

**Evangel  
Christian  
School**

# New Year Update

*Preparing our youth  
to impact their world for  
Christ!*

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## From the desk of: Our School Chaplain

*In the mid seventies a popular song encouraged parents to "teach their children well" or the children would repeat some of the older generations' mistakes.*

*God has been encouraging parents to undertake this "teaching" for centuries. In Proverbs 22:6 God instructs us to "train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." In an era in which society does not offer much in the way of values, direction or hope to our young, we as parents, guardians, teachers and*

*pastors have a grave responsibility to provide that training and nurture that our children desperately need.*

*At Evangel Christian School it is our commitment and mission to come alongside each child, parent and family to insure that our students are being directly impacted and influenced by the values that arise from knowledge of God and of His Holy Word and saving mercy. These values stand in complete contrast to a society that has lost its way. The Message Bible renders Proverbs 22:6 "Point your kids in the right direction -*

*when they're old they won't be lost." Our prayer is that we will continue to forge our partnership in the lives of "our" children that we may reap the promises of the proverb and in turn see our children grow into influential and effective members of society and citizens of the Kingdom of God.*

*God's richest blessings to you and your families in this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year!*

*Together with you in service,  
Pastor Andy  
School Chaplain*

### Dates to Remember

**School Closed**

Monday, Jan. 21  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Thursday, Feb. 14 (1/2 Day)

Friday - Tuesday  
February 15 - 26  
President's Week

Thursday, March 20 (1/2 Day)

Friday - Tuesday March 21 - 25  
Easter Break

**High School Open House**

Thursday, Jan. 17 7-9pm

**High School Finals/Regents Week**

Jan. 22-25, 28 Tues-Fri, Mon

**Academic Fair**

Tuesday, March 18, 7-9pm

## A Word From Our Principals

*We welcome you to a new year and we are thrilled about the changes that have taken place at Evangel this year. We are truly blessed to be working with such wonderful parents, students and staff and we are excited to see what God has in store for Evangel in 2008.*

*Thank you for your commitment and dedication to Christian Education. The Bible says: "Train up a child in the*

*way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."*

*Prayer changes things and the verse "The fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," has sparked three prayer meetings this year at Evangel. The teachers have been meeting for a powerful time of prayer each morning and Tuesday afternoons. Parents have been meeting on Thursday mornings*

*from 9:00-10:00. God has truly been moving in our school through these prayers. Our High School students have been meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays during their lunch-time. We also have two wonderful women that come once a week to intercede for our school. Their names are Sylvia Ferrari and Regina Reilly.*

*We appreciate your prayers and are believing God for great things in 2008!*

# Christmas at Evangel

Elementary School 's Christmas Program took place on Friday, December 14th and what an adorable program it was. "Baby Jesus, We Love You" rang out as 1st and 2nd grade sang their song dressed as shepherds and stable animals. Third through fifth grade did a fantastic job of learning their lines and singing their songs. PreK were dressed as the cutest little angels and kindergarten carried their gifts to the Baby King. We had a wonderful evening with over 500 in attendance.

Corrections from Program bulletin: Wise Man—Christian Pascal; Cow—Rashad Jordan; Donkey—Isadora Macedo.



"Christmas Through The Eyes Of..." was shared on Tuesday,



December 18th at the Middle School Christmas Program. Students shared poems and essays written about our Savior's birth through the eyes of: Mary, a star, the donkey, Joseph and the Innkeeper. Sixth through Eighth grades sang class songs and students danced and sang to their Lord and Savior. What an awesome time we had praising the Lord and glorifying Him.

The world lay in darkness before the Light of the World was born in the humble stable. We have been blessed to receive His light not only to live in hope but to take His hope to others. This truly is "The Christmas Miracle." Our High School Program took place on Wednesday night, December 19th. Students shared with the congregation that Christmas is about light. Light from the star led the wisemen to Jesus and just as the star led them we are to be a light in a world full of darkness. This was shared through skits, plays, dances, and essays. What a blessed evening.



## HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POEMS

### The Love of My King Jesus

If I ever feel unnoticed—  
Passed by, alone, or ignored  
I am unable to stay that way  
Thanks to the goodness of my Lord.

The love of my King Jesus  
What a glorious thing to behold!  
His arms—they wrap around me  
And warmth banishes all cold.

When I feel like I'm a failure  
And I'll never get it right  
He reminds me ever so gently  
That it's only by His might

The love of my King Jesus  
So unconditional, you see—  
He gave his life; nothing I can do  
Can cause His love to shrink towards me.

In my weakness, He is strong  
Where I fail, He has victory  
And he holds out his hand  
Waiting, inviting, sharing...with me.

The love of my King Jesus  
How amazingly patient is He!  
After all he's done, how dare I shun  
This gift of His, so free...

He comforts all my pain  
He wipes away my tears  
He whispers words of hope  
He calms all of my fears.

The love of my King Jesus  
This I will never deserve  
But since He gave His love to me  
For Him, I live to serve.

By Karas Bonifas—9F

### Stories of Love

There once was a time in my life,  
when I was full of pain and strife.  
My every waking moment was  
painful for I knew that my actions  
were shameful.

In the sight of who created me,  
my life was a mess. I could plainly see.

A smiling face and a warm hand-  
shake, no one knew I was a fake.  
The tag on the  
Outside said that I was saved, but  
my pride and lust came in like a  
wave.

I felt like no one was there for  
me.

You were there, I just couldn't  
see.

You came and changed my whole  
life. You took away the pain and  
strife.

I now will live my life for you; my  
actions now are pure and true.

You did, it all, the credit is not  
mine.

This poem is for you each and  
every line.

I thank you for changing me, Jesus  
you love me, and this I now see.

By Paul Rezkalla—12P



### Passing by a Department Store

Red, then green, then yellow, the lights flashed,  
Passing by Sears, the snow up to my shins  
White tee, collared shirt, turtleneck, scarf and  
hat,  
Rugged boots, my cheeks the only exposed  
skin.

