credit to the players without recognizing the coaches behind them, supporting through the good and bad. We can't forget to thank Coach Acuff and Coach Snyder who motivate them along with the phrase, "better every day."



A Season of Fun & Team Bonding

by Kaylee Winchell

One of the most important things to the ECS volleyball team is team bonding. This is easy to see through the volleyball team's many trips this year.

The girls started off the season by going to Cape Girardeau in July. They went bowling and competed for gift cards and ice cream, ate many dinners together, and played in a tournament to kick off the season. This trip helped everyone get used to playing on a new team.

The next trip was for the varsity team, who went to Murfreesboro. During this trip the team played against several

teams at Middle Tennessee Christian School. The last trip the team took was to Nashville to watch Lipscomb and Nebraska play in person.

Before the games each day, the girls went shopping together and explored Music City. Then they spent the rest of their day watching their favorite college volleyball teams and hanging out. And of course, they enjoyed ice cream together.

All of the trips have helped these girls bond emotionally and spiritually. With devotions from the seniors, to talks in the hotel lobby,

these girls grew closer together. Without this special bond created by those trips, these girls wouldn't be the teammates they are today, kind and loving with a heart to serve the

Lord.

The varsity team closed out their season in the first round of the state tournament.



Fun & Games

Restaurants in Memphis

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HOG AND HOMINY

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PATRICKS
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SEASONS 52

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TOKYO GRILL
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