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Alumni Newsletter

Beloved ECS Teachers Retire

At Evangelical Christian School, we are blessed with a rich, storied history that spans five decades. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to our school's godly founders who responded to the Lord's call to provide Christian families in Memphis an excellent Christ-centered, biblically-directed education.

Many people have been a part of building upon that legacy throughout the years. Among them are **Peggy Selph**, senior kindergarten teacher who has served for 41 years; **Dee Baker**, upper school math teacher who has served 39 years; **Kathy Kallaher**, middle school English and literature teacher who has served 34 years, and **Nadia Alm**, 4th grade teacher who has served 17 years. All four of these teachers will retire from ECS, effective the end of the 2018-2019 academic year.



Former Headmaster Mickey Bowdon reflected about “**Mrs. Peggy**,” as she was known by so many: “Hundreds of children and their parents have been blessed by the love, dedication, wisdom, discernment, and faithful guidance of this truly outstanding educator.” Fond memories for Mrs. Peggy include marching in the annual Clown Parade, celebrating Lazybones Day in pajamas, and hunting for the elusive Gingerbread Man with her students.

John Roelofs describes **Dee Baker** as a “faithful friend, prayer warrior, and one who is always prepared, whether in the classroom or in coaching.” In addition to teaching math in both upper and middle schools and coaching basketball, track, softball, and cross country over the years, he has also been the sponsor of the successful Knowledge Bowl team and the Mu Alpha Theta math honor society. Coach Baker’s funny sense of humor helps him connect with his students and his loyalty to them extends well past graduation.



As an ECS mom, **Kathy Kallaher** helped start the Harvest Festival, a great carnival of ECS lore, before she started teaching English and literature in upper school then middle school. She is known by others for her quick wit and her deep, abiding faith, and she is also known to be a loyal prayer warrior and trusted friend. Her love for ECS is great, and she considers her co-workers to be an extension of her family.

Nadia Alm began teaching French and working in the Advancement office at the Shelby Farms campus, then later found her home teaching fourth grade 12 years ago. Her colleagues describe her as “a bright, innovative, life-long learner who works tirelessly to make learning a joy for her students.” Her deep faith and prayer life are evident to all who know her.



Many of you were blessed to sit under these godly teachers during their years at ECS. In the days to come, we invite you to send a note of thanks to them for the impact they had on you. Mail notes to: ECS c/o Ashley Nearn; P.O. Box 1030; Cordova, TN 38088-1030.

ECS Fine Arts Department Presents *Oklahoma!*

OKLAHOMA! opens this Thursday! Performances of this classic musical will be February 21, 22, & 23 and February 28, March 1, & 2 at 7:00 p.m. and a matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. on March 2. There are lots of

surprises in store in this fun production! [Order your tickets here today.](#)

Please note that online ticket sales will close at 3:00 p.m. the day of each evening performance and on Friday at 3:00 p.m. for the matinee, but please come on! Tickets are always available at the door.



[OKLAHOMA! Tickets](#)



Thank you for Your Support of the Mark Brink Auditorium Dedication & ART at ECS

What a treat to see so many ECS alumni back on campus to celebrate Mr. Brink's 46 years at ECS by dedicating the chapel auditorium in his honor! (If you were unable to attend, click the photo to view the dedication ceremony.) A bas relief sculpture created by Clay Enoch, ECS class of 1991, was unveiled during the celebration as colleagues, past and present, honored Mr. Brink with tributes. Then, more than 30 of Memphis' best artists, many with ECS connections, sold artwork in the Legacy Center to support the Mark Brink Tuition Grant and ECS Annual Fund. It was a successful evening of remembrance, fellowship, and celebration, all to benefit ECS! If you would still like to contribute to these efforts, simply click on the buttons below. Thank you for your generous support!

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Athletics Update

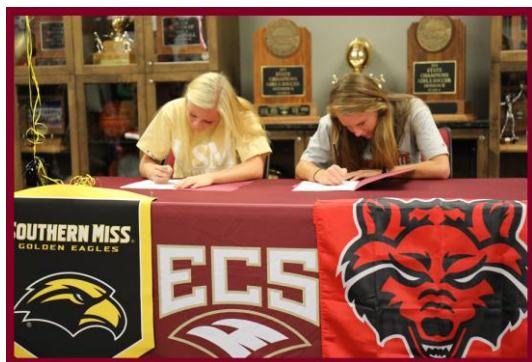


Basketball Insights

Hear from some of our **2019 basketball players** and their **coaches** as they reflect on the season that recently ended. As with all our sports, basketball at ECS is not simply about winning games.

National Letters of Intent signings!