Grey ground below, almost as dark as the  
thunderous sky;  
Sloshed, lead and mud oozing through the  
cracks of frigid ice,  
The animals gone, plants, trees and grass all  
dry,  
All dead, or at least dying; only a banner shone.

In the midst of all the grays, shone a golden-red  
banner,  
With words that opened my eyes.  
Lost in this forest of frozen faces,  
"T" was the season to be merry', but around  
me, I only heard cries.

Pleas and shouts, their eyes did all the talking.  
When did Christmas die? When did Santa slay  
its true meaning?  
Santa or Salvation? All chances of life fleeting,  
How long will they endorse this cold season,  
perpetual winter?

But it was the season to be merry, and very  
much indeed.

While they huddled outside the store, quiver-  
ing, teeth chattering,  
I discovered how warm it is.  
To know God, to be saved no greater gift I  
need.

By Kevin Siqueira—12P

PREPARING OUR YOUTH  
TO IMPACT THEIR WORLD FOR CHRIST!

## Elementary

### Pre-K 3

We enjoy learning about God every day in our classroom and how much He loves us. We are celebrating Christmas in a big and enthusiastic way. We recreated the happenings of that wonderful time when Joseph and Mary arrived in Jerusalem and in accordance with Biblical prophecies; they sheltered in a stable where God's greatest Gift and miracle arrived in the form of Jesus His Son. All the children participated and made this Biblical passage a reality in their young eyes and hearts. Our song "Away in a Manger" has a very special meaning to them now. We thank Mrs. Vera and Mr. Tobel for their help. *Mrs. Tobel*



The Pre-K 4 class has been a fun and busy place this fall. Miss Holden, Mrs. Jasmine Doman, along with 19 boys and girls, have become a family. Whether we are in our classroom or in gym, art or music, we're learning and having fun together every day.

We've reviewed shapes and colors; working on the alphabet is a yearlong project. Coming up, beginning in January: writing the letter of the week! The class enjoyed two special events: Funny Feet Day, during which we donned silly slippers and marched, singing, through the

school. On Purple Day, Miss Purple, Miss Holden's lovely twin, joined the class and led the way.

We joined the other classes at the school's Harvest Fair just before Thanksgiving, and were voted the best overall class.

We have been hearing Bible stories and memorizing scripture. Singing is part of most days! We sing songs of praise to the Lord and also have learned silly songs that make us smile and laugh.



Crafts, projects and games continue to reinforce concepts being taught. We are also learning The Sign Language Alphabet, and simple words. We are enjoying being together as a class! *Miss Holden*

Kindergarten had a wonderful time visiting chickens, bunnies, goats, and cows, at Green Meadows Farm. On this trip KV was able to explore farm life and even go on a hayride. After reading about and discussing farm animals in class, KV was very excited to see these animals in action. We are very grateful to all the chaperone volunteers who assisted us on this trip. *Miss Velez*

1B's runaway Gingerbread Man became our Social Studies project. On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the First graders made a gingerbread man cookie who ran away for three weeks. While the gingerbread man was traveling, 1-B, wondering where the gingerbread man was spotted,



received lots of postcards from different people who spotted him throughout the United States. Each day the students arrived to school with great anticipation wondering where the gingerbread man was spotted.

Then right before our Christmas vacation he returned just like he promised. The cookie was yummy.

*Mrs. Boodram*

2C This has been a fun and exciting year for the second grade! We have been studying about awesome men and women of the Bible and how we can learn Biblical truths and morals through them.

In Social Studies, we had fun working on several hands-on projects including our latest unit, "Christmas Around the World." We studies the customs and traditions in other countries, such as China, Russia, Mexico, and Brazil. We learned

how to say Merry Christmas in those languages, and we did some awesome art activities that are done by children from those countries. To conclude the unit, we learned that as Christians the real meaning of Christmas is that Jesus Christ, Son of God, came down to us in the flesh, and was born to a carpenter and a simple virgin to then, ultimately, die so that we may live.

*Mrs. Cruz*



2nd Grade presents Christmas Boxes for Operation Christmas Child Chapel



### Third Grade

We have been having great fun in Third grade, especially in Social Studies. During a Social Studies lesson we learned about Washington D. C. and how products are brought into a community. Each child was asked to create their own community that needed to include: people, food, clothing, housing and transportation. What great projects our class made. We also had an awesome time of sharing our projects in front of the class.



Mrs. Sawyer moved to Staten Island which lengthened her commute greatly. For this reason Third Grade received a new

### Fourth Grade

How did you spend thanksgiving? 4L became the Iroquois Confederacy! Our five tribes met for their yearly Grand Council Meeting. The Seneca, Cayuga, Mohawk, Onondaga, and Oneida joined together around a "fire". Their heads were adorned in colorful headpieces and their hearts were full of peace.

At the meeting they were asked to make difficult decisions that would affect the lives of those in other



teacher, Mrs. Lucy Calma. She comes to us with 12 years of teaching experience and we are so grateful to God for sending her to us. Also, we received a brand new cozy red rug which we love. Yeahhhhhh!



### Fifth Grade No Hands—Union Strike

That's right, 5M put on their first off, off, off, off Broadway skit held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 29, 1007. The production was a remake of The Voyage of the Dawn Treader featuring well-known thespians (actor/actresses) such as Juliana Latoni, Roberto Baraza, Jodell Galezo, Adrian Villacorta, Daniel Camargo and Joseph Samaroo as narrator.

We even had our own promotions team (Kayla Alvarez, Elisabeth Hyde, Samantha Garcia and Karen Lopez). They presented persuasive commercials, created and distributed flyers and distributed tickets to the perspective audience.

The audience was left spellbound as our prop team (Daniel Camargo, Astroy Semple, Christopher Reyes, Carl Roberts and Daniel Byrne) enhanced the show with effective lighting and skilled use of the fogging machine. And all of this was directed by Naomi Tinga-Lowe and her assistant David Rodriguez.

Whew, enough said! Don't miss our April 2008 show!!! See you there.



