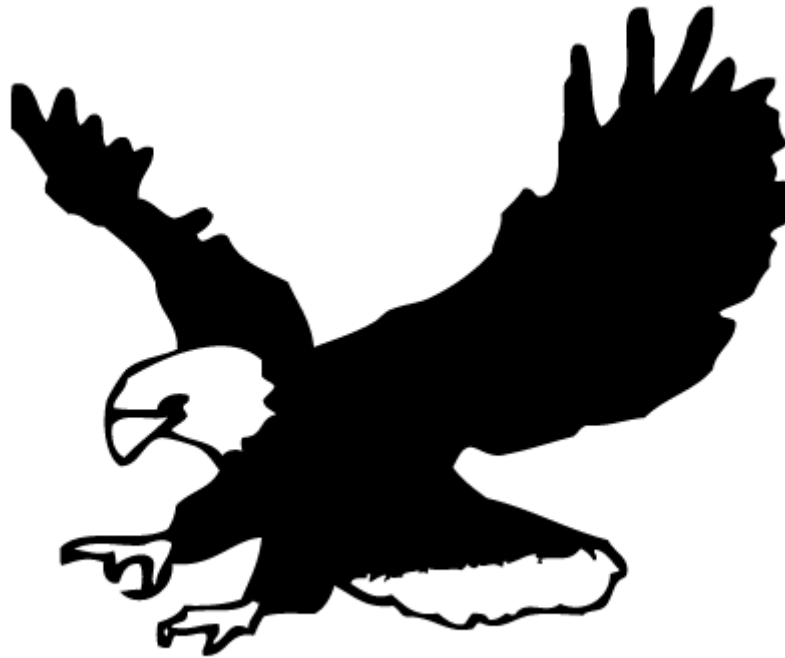


**EL-BETHEL CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY**



**2022--2023
STUDENT HANDBOOK**

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Welcome to EL Bethel Christian Academy

EL Bethel Christian Academy is an outreach ministry of EL Bethel Temple of Jesus at Orlando. The enrollment of the Academy is not limited to the members of EL Bethel but is open to our entire community.

We believe that education should include a strong academic foundation rooted in Biblical principles. We believe that a learning environment should individually and collectively develop students spiritually, intellectually and physically.

The academy admits students of any race color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the Academy. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and/or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics and other school administered programs.

EL Bethel Christian Academy has an excellent approach to developing your child's academic abilities. The unique set up of our program combines the School of Tomorrow with some ABeka curriculums, Florida Virtual School as well as small group instruction for our upper level students.

El Bethel Christian Academy

This Student Handbook belongs to:

Mission Statement

The mission of El Bethel Christian Academy is to provide an education, which would provide a strong academic foundation, rooted in Biblical principles. We believe that a learning environment should individually and collectively develop students spiritually, intellectually and physically.

Our goal is to help our students understand their purpose by developing not only their academic skills but also their gifts and talents through music, drama, dance, writing, public speaking and other creative avenues.

School Personnel
Supervisors

<i>Mrs. Marsha Jackson</i>	<i>K5-1st Grade</i>
<i>Ms. Carmen Morgan</i>	<i>2nd & 3rd levels</i>
<i>Mrs. Lydia J. McFarland</i>	<i>4th & 5th Levels</i>
<i>Ms. Joycelyn Leonard</i>	<i>6th - 8th Levels</i>
<i>Mrs. Allison Riley-Moore</i>	<i>9th -12th Levels</i>

Monitors

Educational Consultant **Ms. Marsha Jackson**

*Other Personnel may be hired after school year begins.

Administration

<i>Bishop Edward Thomas, Sr.</i>	<i>Bishop in Residence</i>
<i>David V. Thomas, Sr.</i>	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Mrs. Allison Riley-Moore</i>	<i>Principal</i>
<i>Ms. Diana Mincy</i>	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
<i>Ms. Emily D. Sloan</i>	<i>Church /School</i>
	<i>Business Administrator</i>

Operational Staff

<i>Charles Stephens</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
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Terrill McFarland

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Supervisor Availability: Except in cases of emergency, phone call to the teachers should be made either before or after school hours.

