



# WARRIORLIFE

SPIRITUAL, MORAL, RELATIONAL & ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

October 5, 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Early Release Day**  
**October 25**

PreK: 12:00pm  
Grades K-6: 12:45pm  
Grades 7-12: 1:00pm

**Scholastic Book Fair**  
October 29-November 2

**Wednesday, October 31**  
Nevada Dress Day  
All students in Blue & Silver

## EXCEL HOMECOMING!



**Excel vs. Sierra Lutheran**  
**Volleyball Varsity ONLY**  
Game Time: 10:00am

**Football:**  
Game Time: 1:00pm

Come support our players and be here for our half-time presentation of our 2018 Homecoming Court.



**AND THE WINNER IS...**

**Monica Freeman**

**Grandmother of our 4<sup>th</sup> grader**  
**Ford Gilliam**

**Congratulations**  
**for winning the 49er football package!**  
**Have a grand time!**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TICKET SALES WINNER:

Laren DeFluiter for selling 48 tickets!  
Laren is in Mrs. Kirkwood's Kindergarten class.  
Laren won 4 passes to Fly High Trampoline Park.

## ELEMENTARY PIZZA PARTY WINNERS:

Mrs. Kirkwood's Class!

## GRADE 7-12 CLASS WINNERS:

The Junior Class!  
The juniors win an extended lunch break!

## GREAT NEWS!

**\$1,721.02 was raised at the**  
**Shop & Drop!**  
**Thank you again for all your**  
**support!**

### Parent Teacher Network

PTN is an organization of parent volunteers that work together to support the administration, staff, and students of Excel Christian School.

There are many ways to be a member of PTN. You can choose to be a coordinator, or volunteer your time and talents, or assist us in providing materials to ensure the success of events.

Some of the ways you can get involved is by helping to prepare for our monthly Coffee Talks, our annual Turkey Feather Fundraiser, Chili Cook Off Fundraiser, Staff Appreciation Week, and more.

**Our next Coffee Talk is  
Friday, October 19, at 8:15am**

**If you can serve as Coordinator or  
volunteer, or if you need more details  
please call the school office.  
775-356-9995**

### Parents & Students Grades 9-11 PSAT TESTING

**Wednesday, October 10**

Students need to be at school by 7:45am and testing will begin promptly at 8:00am. Please have your student bring a calculator. *Please make sure your student gets a good night sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.*

**PLEASE, have your student  
bring a book to read in case  
they finish with testing early.  
THERE WILL BE NO CELL PHONES  
ALLOWED IN CLASS**

#### SENIORS...

May stay home, however they will need to be at school at 1:00pm for their elective classes.



#### PARENTS

To clarify, you cannot park on Rockwood Dr. to drop off or pick up your student. Please use the drop-off/pick-up line.

Thank you for your cooperation.



#### A Gentle Reminder

Our #1 form of communication for parents is email.

Whether it is school activities, special announcements, or a message from our nurse, we are encouraging all parents to please check their email daily.



## **ACADEMIC OLYMPICS IS BACK!**

Academic Olympics is a knowledge-bowl type competition between students, Grades 9 -12.

Think of it as "Team Jeopardy"

Teams of students answer a variety of questions based on a wide range of topics. It provides students the opportunity to participate in a competitive team effort comparable to the experience of students who take part in traditional sports activities.

### **Qualifications:**

**2.5 GPA or better, NO F's**

**No Behavior Issues**

### **Excel placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state last year!**

If your high school student is interested, please contact  
Debbie Green, Dean of Students.

775-356-9995

Our first competition is the first week of November.



Parents,

As much as we love our fur-babies and they can be the love of our lives; due to life-threatening allergies that some of our student's experience, no animals are allowed on campus at any time. If you bring them to school, they must remain in your car.



### **How Box Tops for Education Works:**

As you purchase products with the box tops, you can clip the box top off the products. Once you have collected several box tops, please place them in a zip-loc bag and give to your student's teacher.

### **The Elementary has a running contest per class.**

The class with the most Box Tops collected will win a treat party of their choice.

10 Box Tops = \$1.00

25 Box Tops = \$2.50

50 Box Tops = \$5.00

Grade 7-12 parents, you can collect them as well.

The elementary teachers would LOVE your support!

## CHOICES

## TIPS FOR SCHOOLS: WHAT'S NEXT FOR 529 SAVINGS PLANS?

Article by: P. George Tryfiates, ACSI Director for Government Affairs

Thanks to the new tax reform law, parents have a new vehicle to help them afford Christian school education. One provision which ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) strongly supported in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act expanded qualified expenses from 529 savings plans to include K-12 tuition. A parent may now use earnings from his or her 529 savings plan to help cover tuition expenses at their Christian school. Federal law will not tax the earnings, as it does in a regular savings account or investment. Many states match that feature of federal law and offer additional tax breaks. As of 2018, parents may use up to \$10,000 from their 529 savings account to help pay for their Christian school tuition.



### **ELEMENTARY PARENTS**

October 23 & 24

Parent –Teacher Conferences

**October 23 & 24 are also early release days for Elementary ONLY**

**12:45pm**

Please contact your student's teacher for an appointment.

### **AWARDS CHAPEL**

**Thursday, October 25 is our Awards Chapel**

Elementary: 9:00-10:00am

**Awards Chapel**

Grades 7-8: 11:00-11:30am

*Parents are welcome!*

### **ATTENTION PARENTS**

Due to a lack of sales, beginning November 5, Excel will no longer sell milk or juice. You will need to provide your student's beverage.



**Elementary Coupon Book Sales begin Wednesday, October 10. ONLY \$20!**

You can purchase a book from any elementary student.  
Lots of discounts!  
Proceeds benefit our elementary classrooms and Warrior Store.



**Coffee Talk**

**Friday, October 19**

**8:15am – Excel Gym**

Come and get to know each other and talk with our elementary teachers.