Miss McCree

tribes. As the clan mothers, council leaders, respected elders, and other tribe members of each clan spoke they had to hold the wampum, a white beaded belt that ensured the speaker was telling the truth.

Our meeting concluded with the Oneida storyteller sharing a fable with all the tribes. The next day we all broke bread together at a great feast. We joined together in fellowship and sang songs of praise to our God.  
Miss Laforest

## What's New in the Library!

This is my first year as a teacher at Evangel. I am very grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to work here. I have two children that attend Evangel, Jorge in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Ismael in PK4. We love reading; so being in the library makes me very happy. I have a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from the State University at Stony Brook. I work as

a Sunday school teacher at my church. I love being at Evangel because I get to show all my classes the joy of reading. PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten love to be read to, and they enjoy answering questions about the literature I read to them. My 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders love the opportunity to borrow books every week especially this year because we

have so much new material to choose from.

We received over \$30,000 worth of new books. We have had a great start to a blessed new school year. Mrs. Ruiz



## Middle School News

6K

Sixth and Seventh Grades have been reading novels from The Chronicles of Narnia (The Last Battle and The Magician's Nephew respectively). They discovered that C.S. Lewis was an impressive craftsman. We dug into the themes of the books and even small details like why a certain animal was chosen over another or the meanings of the characters' names. It's pretty cool, seeing how the little things contribute to enjoyment of the story.

In Bible class, Sixth graders constructed a miniature "Bible Library" (or, as I like to call it, "Matchbooks of the Bible"), and learned that God always had a plan for mankind. The God of the Old Testament is the God of today! He does not change: He is still holy, still loves us, still sovereign.

Seventh Grade continues to mature as they learn about the characteristics that set them apart from "the world." As Christians our definitions of love, courage, or obedience are very different from what we see on television or hear over the airwaves. *Charac-*

*ter Quest*, the curriculum used for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Bible class, shows how individual facets are connected to reflect God's work on our character.

Tanya Kleinschuster

6V

I was educated at the Adelphi University and transferred to Nyack College to continue my bachelors in Education. As the science teacher, I am planning trips around New York that will open the students mind to the relevance of science in the natural world as well as educate them in the sciences so they can approach our world with wonder and enjoyment. Recently, the tenth grade explored the nearby Bear Mountain, climbing up and seeing the rock formation, erosion and waterfalls in the area.

Alexis Velazquez



In sixth grade Social Studies we have been discussing several different countries and their importance in our world's history. We did a project about the Fertile Crescent and soon will begin

our project about Egypt. I am so proud of how well these sixth graders have transitioned into Middle School by accepting the harder workload and more responsibility. They were also so patient to wait for the lockers, and praise God that we finally have them!

In sixth grade Science we are constantly excited by our labs each week. The students have become quite the scientists by exploring and discovering the material on their own through the research in their lab groups. Students have worked well with each other and continue to prove that they are ready for the next step in research – a field trip out into the city to do research of their choice.

In eighth grade U.S. History we have just entered into a period of history that hits home – "Urban America" which focuses strongly on New York City and the great role of Ellis Island. I am so excited for the students to be able to relate so closely with our country's history in such a personal way. We hope to visit Ellis Island in the near future.

### 7W Takes a Trip to PETCO

In November, 7W took a trip to PETCO to find a class pet. What an awesome time we had learning about all the different pets that are available. The workers at PETCO were very kind and shared a lot of information with us.

Then came the time to choose a class pet. After much deliberation we decided on two Beta Fish. They are so colorful and we love them.

We had a great time!!! Come see our fish.

### New Seventh Grade Teacher

My name is Georgiana West. I attend New Covenant C.O.G.I.C. in Brooklyn. I taught at Anointed Minds Christian Academy for 5 years.

I am very excited to be here at Evangel Christian School teaching 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. I enjoy teaching students to learn about subjects that are interesting to them.



8R

Picture yourself in a foreign country that you don't know anything about. That is how many children feel when they come to Spanish class for the first time. All you can see is fear. After familiarizing themselves with the culture, the words, the structure, etc., the fear starts being replaced with understanding. It is a delight to see their faces light up when it makes sense, when they can understand something someone said in Spanish.

This is my fourth year teaching here at Evangel. This has given me the opportunity to see children develop into young adults of excellence. I must say that God is working in this school, in the lives of the children, and us all.

Reina Y. Rivera  
MS/HS Spanish teacher

## Nothing is impossible with God!

8C

My name is Mrs. Annette Christian and I am a graduate from Oklahoma Christian University of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I am a native New Yorker and am married with four children, three of whom attend Evangel—Kent, David and Danielle. I enjoy making floral and gift baskets, doing fill-in puzzles, and writing.. I also enjoy nostalgic movies, reading mysteries, opera, jazz and gospel music.

My philosophy of teaching is that all children can learn. I truly believe in working with parents as a partner in "training up a child in the way that he should go..." Prov. 22:6. My desire as a teacher is to touch lives the way Christ would. I love all my students at Evangel. You are all special gifts to me given from God. I desire to see esteem built in my students and a passion to follow after Christ.



# HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

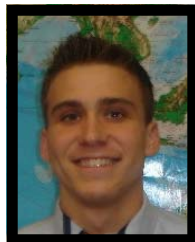
## Math

Our senior class recently visited the NY Hall of Science to view the "Mathematica" exhibit. It is the first interactive exhibition devoted to math. They saw a real life bell curve that uses hundreds of plastic balls, which fall at random through a maze to form the distribution curve. This is one of the topics they are studying for the statistics part of the Math B Regents. The 12th graders also chose a math/science pioneer to research from their "History of Math & Science" wall. Jen Stahler

In Consumer Math our students are currently working on personal banking. They are learning how to write out checks, and deposit slips and how to balance a check book. Next we will be learning how to fill out tax forms. Look out H & R Block—here we come!!!!!! Maria Wong

## New Faces on the Fourth Floor

**Mr. Fowler** comes to us with a Degree in Education from Messiah College as a History major. He spent last summer in China on a short term mission trip teaching English to Chinese students.



