

The Eagle Express Newsletter

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Diligence

Focusing my effort on the work at hand.

I Will...

Concentrate on my work.

Follow instructions.

Do a job right.

Finish my projects.

Not be lazy.

We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. (Hebrews 6:11)



Are we losing the simplicity and value of the cross?

The Cross of Jesus. Paul said, "I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Nowadays it's "Jesus Christ and what He can do for you!" You can't have more exact opposites than the Bible's Christ-centered Gospel, and our modern, cross-less, me-centered Gospel.

Today, if anyone preaches self-denial as a condition of discipleship, you can hear the comments afterwards: "old fashioned," "harsh," "legalistic." I would submit that our Lord would have as much trouble finding acceptance among most of our religious leaders as He had among the religious leaders of His day.

Here's what A.W. Tozer says about the Cross

"The cross is the most revolutionary thing ever to appear among men. The cross of Roman times knew no compromise, it never made concessions. It won all its arguments by killing its opponent and silencing him for good. It spared not Christ, but slew Him the same as the rest! He was alive when they hung Him on that cross, and completely dead when they took Him down off it. That was the cross the first time it appeared in Christian history.

"With perfect knowledge of all this, Christ said, 'If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. 'So the cross not only brought Christ's life to an end, it also ends the first life, the old life of every one of His true followers . . . this and nothing less is true Christianity. We must do something about the cross, and there's only one of two things we can do- flee it, or die upon it!'"

Today's Gospel message is becoming shallow, Cheap, and offered at a "Bargain."

Jesus told His disciples that they would know the truth and the truth would set them free. (John 8:31-32). We must remember to make the cross central in the pathway of the believer to become a follower of Jesus of Nazareth! That's the true Gospel!

Dr. Keene

What's for Hot Lunch?

Thu: Chicken Nachos

Fri: Pizza

Mon: Sloppy Joes

Tue: Beef Burritos

Wed: Hot Dogs



OCS Eagles

Isaiah 40:31

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. -- Isaiah 40:31

SPORTS

Girls Basketball



Girls Grades 5-8. OCS and St. Thomas combined team. Season runs Jan 30 to Mar 16.

Practices: Tues 3:30-5:00 @ St. Thomas.
Wed 1:30-3:00 @ OCS.

Coach: Teal Knapp, assisted by Pam Cervantes
Schedule:

Date/Time Location of Game

3/23 @ 4:00 Palermo: 7350 Bulldog Way, Palermo

Track & Field



Available to all students, K-8. Sign-ups today at 1:45p. All students who wish to participate must sign the FRRPD Youth Sports Registration Form (available in the office or at the sign ups today.)

Practices: TBA
Coaches: Chris Short, Kristen McKillop & Amie McAllister
Divisions: K-4th and 5-8th
Meet Location: Harrison Stadium
Meet Dates: K-4th: 4/6, 4/25, 5/4, 5/18
5-8th: 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25



NO BAND ON MONDAY, March 27th.

A Prayer to help us stay connected...
We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise. We choose to give you thanks today. Thank you that you are with us in whatever we face, and that you are greater than any trial. We know and recognize that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good in store for our future. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!



★ **Congratulations** to ALL our Shining Stars for a Job Well Done at the Talent Show on Friday, March 17th! Your performances amazed and entertained a mesmerized audience of friends and family. It will be a night long remembered! ★

Thank You to the PTPF for all your tireless work in bringing this glorious event to fruition! ★

School Calendar

4/5	Spring Pictures (Music Room)
4/11	HST Meeting (6:00 in Room 12)
4/14-4/21	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
4/24-5/5	Terra Nova Testing

Next PTPF Meeting:
TBA

Next School Board Meeting:
Thurs., Mar. 16
@ 6:00 pm, Library