Principal's Availability: Except in cases of emergency, please call to make an appointment with the Principal.

School Telephone Use: Incoming and Outgoing student phone calls will be permitted only in case of emergency. Please **do not** call or text your child's cell phone during the school day. If you need to reach your student call the school office at (407) 648-1978. **(Cell phones will be retained by administration if policy is broken; only to be retrieved by the parent)**

Progress Reports: Progress Reports are issued after the close of each nine weeks.

Field Trips: Expenses for educational field trips are not included in the tuition or registration fee. However, it is expected that every student will attend his/her class, as the field trip is part of school curriculum for that day. Students choosing not to attend a field trip will have a full day of class work to be completed and returned to the school the following day. Students should dress and behave appropriately for the occasion remembering that they are representing a Christian School.

Open Door Policy

Here at EL Bethel Christian Academy we have an open door policy and parents have unlimited access. You may visit your child at any time. We only ask that parents adhere to the following procedure:

1. All parents/visitors must enter the facility through the office.
2. All parents/visitors must sign in and receive a visitor's badge.
3. All parents/visitors will then be directed to their child's classroom.

Transportation Policy

All students must enter and exit the vehicle in proper manner. While in the van, all students are to remain seated and in a seatbelt. There is no eating on van or loud talking, fighting or any unnecessary distractions. Students that require pick up or drop off must be picked up and dropped off at the same location daily. If students are not ready at appropriate time the van will not return to get them again that day. It is a disruption to our service to change the route this often and makes other students late for school. All Children need to be visible on school vehicles at all times, (No laying down on seats, or sitting on the floors). All violators of this policy will be disqualified from bus service.

Communicable Disease Control Policy

Child care personnel or other persons in the child care facility suspected of having a communicable disease shall be removed from the facility or placed in an isolation area until removed. Such person may not return without medical authorization, or until the signs and symptoms of the disease are no longer present. With a child, the condition shall be reported to the custodial parent or legal guardian. Signs and symptoms of a suspected communicable disease include the following:

- 1) Severe coughing, causing the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound;
- 2) Difficult or rapid breathing;
- 3) Stiff neck;
- 4) Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool within a 24 hour period);
- 5) Temperature of 101 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when in conjunction with any other signs of illness;
- 6) Conjunctivitis (pink eye);
- 7) Exposed, open skin lesions;
- 8) Unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool;
- 9) Yellowish skin or eyes; or
- 10) Any other unusual sign or symptom of illness.

(a) A child identified having head lice shall not be permitted to return until treatment has occurred. Verification of treatment may include a product box, box top, empty bottle, or signed statement by a parent that treatment has occurred.

(b) Isolation Area. Each facility shall have a designated isolation area for a child who becomes ill at the facility. Such space shall be adequately ventilated, heated, and equipped with a bed, mat, or cot and materials that can be sanitized easily. Linens and disposables shall be changed after each use and used linens and disposables shall be kept in a closed container in the isolation area until cleaned or disposed. The isolated child must be within sight and hearing of a staff person at all times. The child must be carefully observed for worsening conditions.

(c) Outbreaks. Operators are required to notify the local county health department immediately upon any suspected outbreak of communicable disease in accordance with Chapter 64D-3, F.A.C., and Communicable Disease Control. A suspected outbreak occurs when two (2) or more children or employees have the onset of similar signs or symptoms, as outlined in subparagraphs (1)(a)1.-10., F.A.C., above, within a 72-hour period or when a case of a serious or reportable communicable disease is diagnosed or suspected on a child or employee.

Medications

Here at EL Bethel Christian Academy we do not give medications to children. This includes both prescription medications as well as over the counter. If your child requires medication you must make other arrangements for child care during that time.

Accidents/Sickness

In case of accident or sickness, minimal first aid will be given. Each parent is expected to authorize medical treatment and release medical information for the benefit of the student.