He is excited about teaching at Evangel and looks forward to a great year getting his students ready to pass the Global Regents!

## Science

Our science classes have taken many trips this year. One trip lead our 10th grade classes to explore Bear Mountain. They are studying Earth Science and this was a great way to learn about the earth. Ninth grade traveled to the Bronx Zoo to see a special exhibit, which went right along with their Living Environment Class. All of our classes are working hard towards taking their Regents Exams in June.

## Saludos from Ms. Dyk!

I am glad to join the Evangel community this year, teaching Spanish and Art. Let me tell you "un poquito" about myself.

Originally hailing from Los Angeles and Seattle, I have more recently come from Wilmore, Kentucky. Most of my family lives in Seattle and California. We are all Dutch, and thus very tall! My college years were spent amidst the land of bluegrass music, twanged, southern accents, and thoroughly growth-full experiences at a Christian liberal arts college, Asbury. Double majoring in Spanish and Studio Art with a painting emphasis and minor in Literature, I spent a significant amount of time abroad in Spanish speaking countries. I also learned Spanish from my dad's family, as they used to live in Mexico and Guatemala as missionaries.



I graduated from Transylvania University, in Lexington, KY with a B.A. in Elementary Ed. I have wanted to be a teacher since I was five years old! However, I always envisioned myself teaching in Kentucky. God truly called me to put my faith in him as I waited all summer for a teaching position to open up. By August 16, the last day possible for a school to hire new teachers in Kentucky I was devastated to be without a teaching position. That very evening I got a post-call from Mrs. Marko about a position at Evangel that had just opened up. After praying all weekend about this change in my life-to move to Queens, NY and teach Middle School Social Studies and Science. I felt God's hands all over the situation and accepted the position. Though this has been a whirlwind of a journey, I could not have asked for anything more of God. He has challenged me to grow closer to Him by relying on him for so much here, out of my comfort zone. I am excited how God is using me here at Evangel. Through counseling students through their hard times to praising their achievements, I am constantly blessed to be a part of the ministry of Evangel Christian School. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity!



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## Psych 101 - Welcome to the World of Psychology, parents!

Psychology – the scientific study of the mind and behavior. The seniors have been taken through part of the journey of the study of this social science. We began our journey discussing the history and the diverse fields of study represented in psychology. Each student had the opportunity to live the life of a Clinical Psychologist, Consumer Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist, and others. As we studied the effects of biology on behavior, students had the opportunity to create brain models in our

very own "Brain Creations Laboratory" (aka C202). Each model specifically represented each lobe of the brain and students were responsible for identifying the functions of each lobe.

Our journey continued with exploring the role of the endocrine system and it's affect on behavior. My students were producers of a public service announcement titled "Glandies take Evangee". The public service announcement was created for the purpose of teaching 4<sup>th</sup> graders about the endocrine system's effect on behavior. Each

group gave very colorful presentations using puppets. It was quite amusing-yet informative. Our most recent adventure, was exploring the topic of "Sensation and Perception". Students developed their public speaking and technological skills in a project titled "The Rules of Perceptual Organization". Each student worked in groups to deliver this project using Power Point. Keep up the great work, seniors! Mrs. Ninah



## English

Wonderful things have happened this past quarter! The freshmen discovered the SQ3R method, reviewed the parts of an effective paragraph, improved mechanics, usage, and grammar skills, and finished *The Pearl*. Sophomores reviewed the SQ3R method and the parts of an effective paragraph, polished mechanics usage, and grammar skills, and finished *All Quiet On The Western Front*. And the seniors completed poetry projects, delivered poetry presentations, and began the study of *Beowulf*! Wow! Congratulations everyone! Well Done! Stay tuned for additional exciting activities as we strive to achieve academic excellence.

Miss Collins

The 11<sup>th</sup> Grade English classes have been introduced to the world of American Literature. One new way of exposing them to American Literature was by giving them the responsibility of researching a Modern American author/poet. They are going to become literary critics during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. To help guide them in the area of research, we went to the Queens library in mid-December. I've definitely been praying for the 11<sup>th</sup> graders and asking the Lord to open up their minds to learn in new ways. Readers are thinkers! I'm praying that the Lord will take the 11<sup>th</sup> grade to a new level of thinking.

Miss Quiros

## Mr. Wong's Gym Classes

In Mr. Wong's gym class we learned the true meaning of endurance. Through challenging exercises and exhausting workouts, we pushed our bodies to the limit.

Teamwork played a huge role in achieving the goals that were set before us, by relying on and encouraging one another, we were able to move forward as a whole. After workouts we never ceased to be proud of how sore we were – it was evidence of our achievement in gym class.

Written by Jennifer Wong, 12P

## 11 W College Trip

and Elim. The trip there took six long exciting hours. We sang songs, became overly hyper from too much candy and soda. But we managed to entertain ourselves the entire ride. With 5 girls, 2 boys, the trip could never be boring. The first college we reached was Roberts Wesleyan. It was freezing outdoors dinner, before attending a college were welcomed with great hospitality. to sit in on the next day according to the dorms, where our "temporary we gained much experience of what preciated Houghton's Christian and the singers from Africa who sang during Prawl had formerly attended. A man torical campus. We spent the night ingware Museum – Mr. Wong's dream, homework and went to bed after sun-Wong was trying to wake us. We tum-way home we stopped at the Corning Glass Museum and had a wonderful time. We enjoyed our college visit and learned so much about the schools and ourselves, that a few weeks later we continued our college search by visiting Eastern University near Philadelphia.



