

FORWARD ECS Alumni Newsletter

Celebrating Coach Jim Heinz



Last week, we celebrated the life of a great man of God, Coach Jim Heinz, as he recently went to be with the Lord.

Coach Heinz coached football and baseball at ECS from 1978 to 2010, helping to build our storied athletic history, then last year, rejoined our football coaching staff and worked in our Advancement Department. A Tennessee Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame member, he was easily one of the most revered coaches in Tennessee. He won seven Tennessee State Championship titles, four in football and three in baseball, and two of those seasons were undefeated (30-0 in the 1989 baseball season; and 13-0 in the 1999 football season). He was distinguished with multiple Coach of the Year honors, awarded from the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association to *The Commercial Appeal* to Best of Preps. He was inducted into the ECS Hall of Honor in 2013 for his longtime dedication and many accomplishments.

Despite all of his achievements, Coach Heinz is remembered by those whom he coached as a great man of God concerned most with discipling his players in Christ and building them into godly men of character.

Memorials may be given in honor of Coach Heinz's legacy to the ECS football and baseball programs <u>at this</u> link.



Following the memorial service for Coach Heinz, players and coaches from the 40+ years he coached gathered to sing "Victory in Jesus" as they had done after football games, win or lose, for many years. Listen to this moving tribute to a deservedly well loved and well respected coach and mentor.

Join Us for Basketball Homecoming Friday, January 17

ECS to Retire Brent Rooker's #19 Baseball Jersey



Please make plans to attend our Basketball Homecoming games vs Trinity Christian on the Shelby Farms campus on Friday night (JV at 4:30 p.m., Varsity Girls at 6:00 p.m., and Varsity Boys at 7:30 p.m.). During halftime of the varsity boys game, we will retire the jersey of ECS alumnus, class of 2013, and baseball great Brent Rooker for his many accomplishments in college and professional baseball. Join us for a reception for Brent in the Heritage Room by the Legacy Center Lobby at 6:30 p.m.

As always, ECS alumni receive free admission to all home games. We hope you and your family will join us to cheer on our Eagles for the Homecoming games on Friday!

A Night at the Movies



Come dressed as a movie star or character, enjoy a fun night of dancing to live music by Party Planet, and bid on an African Safari, several vacation packages, golf lessons, Kendra Scott jewelry, Principal for the Day, a

kids' summer camp package plus many more items for every taste! Invite your friends and <u>buy your tickets</u> now!

Partnering with Parents Speaker Series

The Partnering with Parents Speaker Series is presented by



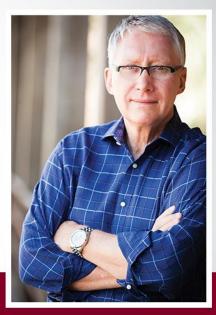
GRACE BASED PARENTING

presented by Dr. Tim Kimmel

- Open To The Public -

FEBRUARY 3 AT 7:00 P.M.

Evangelical Christian School - Shelby Farms Campus 7600 Macon Road



ADMISSION IS FREE, BUT SPACE IS LIMITED. Please register at ecseagles.com

Aim for true greatness.

Create an atmosphere of grace.

Build character.

Dr. Kimmel will share about these topics as he explains grace based parenting, a revolutionary parenting concept based on how God the Father – the ultimate child and family expert — loves us. Learn how to meet your children's inner heart needs and set their hearts free to be who God created them to be. <u>Admission is free, but registration is requested as space is limited.</u>