Let's Lift Up a Standard

Responsibility of the Students

Language: Every student is expected to use language befitting a follower of Christ. The use of slang, impure and abusive language put downs or downgrading, and taking the name of God in vain is not permitted.

Honesty: Each student is expected to be honest; to refrain from stealing, deceiving, falsehoods, fraud, cheating or any act of dishonesty.

Safety: Each student is expected to observe proper safety precautions and is not to bring weapon-type objects, matches, knives or fireworks on campus.

Leaving school grounds: Students are not permitted to leave the school premises during school hours; without permission from the principal and/or their parent/guardian.

Bible: Students will be encouraged to respect the Bible as the Inspired Word of God. Students in all grades will use a Bible that includes both Old and New Testaments.

Reading Material: Reading material must be of Christian quality. Comic books or movie magazines will not be permitted.

School Work: Every student is expected to maintain at least a “C” average in all schoolwork. Any student who misses assignments or whose grade drops below a “C” Average in any subject may be placed on probation and required to have special tutoring. The student who refuses to do the assigned work for his/her grade or who does not try to do his/her best may be asked to withdraw from the school.

School Lunch Policy

Lunch Options: Bag lunch from home / Order hot lunch from school.

When placing an order with school vendors, **ALL STUDENTS & STAFF** must **PRE ORDER & PAY** in advance, **by vendor’s request**.

If your order is not placed in advance or latest being the day before, There is no way possible for the student to order the day of, **due to order forms being submitted the day before. (NO EXCEPTIONS)**

****Due to health and fire inspection regulations we will not allow**
Students to bring in warm up lunches during the school day.**

DISCIPLINE POLICY

Here at EL Bethel Christian Academy, we want to work in partnership with parent and student to ensure success. In order to do so, we must be on one accord when it comes to student discipline.

Students are entitled to a learning environment free of unnecessary disruption. Any physical, written or verbal disturbance, communication or activity, within the school setting or during related activities, which may interrupt or interfere with the teaching and orderly conduct of school activity, is prohibited.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Setting off False Fire Alarms
- Cellular Phones (Talking, Texting, picture taking etc...)
- Electronic Devices
- Defiance/Insubordination
- Disrespect (walking away, etc.)
- Disruptive Demonstrations
- Possession of Obscene or Disruptive Literature
- Classroom or Campus Disruption
- Using Obscene or Inappropriate Language or Gestures
- Inciting or attempting to incite fights or riots
- Gambling
- Gang Activity
- Harassment
- All other such disruptive/disrespectful behaviors

EBCA does not tolerate these types of behaviors from our students at any time. Students will be sent to the office with a referral to see the Principal. At which time a short counseling session will take place and then the student may be suspended or expelled at the administration's discretion. All suspension days missed from school will not be excused and may effect the student's promotion at the end of the year. All fees at the time of expulsion are still due.

For other offenses, staff members must administer appropriate discipline to a student. “Staff members should determine the degree of correction fitting to the offense.

- 1. Demerits – Marked usually on a goal check report daily for violation of learning center procedures, such as scoring violation, out of seat without permission, talking during a Test, etc.**
- 2. Detentions – Corrective action used for unacceptable behavior, such as talking back to teacher, cheating, etc. After three or more demerits, teachers can then begin to use detentions. A corrective action slip will be sent home informing parents what the conduct problem is and how detention will be served.**
- 3. Parent/Teacher Conference: May be used to discuss problem areas of curriculum, behavior and etc. Conferences are best utilized before a problem arises, not after a situation warrants attention.**
- 4. EBCA does not do ISS, so all students that are dismissed from class for inappropriate behavior must be picked up from the school office in a timely manner.**

Lastly, if further means of discipline are still needed, after prayerful consideration, the student will be suspended or expelled from El Bethel Christian Academy.