From October 11-13, seven seniors; Jennifer, Janelly, Miya, Cornelia, Alexandria, Mark, Erich, and Mr. and Mrs. Wong had the opportunity to explore three Christian Colleges upstate near Rochester; Roberts Wesleyan, Houghton,

side! After the lengthy tour we enjoyed a sumptu-fair. Right after the fair, we drove to Houghton and We all received schedules for the classes we were the majors we planned to pursue. We then slept at roommates" greeted us. Throughout the next day, college life is like. Altogether, we enjoyed and academic atmosphere. We also were blessed with chapel. That night, we went to Elim, where Mr. named Brads showed us around Elim's rather his- there, planning to wake up early to visit the Corn- the next day. We spent the entire night doing rise. We woke to a chorus of cell phones; Mrs. bled into the van for our long ride home. On the

## Senior Seminar

The Graduating Class of 2008 has been working diligently to select schools, apply, and now await responses. Since the beginning of this school year our seniors have been researching potential schools, have narrowed down their choices, and are currently sending off applications. What an exciting time for them. I've had the opportunity to meet with seniors on a one-on-one basis over the last several months. Students have the opportunity to visit the campuses of the following schools: NYU, Nyack College, City

## God Keeps His Promises!

College of NY, Houghton College, Roberts Wesleyan, Elim Bible Institute, and Eastern University.

Mock interviews were scheduled for each senior and they were assessed on dress, punctuality, and responses. Each student performed well. Following the interview, each student received fictitious letters of acceptance for the purpose of encouraging them through this college admission process. They were all excited to receive their notice in the mail (i.e. their lockers). Lastly, a college information session was held for parents of

seniors. During this session, parents were informed of the college admission process (including financial aid) and questions regarding this process were addressed. I was glad to be able to serve our parents in this capacity.

My motto of encouragement for our seniors has been "keep up the great work! I believe in you!" It is my pleasure to serve Evangel Christian School in the capacity of MS/HS Guidance Counselor. Please continue to keep our students in your prayers.

Mrs. Ninah

# Computer News

News Flash: The computer lab is open from 3-4 pm from Tuesday - Friday. Students can use the lab to supplement their



studies.

Latest Happenings: We are now using the latest Mavis Beacon keyboarding program. The students seem to love it. The lessons incorporate games making keyboarding fun.

Cutting Edge: Evangel Christian School has purchased licenses from Rosetta Stone and is now using a computer based language course for beginning Spanish students.

OPTIONAL!!! At your discretion: (Happens 3-4pm after school)

Recreation: As an alternative to "Grand Theft Auto" and similar games where the players are encouraged to break laws, steal cars, and kill police officers, we thought it would be great to have a game where the "bad guys" would be bad and the "good guys" would be good! We modified an old game called "Unreal Tournament." We named the adversaries with names such as "Hate, Greed, Spite, Rebellion, and Dishonesty." These are computer generated "bots" (robots) and the good guys are the Christian High School Students. The students undertake Bible names such as "Enoch, Jonah, David, and John the Baptist," and set out to defeat the evil bots! It's the first player gaming at it's finest.

It's interesting to hear the kids when they play... "yeah I just did away with hate"! The spiritual battle that we fight is not a pretty one, and this game can definitely represent

# CHAPEL

that Mr. Caal

This year Evangel was able to give over 300 shoeboxes to "Operation



Christmas



High School Students packing boxes for delivery.



# Art Electives.....

In the art elective this semester the Middle and High school students became like Central Park portrait artists as they practiced drawing one another. Up until the past few weeks when they began working on projects for Christmas, students sketched each other each class. Incorporating Art History and drawing theories like disengaging the brain's "left-mode processing" in order to better portray one's subject, the High school students have impressed me with their focus and interest. Ever the bubbly, energetic group, the middle

school students are learning to conquer the difficulties of realistically drawing faces. Both classes have been a delight to teach!  
Miss Dyk



This year's high school elective class is exploring different things. They have learned about still life, showing depth by shading the object. Students have been able to explore the art of sculptures. They have carved out their sculptures by using candles or soap bars to make their creations. This was a very difficult task for some of the students to do since many of them have never carved anything before. The students who had soap, learned to carve slowly and the ones using a candle had to learn patience. All in all things turned out great. They just started to learn how to paint and the different color schemes to use.

Mrs. Colon

# READING LAB UPDATE



Here at the reading lab students get the chance to read and express themselves in different ways. The reading lab is broken up into eight workstations. One of our stations is the

computer station where the children read stories on the computer and answer comprehension questions.

The library station is a station where the children can comfortably relax and read grade level books from all different genres.

The writing station is a place where students can express themselves

through words, writing poetry, short stories, etc. The art station is where the students can vividly paint or draw their artwork using stories and poems to inspire them.

Another workstation, which is quite a favorite, is the game station where the students play learning games such as Scrabble or Up Words. The games incorporate reading and Spelling.

We also work in our Daybook where students practice different strategies in Writing and Reading. At our workstations students are presented with writing



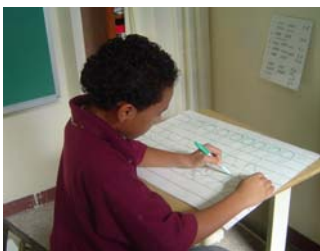
materials to express themselves in their writing. Students also practice Phonics and Phoenemic Awareness.

They are inspired by pictures and poems to read and write. Students work on their pronunciation and word recognition. As they read their vocabulary increases greatly. The reading lab was designed for small group work and is limited to approximately twelve students. The students are growing to love reading and getting the help that they deserve!  
Jonitza Aviles



## NILD

After 21 years as a classroom teacher, this year I have the privilege to work as a NILD Educational Therapist in our school's Discovery Program. Last summer I attended an intense training at the National Institute for Learning



Jeremy practicing Rhythmic Writing.

Development (NILD)'s main office in Norfolk, Virginia. NILD has developed tools for learning that offer hope to children who struggle to learn. Founded in 1982, NILD's goal has been to equip individuals with

learning disabilities to succeed academically and in life as independent learners. I have the opportunity to work with academically challenged students one on one, twice weekly in 80 minutes sessions. NILD Educational Therapy differs from tutoring in that cognitive and perceptual weakness are strengthened to support independent learning. I would like to thank the school board and the parents for entrusting me with these precious children. Yvette Jimenez Educational Therapist

## Resource Room

ECS Resource Room is zooming into 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. We began the year covering useful subjects such as how to take notes, SQ3R, and using graphic organizers to compare and contrast. With lots of prayer and in using the resources of the class, most students have progressed and some are even excelling in their academics. I'm so proud of my students.