Professional Speaker Series

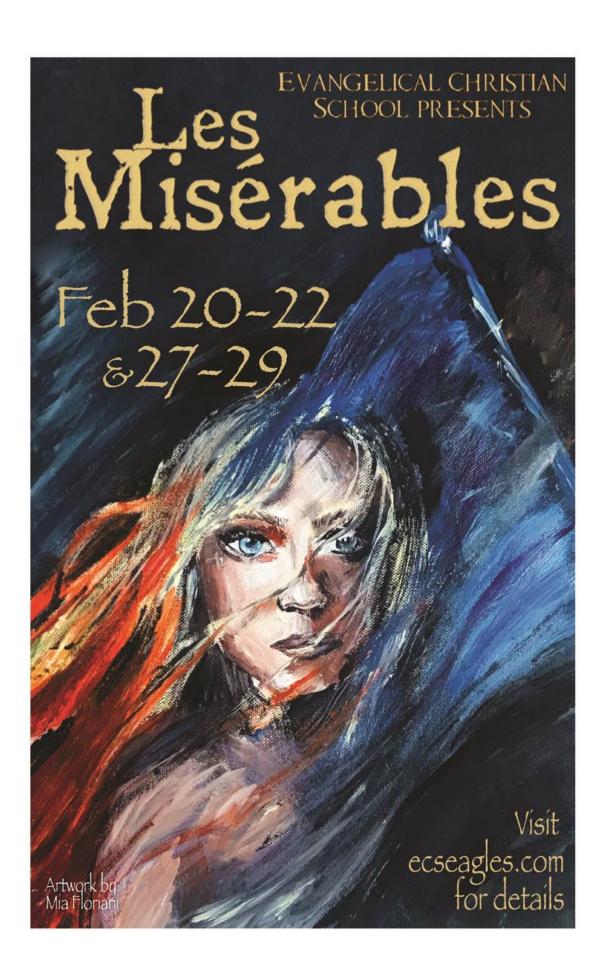


Last week, ECS juniors and seniors enjoyed learning about many career opportunities from 23 professionals in the Memphis area spanning multiple fields including medicine, law, banking, finance, business, engineering, education, and ministry. Senior Hadden Burgess remarked, "The speaker series last week was extremely helpful to me. Every speaker explained what they did very well and why they chose that job. They explained how God led them in the process and where they are today. It was an encouraging and exciting week! I am thankful to them for taking the time to speak to my graduating class." Students have the opportunity to shadow some of the speakers at their place of business at a later date for a more in-depth exposure to fields that interest them.

Les Miserables

ECS will present the amazing *Les Miserables* with nightly performances February 20-22 and February 27-29 and a 2:00 p.m. matinee on February 29.

Tickets will go on sale January 24 at www.ecseagles.com.

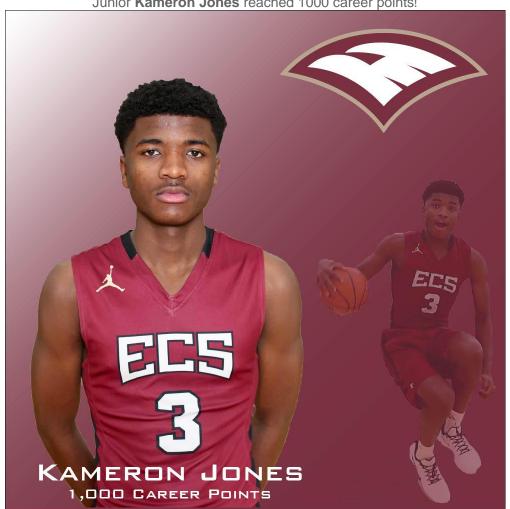


Athletics Update

Varsity Boys Basketball

1st Place Lake City Classic Basketball Tournament in Atlanta Record: 12-5 overall; 3-0 in District

Junior Kameron Jones reached 1000 career points!



Varsity Girls Basketball

Record: 5-9 overall; 1-2 in District

Cop Stop: First Graders Thank First Responders with Brunch at School



The first graders at ECS recently hosted a Cop Stop brunch at the lower school campus to honor Germantown's first responders.

ECS first graders escorted about 30 Germantown police officers and firefighters to tables set with placemats they colored, thanking their guests for their service. The 6- and 7- year-olds served the first responders a homemade brunch they prepared with the help of their parents, and then they prayed for the officers. After giving their guests a tour of their school, the students distributed "blessing bags" to the officers, filled with snacks, water bottles, hand warmers and a devotional book published by ECS.

"We know they are committed to serving us, and we wanted to give back to them," first grade teacher, Heidi Wilder, said. "ECS is committed to teaching students to serve and love others. Through this project, our first graders not only learned how to serve others but also how to pray and invest in others."

While parents and teachers organized the event, Laurie Humphreys, first grade teacher, made sure the first graders were involved in the entire process from preparing blessing bags and setting up and decorating the room, to serving and praying for the officers and taking them on tours of the school.

A Fox 13 reporter was on the scene, and the story was featured on the evening news. Read the coverage on their website.

First grader Sutton Artiles said, "I enjoyed making coffee for the first responders with my dad." Delilah Davis' favorite part of the day "was when we got to serve them first and us last."

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