Substance Abuse Policy

The goal of our school is to provide an environment that is conducive to spiritual, academic, and social learning. Substance abuse will not be tolerated. We expect our students to follow a drug-free policy, which includes, but is not limited to:

1. Being under the influence of mood altering substances, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs.
2. Possession of drug related paraphernalia.
3. Abuse of prescription drugs by any student
4. Selling or distributing drugs
5. Possession of alcoholic drinks
6. Possession or distribution of tobacco

Any infraction will result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from the school, even for the first offense. This policy is in effect while student is on school property, attending or participating in all school sponsored activities, and as long as they remain enrolled at the Academy.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

General: Each student is expected to attend school punctually and regularly reasonable allowances will be made for absences, but the only legal excuses are illness of the student or death in the immediate family. Upon returning to school, the student is to bring a note to the teacher from their doctor stating the reason for the absence if it is due to sickness. If it is a death in the family, the student is to bring a note from parent stating the reason for the absence. Request for the Academy to excuse any absence must be in written form from the proper authority, stating the exact reason for the absence and must be received by the teacher within 72 hours of that absence. All class work missed will be required to be completed by the students on his/her own time.

- 1. Tardiness:** The only excused tardiness is a pre-arranged medical appointment of the student with proper documentation after 10am at the time of arrival to school. **All students who arrive late to school can be detained at recess, or after school to make up the work.**

****After 10am all students will need to have a doctor's note and accompanied by the parent at the time of sign in.****

2. **Vacation:** Observe carefully the date and times listed in the school calendar for the beginning and ending vacation period. If you anticipate being away when school is in session, please personally notify your child's teacher at least one week in advance so arrangements for assignments can be made.
3. **School Hours:** School begins at 8:00am for PreK-12th, Monday thru Thursday and ends at 3:00pm. Fridays are early release day, and we end school at 1p.m. Doors open at 7:15am, **the latest arrival time allowed is 10:00am. After 10:00am please remain home, unless there is documentation to excuse the tardy. (Students will not be able to order lunches if they have arrived after the lunch count)**
4. All students are expected to leave the school grounds at dismissal time. Parents who have not picked up their child within 15 minutes after dismissal time will be charged \$10.00 for Aftercare. After school fees are due at the time of student pickup.
5. **Early Dismissal:** For the safety of each child the parent/guardian must come to the school office in person and sign the checkout form for early dismissal. Office personnel will call the classroom and the student will meet the parent/guardian in the office. The school will not release any student to anyone other than the parents/guardians or persons listed on the child's emergency card. To release a child to any other person, the parent must send express written permission.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

1. **Non-Discriminatory Policy:** EL Bethel Christian Academy admits students of any creed, nationality or race to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at its school.
2. **Special Education Needs:** El Bethel Christian Academy has not been established for the purpose of offering special education and is therefore

generally unable to accept students who have serious physical, scholastic, or behavioral problems.

3. **Birth Certificates:** All students applying for admittance are required to present a copy of their birth certificate and social security card for their files.
4. **Transfer Students:** Any student transferring from another school will be required to have a transcript sent from the last school attended. A diagnostic test will be administered to each new applicant. Placement considerations will be based on the results.
5. **Medical Examinations:** All new students must have a physical examination before starting the new school year. All students entering 7th grade must comply with the new state law requiring immunizations for Hepatitis B. All immunization records must be up-to-date for all students. This is a State requirement for all schools including public and private.
6. **Unpaid Tuition Accounts:** No child will be admitted whose account from the previous school year has not been paid in full. Students with an account at another school will not be admitted until the account has been paid or satisfactory arrangements have been made.
7. **Exclusion of Students: No student is admitted or retained who knowingly uses tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs.**

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Compliance with the policy is required of all students. Failure to comply with or in any way alter the uniform items will be looked at as a violation of procedure and will result in disciplinary action. When uniforms become old and faded (at the administrator's discretion); they should be replaced. All uniforms must be clean, ironed and neat. The purpose of the dress codes is to show uniformity. Parents share the responsibility to make sure their child comes to school in uniform. Teachers will check throughout the day and violation will result in sending the following:

Uniform Attire

GIRLS:

Polo Shirts:	Light blue, red, gold, or white
Blouses:	Light blue oxford shirt/blouse (Chapel Wednesdays)
Pants:	Navy blue or khaki that fit properly
Shorts:	Must fit properly and be no more than 4 inches above the knee
Shoes:	Dark casual/athletic shoes. No open toed shoes.
Socks:	Coordinating knee, ankle socks, or hose to be worn at all times.
Belts:	Solid dark color to be worn with pants with belt loops.
Tie:	For Wednesday Chapel

BOYS:

Polo Shirts:	Light blue, red, gold, or white
Shirts:	Light blue oxford shirts (Chapel Wednesdays)
Pants:	Navy blue or khaki that fit properly
Shorts:	Must fit properly and be no more than 4 inches above the knee
Shoes:	Dark casual/athletic shoes. No open toed shoes.
Socks:	Coordinating knee, ankle socks, or hose to be worn at all times.
Belts:	Solid dark color to be worn with pants with belt loops.
Tie:	Solid navy tie For Wednesday Chapel

**All High School students are required
To have Navy Blue Blazers
& Middle School students are required
To have Navy Blue Sweater Vest on Chapel day.
Both must have the school logo.**

***** NO SHORTS WORN ON CHAPEL DAY!!*****

*****All Uniform Shirts MUST have EBCA Logo on them*****

1st violation: Warning/note to parent

2nd violation: Detention/parent called to bring uniform

3rd violation: 2 Detention/parent conferences scheduled

**Uniform Purchase:
Educational Outfitters**

5135 Adanson Street
Suite 115
Orlando, Fl. 32804
(407)879-5363

<http://www.educationaloutfitters.com>

EVERY FRIDAY IS T-SHIRT DAY!!!!

Only blue or black solid color jeans may be worn along with El Bethel Christian Academy's T-shirts only.

Students are NOT allowed to wear excessively tight jeans, short shorts, torn or ripped jeans/shorts or jeans/shorts with words or designs on them (If you are in doubt bring a extra pair of jeans).

Students may NOT wear the following:

- Caps, hats, visors, head wraps, or bandanas
- Clothes that advertise alcohol or drugs
- Clothes with questionable language or racial slurs
- Combs or hair rollers in hair
- Shorts-cycling, gym, jogging or mini
- Midriff or halter-tops
- Muscle shirts or tank tops
- Nose/tongue rings or excessively long artificial eyelashes
- Pants without belt
- Pant leg(s) rolled up/Stuffed into socks
- P.E. clothes to class
- See through clothing
- Clothing with holes/tears in them
- Sleepwear or Swimwear
- Sunglasses in building

Thongs/Sandals with heel out
Unfastened suspenders
Short dresses/skirts (knee length only)
Low rise pants/shorts

*****At no time are male students allowed to wear earrings, or body piercing jewelry. Females are allowed to wear only post or small earrings. NO other body piercing jewelry allowed. At no time are male or female students allowed to wear Mohawks or haircuts with designs or writing in their head. Females hair extensions must be middle back length without color. High school students may wear hair colors burgundy and dark shades of brown*****

Let's lift up a Standard!!!

Dismissal Policy

- ❖ Students will be dismissed at 3:00pm daily, and on Fridays at 1:00pm
- ❖ All walkers and bike riders will be released to leave campus immediately. Students are not allowed to roam freely around the campus after school.
- ❖ All Smith Center aftercare students will be bused to the Smith Center.
- ❖ All other students will be dismissed individually as designated pick-up person arrives. Please make sure the school office knows if someone other than your designated pick-up person will be picking your student up.
** Proper identification will need to be shown at time of pick up**
- ❖ Students remaining after 3:30pm are retained in the afterschool program here at a cost of \$10.00 per student, unless prior arrangements are made.

****Note this will not be on a daily basis****

- ❖ If your child rides Lynx Transportation System please remember to sign the release form.

- ❖ If you have a student in the K3 thru K5 learning center you must sign them in and out daily. Please take the time to do so to help us ensure the students safety.