Mrs. Vikki Kemp

## Notes from the Nurse

The best way to prevent the spread of germs and infection is to wash your hands. Always wash for at least 20 seconds and get in between those fingers! If you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth. If you don't have a tissue, use your hand or your forearm. Remember to get your flu shots. Have a healthy New Year! Nurse Marian Fitzpatrick



### Evangel has just become an INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

**December 27, 2007 Evangel received approval from Immigration and Customs Enforcement to issue 1-20's and accept International students. We already have 6 that have come through the U. N. We have one student that is with us on a Student Visa. What a blessing from the Lord!!!!!! Spread the Word.**

## ACSI Spelling Bee

Seven of our top 5<sup>th</sup>-Bee this past November where

Although the 6<sup>th</sup> tri-state area, were all a bundle

place, I was extremely proud of how these two young ladies conducted themselves. While I was at the 6<sup>th</sup> grade competition, Dana Gibbs was competing in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade spelling match and finished off in second place as well.

After our lunch break Samantha and Dana participated in a spell-off that included the top two spellers for each grade. After several rounds went by, Samantha and a student from another school were the last two standing. I am pleased to announce that Samantha Vasquez took the top prize, 1<sup>st</sup> place! I want to congratulate all of our spellers for a job well done.



8<sup>th</sup> grade spellers participated in the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) I served as the Spelling Master for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade competition.

grade spellers from our school, as well as students competing from other schools in the of nerves, Kharyn Ethridge finished off in fourth place and Samantha Vasquez took second

## Bring Your Favorite Stuffed Animal To School Day



## ECS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE

As Evangel Christian School has expanded over the last few years, it has become apparent that tuition alone will not cover the added expenses that the necessary advanced programs and technology will require. Therefore, the School Board has decided to initiate a Department of Development and has asked former principal, Marilyn Johansson, to serve as Development Director. Working together with Robert Johans-

son and a professional development consultant, a strategy is being planned for this year and years to come.

In **Phase I** we are working on updating our Alumni list to keep in touch with those who have graduated since the first Eighth Grade class in 1991 and the first High School graduation in 2003. Information about a reunion being planned in the near future will be sent out soon.

If you have updated informa-

tion about ECS Alumni, it would be appreciated if you would E-mail the school at [info@ecsnyc.org](mailto:info@ecsnyc.org) or send the information to the school at Evangel Christian School, 39-21 Crescent Street, Long Island City, NY 11101.

We would appreciate your prayers for God's guidance as we move ahead in the area of development. More than ever the school is meeting an academic and spiritual need that society no longer values.



# 1st Quarter Honor Roll

Students from grades 3 through 12 are awarded honor roll certificated based on their report card grades each marking period. **Principal's List:** 96% average or higher with no grade below a 90; **High Honor Roll:** 93% average or higher with no grades below a B; **Honor Roll:** 85% average or higher with no grade below a B; **Honorable Mention:** 85% average or higher with no failing grades.

## Principal's List

### Grade 3

- Leslie Aguilar
- Matthew Alvarez
- Mark Barillas
- Amber Colon
- Rebecca Edwards
- David Kemp
- Zhane Lamb
- Joshua Markland
- Jennifer Munoz
- Ruth Snape

### Grade 4

- Felipe Alvarez
- Joseph Carrasquillo
- Elijah Colon

### Grade 5

- Elisabeth Hyde
- Christopher Reyes

### Grade 6

- Natalie Barbosa

### Grade 7

- Camille Chavez

### Grade 8

- Kendra Ellis
- Dana Gibbs
- Sarah Ripollone
- Joel Singh
- Shanna Zhou

### Grade 9

- Karas Bonifas
- Brianna Franco
- Jacqueline Grey
- Guelybel Grullon
- Peter Rezkalla
- Rebecca Wong

### Grade 10

- Jonathan Bonifas
- Elizabeth Glover

### Grade 11

- Lucas Bonilha
- Agnieszka Braczyk
- Keziah Colon
- David Mercado
- Janice Salcedo-Tavarez
- Sarah Singh

### Grade 12

- Andrea Basto
- Rhaema Rachmat

## Principal's List (CONT.)

### Grade 12 (cont.)

- Paul Rezkalla
- Jennifer Wong

## High Honor Roll

### Grade 3

- Ariel Diaz
- Taesharra Hopkins
- Kayla Juarbe
- Jeffrey Kone
- Sienna Quijano

### Grade 4

- Christina DeArruda
- Lucas Gomes
- Roshni Jacob
- Rebekah Jones
- Christian Vicuna

### Grade 5

- Chantel Eaddy
- Karen Lopez
- Carl Roberts, Jr.
- Joseph Samaroo

### Grade 6

- Keoana Arnett
- Austin Ashton-Bucknor
- Kreg Franco
- Asia Francois
- John-Nolan Tobias
- Samantha Vazquez
- Alexis Versoza
- Eric Zhou

### Grade 7

- Emmily Carrasquillo
- Taylor Cox
- Gustavo Cunha
- Lauren Vicuna

### Grade 8

- Erica Alvarez
- Pedro Andrade
- Frances Bautista
- Talia Calero
- Tiffany Carvalho
- Matthew Gonzalez
- Taira Olavarria
- Melissa Pascualini
- Alyssa Soler

### Grade 9

- Rebekah Singh

## High Honor Roll (cont.)

### Grade 10

- Edwin Colon
- Amanda Pabon
- Amanda Roque
- Samantha Vargas

### Grade 11

- Caroline Kemp

### Grade 12

- Charlene Guzman
- Lilybelle Molina
- Janelly Mora

## Honor Roll

### Grade 3

- Rachel Bou
- Sheliah Burch
- Tiffany Pardo
- Kaylah Sambo
- Candice Villanueva

### Grade 4

- Emmanuel Boeff
- Dean Cuadrado
- Stefanie DeArruda
- Nya Febres
- Thamar Feitosa
- Roxana Ramirez
- Evan Rivera