ECS has had five athletes sign to play on the collegiate level so far this year.



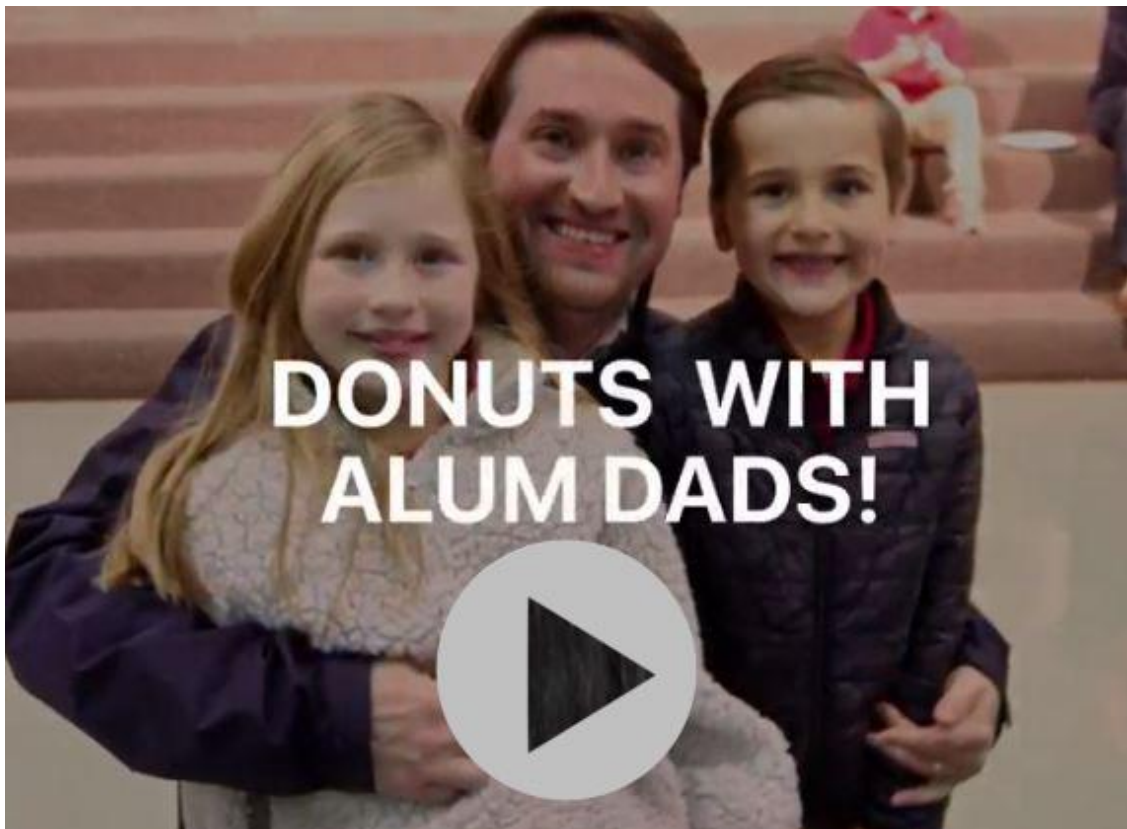
SOCCKER: Hailey Rogers (daughter of Shawn, ECS 1991, and April) will play at Southern Mississippi. **Alden Rooker** (whose parents are Terry, ECS 1987, and Lynne, ECS 1986) is headed to Arkansas State.



FOOTBALL: Chandler Caughron (at left) will play football for the University of Central Arkansas Bears. **Paul Ellis** signed to play at Bethel University, and **Dawson Williams** will be at Fullerton College.

Swim Accomplishment

Hobson Stelling, only a sophomore, placed 6th overall in the 100 free at the State meet! .



Donuts with Dad

Time with your children and Gibson's Donuts make for an irresistible combination for lower school dads! The response to this annual event has been so positive that it was divided into two different mornings in order to accommodate the crowd. Moms served up a variety of flavors of those famous, oh-so-Memphis Gibson's along with milk, chocolate milk, orange juice, coffee, and water. Students excitedly gobbled down donuts as they enjoyed the rare opportunity to be with their dads at school. As dads talked with each other, they also loved seeing their children interact with their friends. The best part, however, was just having this special time to chat with their own children.

Britton Wilkins (ECS 1992) commented, "I always love 'Donuts with Dad.' The days are short with our kids at home and any

opportunity to have breakfast with them and to create memories is welcome! I have great memories from days like 'Grandparents Day' when I was in lower school at ECS!"

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SPRING into GIVING 2019!

This annual event begins **March 25** so mark your calendar. The week will hold some fun challenges so watch for more details to come!

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