Prohibited Areas

Without prior approval by a faculty member, Students are **NOT** allowed in the following areas:

1. Kitchen
2. Sound booth
3. Upstairs Offices
4. No walking thru Mrs. Jackson's class
5. Front closets under stairwells

Grading Scale

A = 94 – 100

B = 85 – 93

C = 78 – 84

D = 70 – 77

F = 0 – 69

Student Recognition

Honor Roll Chapel

We take pride in recognizing our students each quarter. All those with a grade point average of 94-100 will be honored with a Principal's Honor Roll certificate during

the Honor Roll Chapel service. Students who reach 86-93 will be honored at the same chapel service with a Supervisor's Honor Roll certificate.

Congratulations Slips

Weekly parents should look for Congratulations slips. Every Wednesday at Chapel these slips are handed out to students who complete Paces throughout the week. This is like a weekly progress report.

Honor Roll Fieldtrips

Honor Roll Fieldtrips or lunches are offered throughout the year for students who achieve Honor Roll status.

REPORT CARDS (PROGRESS REPORTS)

According to School of Tomorrow our Progress Reports should show the progress your child has made during the past quarter. Parent conferences are generally scheduled before the reports go home. However, conferences are welcome afterward and consultation with your child's teacher is always welcomed. (See sample below)

On the back of the Progress Report, student and teacher may evaluate desirable habits and traits each nine week period to how well the student is progressing in his personal, sociable and work habits.

All report cards are due back the following day with signature of parents included. At end of the year, all reports cards will be passed out to those with good standing accounts.

Delinquent accounts will not be able to receive report cards until bill is paid in full.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions concerning your students Progress Report if you do not understand it completely.

Emergency Preparedness Plan

Closing of School

Television Stations Channel (ABC), 9 & 13 will carry all school closing announcements due to inclement weather emergencies by 6:30 a.m. El Bethel Christian Academy will follow the procedure announced by the County Public Schools. If Orange County Schools are announced as closed due to inclement weather this school will also be closed. You may also visit the OCPS website at www.ocps.net to see school closure information. Special circumstances may require re-opening school sooner.

Emergency Drills

Fire drills at regular intervals are required by law and are an important part of our safety instruction. It is essential that when the first signal is given everyone responds quickly. The teacher supervising the students will give the appropriate instructions and students must follow these instructions in an orderly manner. The school is responsible for results of the drills. Our facility is equipped with fire extinguishers and smoke detectors in the event of an actual emergency.

Tornadoes or Severe Weather

Our facility is equipped with weather radios that alert when severe weather is in the area. If severe winds or tornadoes become a problem during the school day, all students are to remain calm and follow the direction of the staff. Students in the upstairs classrooms will be moved down stairs to a safer location in the sanctuary area and sit in the tuck position. All students that are on the lower level will remain in their classrooms and take shelter under their desks in the tuck position.

Criminal Events

If we are to ever have a situation that occurs in the neighborhood or immediate surrounding area that is of a criminal nature it may be necessary for the school to

go into lockdown mode. In lockdown mode all doors are locked and will be opened only at the Administrator's discretion.

School Payments/Overdue Accounts

Payment is due on the first of each month. This payment plan means that your fees will continue during the Holidays such as Christmas break, Spring break, etc. Please note that up until the 10th of the month is considered a grace period. On the 11th day after your payment is due a \$15.00 late fee will be applied and must be paid with your tuition payment. If payment is not received in full by the 30th of the month your student will be sent home and not to return until payment is made. If payment is still not made by the 10th of the following month your student will be withdrawn and their seat will be filled. Final grades, student information and scholastic records will be withheld until the balance due of the final statement is paid.

Curriculum Fee

Curriculum fee is a yearly fee used to purchase all consumable instructional materials needed for their daily scholastic activities for the entire school year. These materials will include books and paces in Math, English, Word Building, Social Studies and other Electives. There will be an additional fee of \$25.00 to cover the cost of all testing materials needed. After students complete an entire curriculum, each additional pace used after will be a \$4.00 charge.