### Grade 5

- Kayla Alvarez
- Alessa Barbosa
- Isaiah DeJesus
- Samantha Garcia
- Julianna Latoni
- Naomi Lowe-Tinga
- Jonathan Pascualini
- Ryan Poonai
- David Rodriguez
- Keren Salcedo
- Astroy Semple

### Grade 6

- Ludy Ambroise
- Vanessa Bastos
- Rasheedah Broomfield
- Wesley Bryant
- Samantha Byrne
- Angelie Cesario
- Ray-lee Cuadrado
- Kharyn Ethridge
- Frederico Ferreira
- Geraldine Haberlin

**Honor Roll (cont.)**

Grade 6

Jamie Santana  
Nicholas Vargas

Grade 7

Nyaisa Anderson  
Elisa DeJesus  
Naomi Edwards  
Johnathan Guzman  
Joy Herrera  
Jessica Roberts  
Jonathan Snape  
Stacy Vega

Grade 8

Alexi Arceo  
Zymeen Chavis  
Emanie Colon  
Samuel Edades  
Demetrius Johnson  
Chezkalyn Lopez  
Christian Mercado  
Jasmyn Pereira  
Haley Strong  
Samantha Torres

Grade 9

Nathanael Colon  
Eva Cruz  
Niya Giddens  
Andrea Gonzalez  
Rebekah Hornedo  
Crystal Johnson  
Stephanie Saintilien  
Nicholas Singleton

Grade 10

Oliver Basto  
Momie Cisse  
Melissa Portillo  
Elisha Rodriguez  
Natalie Alvarez Plaud  
Stephen Samaroo  
Lisa Vega

Grade 11

Geena Arocho  
Joshua Crutch  
Carly Cruzado  
Alexandra Ramirez  
Jessica Soler

Grade 12

David Bonifas  
Alexandria Cordova  
Erich Meyerhoff  
George Torres

Honorable Mention

Grade 4

Stephanie Levy  
Nicholas Reyes

Grade 5

Roberto Barraza  
Daniel Byrne  
Daniel Camargo  
Clyde Dichoso  
Jodell Galezo  
Adrian Villacorta

Grade 6

Fleurika Ambroise  
Francisca Armeniakos  
Jason Cherry  
Douglas Colombo  
Nick Lopez  
Tysheem McCaskie  
Rebeca Rodriguez  
Keith Rogers  
Daniel Rosario  
Ashley Vasquez

Grade 7

Jaylin Diaz  
Larry Dos Santos  
Cassandra Garcia  
Xavier Grier  
Joseph Nadal  
Nicole Negron  
Arnaldo Samondo  
Tyra Simmons  
Luis Velez

Grade 8

Sabrina Alho  
Phoenix Ashton-Bucknor  
Zymeena Chavis  
Joseph Cirelli  
Daniel Edwards  
Chole Green  
Rebecca Martinez  
Randolfo Montalvo  
Thairiny Monteiro  
Tiffany Parker  
Jeremy Perez  
Mereoni Rabukawaqa  
Nasya Rachmat  
Matthew Rivera

Grade 9

Helena Camargo  
Kassandra Chevere  
Matheus Coura  
Fernanda Della Croce  
Ashley Garcia  
Geordan Gibson  
John Gomez  
Christopher Gonzalez

Honorable Mention (cont.)

Grade 9 (cont.)

Thalia Herrera  
Karina Legarda  
Karina Matias  
Larry Molina  
Ashley Negron  
Jose Vargas  
Rebecca Villacis

Grade 10

Jacobus Appolus  
Ronald Barillas  
Janae Brown  
Priscilla Cabral  
Emerson Calvi  
Alex Camargo  
Sage Chambers  
Roman DeJesus  
Andrea Flores  
Melissa Frias  
Shaniya Geiger  
Christine Gonzalez  
Jennifer Herrera  
Ashle Jackman  
Shermidah Julien  
Devyn Mays  
Matthew Negron  
Anel Paulino  
Amy Pascualini  
Ashley Perez  
John-Paul Perez  
Victor Pitta  
Miriama Rabukawaqa  
Stephanie Reis  
Diana Rodriguez  
Jasmine Rogers  
Guillermo Rosario  
Pamela Sierra  
Anthony White  
Justine Williams

Grade 11

Juliana Appolus  
Melanie Chong  
Nicole Cifuentes  
Fredy Estrada  
Kevin Franco  
David Harrison  
Daniel Herrera  
Naomi Marajh  
Jerry Molina  
Stephanie Smith  
Abigail Weaver

Grade 12

Kevin Siqueira  
Mark Slusher  
Carlos Suero  
Joshua Tobel



# EVANGEL CELEBRATES

## Elementary Harvest Fair



This year we had a great Harvest Fair for our Elementary School!

The children were all encouraged to be dressed as farmers, Indians, Pilgrims, etc.

All the children looked adorable, but PK-4 and Second grade stole the show and took the prize for the



“best dressed class” for lower and upper level grades.

The costumes were not the only fun things to watch. Our eleventh grade volunteers were wonderful in assisting the children in floor games. It was nice to see our high school students serve the younger ones.

And as you all

know, a fair is never a fair without sweets, so we gave each student a bag of candy on their way out.



I want to thank all the parent and staff volunteers for all their help. I couldn't have done it without you!

Aileen Torres

## Thanksgiving Feasts

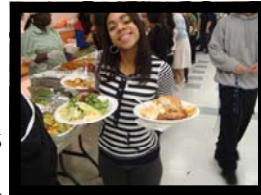


Not only did Middle School and High School students have plenty of good food

to eat, they also had much to be thankful for.

On Monday, November 19 Middle School students brought in all kinds of goodies to eat for their feast and on Tuesday, November 20, High

School students did the same. Each student brought in something yummy to eat. After everyone was finished eating, students shared what they were thankful for. Some shared in words and others in song. They also enjoyed playing some



## MS/HS

party games like the Limbo!