Registration

A registration fee of \$100 per student is due before student can be enrolled and attend classes. There is a break down for families with multiple students as follows:

\$100 – 1st child

\$75 – 2nd child

\$50 – All other children

Returned Checks

There is a \$12.00 service charge applied to the account for any check returned by the bank.

Policies and Amendments

Any policy adopted by the School Administration and/or faculty, publicly announced, is in affect a statement of policy.

End of School Year Requirements

All accounts should be current for students who are graduating. No caps, gowns, awards or diplomas will be given to a student with delinquent fees. This is a disservice to your child who has worked hard during the school year if he/she is nominated for an award.

All accounts should be paid in full before the student can return for the fall quarter. Delinquent notices will be sent to addresses on file. It is your responsibility to keep us up to date on your current address and phone numbers. Please remember to turn in all updated information to the school's office.

Check the school calendar for dates of report card issuance.

You can also check the school website at www.ebcaonline.org or at www.ebca.shutterfly.com to see upcoming events.

PARENT-SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS

The success of the school depends in large measure upon good faith and wholehearted cooperation between the parents and the school staff, especially in regard to regulations essential to large group control but not normal home management.

No school is successful in teaching basic principles of life without support and cooperation with home and the church. Therefore, EL Bethel Christian Academy believes that there should be a working relationship between the parents, the principal and the school for the welfare and continued growth of the student. Letters or phone calls from the school to the parents mean serious problems have arisen, but may also indicate a desire to counsel together before a student faces serious difficulty. For this reason we ask that parents keep us informed of changes in address, phone numbers, and marital status (custody issues) throughout the year.

Parents sometimes have questions concerning the school program of their child; inquiries are always welcome. It is essential to maintain a positive relationship between the school and parents, guardians or others responsible for the students; therefore, every attempt will be made to achieve harmonious solutions to differences or misunderstanding.

Failure to reach one accord and receive positive support may result in a request that the student be withdrawn from the school. The administration reserves the right to question a student about his/her behavior or program at any time without parental consent.

School Song

“We Love El Bethel”

Blue on Blue is what we wear
Showing Jesus Love and Care
Day by Day we learn of him
Planting, teaching deep within

Chorus

We Love El Bethel

We Love El Bethel

We Love El Bethel Christian Academy

We will work hard everyday
In our paces at the school
Growing to our very best
Living out the Golden rule

Repeat Chorus

School Anthem

“We Will Stand”

Standing tall, standing strong;

Hand in hand

United at one

We are called to be his son!

Giving new hope,

Reaching new goals,

With God as our source,

We rise to the test,

Giving to all our very best!

Chorus:

We will stand

United as one

We will stand

With grace from his son;

We will stand

With light from above;

It his strength we will be El Bethel Christian Academy

Encouraging success,

Embracing the best,

In God lies our hope,

For all the world to see,

Knowing the dream

It lies in me!

Repeat Chorus

STUDENT CREED

IF I AM GOING TO SUCCEED IT IS UP TO ME.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF THE KEYS TO
MY SUCCESS IS MY EDUCATION.

I MUST BECOME THOROUGH, DILIGENT AND EFFICIENT IN ALL MY
EFFORTS. I MUST BECOME PRUDENT IN SETTING MY GOALS IN
ORDER TO ACHIEVE MY HOPES AND DESIRES.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MY
RACE AND THAT EACH GENERATION MUST UP-GRADE THE NEXT.

THE BEST THING I CAN DO FOR MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND MY RACE IS
TO BECOME EDUCATED. I MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER TO REACH
BACK AND ENCOURAGE SOMEONE ELSE ALONG THE WAY.

THEREFORE, I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I AM GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL,
I MUST DO THAT WHICH IS NECESSARY TO DO AND NOT
NECESSARILY WHAT I DESIRE TO DO;
REMEMBERING, I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

IN GOD LIES MY HOPE
IN ME LIES THE ABILITY TO ACHIEVE.

I AM SOMEBODY.

-DENISE COSSOM

Notes