Elementary classes also enjoyed their own Thanksgiving feasts in their classrooms. We would like to thank all the parents who so generously brought in food!



Mmmmm Good!!!!



## LOOK AT OUR DOORS!

Each year ECS Middle and High School classes decorate their classroom doors at Thanksgiving time. This year the entire school joined the fun. Students spent their free time at lunch and after school working on their doors. After the time was up for the decorating, staff



judges went around to rate all the doors in different categories. What a hard job that was. Every one did such a fantastic job! There were doors with 3-D decorations, one with an oven and even one where you could watch a movie and eat popcorn!



Congratulations go to the following classes:

**\*8C won 1st place for Middle School**  
**\*10L won 1st place for High School**

# EVANGEL SPORTS

## Evangel Varsity Volleyball

Congratulations to the Eagles Varsity Girls Volleyball Team on a great season!

**Team Members:** Jennifer Wong, Charlene Guzman, Melanie Chong, Agnieszka Braczyk, Anel Paulino, Elisha Rodriguez, Natalia Alvarez, Amanda Pabon, Jennifer Herrera, Karas Bonifas, Becky Wong, Amanda Roque.

*Private Schools Athletic Association Awards*

All Conference Players

Jennifer Wong  
Amanda Roque

Coach of the Year

Drew Prawel

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 4 Wins 2 Losses – PSAA  
2nd Place – Our Savior New American Invitational  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Martin Luther Invitational



## SPIRIT WEEK....



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## Evangel Eagles Basketball

The JV Boys team has started their season with 2 wins and 1 loss while the JV Girls have 2 losses so far. The Varsity Boys team will begin their season shortly. We look forward to an awesome season. The Team members are as follows:

**JV Girls:** Melanie Chong, Caroline Kemp, Abigail Weaver, Elisha Rodriguez, Anel Paulino, Natalia Alvarez, Ashley Garcia, Karas Bonifas, Crystal Johnson, Rebecca Wong, Rebecca Hornado.

**JV Boys:** Kevin Franco, Daniel Copersino, Edwin Colon, Daniel Suarez, Sean Villalba, Ryan Diaz, Timothy Velez, Larry Molina, Geordan Gibson, Demetrius Johnson, Matthew Gonzalez.

**Boys Varsity:** Carlos Suero, David Bonifas, Luis Alers, Judah Martin, Craig Bender, Joshua Crutch, Brian Rodriguez, Justin Hornedo, Joaquin Pardo, Jonathan Bonifas, David Slater.



## New Year Update

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## EVANGEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

God Bless You  
Richly in 2008!



Make sure to come and visit the Solid Rock Café.

## 27 College Credits

This year we are proud to offer our students 27 College Credits through NYACK College. These classes are taught here at Evangel, and the student receives a college transcript from NYACK College. Students have been working hard and they are really enjoying college life at EVANGEL.

The courses that are offered are as follows: College Writing I, World Civilization I, Chemistry, Physics, Old Testament, New Testament, Psychology, and Spanish Literature. These courses are available to the students for less than a third of the price.

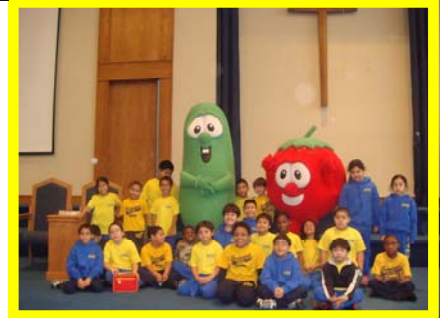
We are truly blessed to have been given this opportunity to partner with NYACK College. Students can now graduate with more than a year of college completed. God is truly amazing!



## BOB AND LARRY

## Veggie Tales Visit Evangel

On Friday, January 18th Bob and Larry came to visit us. Our students sang Veggie Tales songs and had a blast.



**High School Bible Curriculum:** We have all heard the famous, "Because I said so." Our parents have said it, and perhaps we have caught ourselves saying it as well! In the Bible things are certainly true because God says so, however, he has provided proof to help us believe! The ninth grade is learning about the different ways of proving to their friends and to the world that the Bible is truly the Word of God. In fact their midterm essays are based on exploring Messianic prophecy as well as what the Dead Sea Scrolls are. In our tenth grade Bible class, we have been talking about topics which are very personal to our students, for example, we were discussing how to be an "alien" or a "stranger" in this world. (1 Peter 2:11). During class a student contributed, "reading a Bible on the train is something most people don't do." Another offered, "I don't like carrying around a Bible because I feel like a hypocrite. People might think I'm holy when I'm NOT!" We came to the conclusion that the Bible is our medicine, and that carrying it shows the world how much we need it, even on the train. New Testament has been discussing the issues of motive and relationship. Old Testament has been finding Christ in the Old Testament through covenant and sacrifice.

## The Annual ECS Academic Fair is On its Way!

We are looking forward to our Annual Academic Fair which will take place on Tuesday, March 18th. Each year over 1,000 people come to our school and have a chance to "watch our students in action." Students will be creating a project, board and research paper about something they are interested in.

Projects from years past have included: Hover Crafts, Dress Making, Separating Water, Weaponry from the Middle Ages, The Life Cycle of a Butterfly, Dissections, Creation vs. Evolution, and many, many more. This is a great time to invite friends and family; it is also a time for those unsaved loved ones to hear about the Lord through our students. There will also be performances and plenty of food.

See You There!

## Senior/Missions Trip Set For Spain

This year our Senior/Missions Trip will be to Madrid, Spain. How exciting to have the privilege of ministering to those in need in Spain. There will be a total of 28 students and 5 adults going. We will be ministering to the gypsies, churches and to many different Bethel Centers. Bethel is the organization that we will be working with. They are located in 15 different countries and are true servants of the Lord. We will be leaving on April 7th and returning on April 16th. Please pray that God guides us as we want to be a blessing wherever He sends us.