

## Behaviors That Build Trust

Spiritual Life Week is looked forward to by all of secondary as a week to learn more about God, grow, get to know others, and get out of part of their first class. This year Daryl Weaver was the speaker. His theme for the week was “Behaviors that Build Trust.” His key verse for the week was Proverbs 25:13 which professes, “Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; for he refreshes the soul of his masters.” He also featured a key quote from Reggie McNeal that stated, “Teams use trust as currency. If it is in short supply, then the team is poor. If trust abounds, the members of the team have purchase powers with each other to access each other’s gifts, talents, energy, creativity, and love. The development of trust then becomes a significant leadership strategy. Trust creates the load limits on the relationship bridges among team members.” Mr. Weaver covered five behaviors that build trust over the five days he spoke.

The first day he spoke about being Teachable. He taught that we should be open, flexible, and willing to learn. We shouldn’t believe that we know everything. We should strive to attain the skills to learn what we don’t know and review what we already do. On the second day he spoke about being Reliable. He said that our behavior should demonstrate that we are responsible through how we handle our responsibilities and make decisions. He admonished us to “never let anyone think you aren’t reliable.” On the third day he taught that we should be Understanding, that we should look inwardly and outwardly on the interests of ourselves and others. Mr. Weaver explained that just because we think we would react a certain way to something doesn’t mean that others

we interact with would. He left us with a challenge that day, “Are you a team player who creates peace or pieces?” On Thursday he spoke about the three areas of being Sociable: in our smile, conversations, and with our friends. He used the example of God and said, “The broader our love, the broader our influence. Limit love, limit influence.” He used the analogy of playing catch. Do you continue the conversation by throwing the ball back with a sentence or two, or do you catch the ball with one word? On Friday he taught us to be Truthful. He said that on a broad spectrum we shouldn’t lie, but he said we should also be truthful about what we can and can’t do and what we commit to. He quoted Andy Stanley from his book *Trust vs. Suspicion* “...not over promise and under deliver, but if it looks like that’s where things are headed, I’ll tell you.” And as Legends, he told us that, “Believers will learn...how legendary the Church is by accepting the gifts Jesus gives to them being equipped for ministry, and contributing these gifts to build their church.”

~Taryn Mellinger



*Daryl Weaver empowers the EMS secondary students to be top notch team players by applying five core values.*

## Noble or Unfortunate?

“All in the valley of Death rode the six hundred.” (Alfred, Lord Tennyson) The Charge of the Light Brigade took place during the Crimean War on October 25, 1854. This war was fought between the Russian Empire and Britain, France, the Kingdom of Sardinia, and the Ottoman Empire. The war was primarily fought over who would have the reigning influence over the declining Ottoman Empire. Most famously known in the war was the noble charge of the Light Brigade, the British light and fast cavalry unit, in the battle of Balaklava. Lord Raglan, the overall commander of the British forces, ordered them to “...advance rapidly to the front, follow the enemy, and try to prevent the enemy from carrying away the guns.” However, by the time the order reached the commander of the Light Brigade, it had been passed along as an order to “advance rapidly.” The commander, despite thinking the order was ludicrous, decided to charge into the valley where Russian artillery encompassed the entire area because he thought it was noble and brave to follow orders despite his personal thoughts and feelings. The charge ended in disaster with an estimated 278 of the Brigade killed or wounded in just 20 minutes. Despite the fact that the Light Brigade boldly and bravely followed the orders directed, it was an unfortunate loss of life.

~Bradley Hurst

# Preparing for Battle

We all know the drill. Out of the blue Thursday night arrives and that subtle anxiety that has been arising through the course of time since the last test begins to culminate in the panic that only ill preparation can bring. As a senior at Ephrata Mennonite, I am humbled to attest that on many occasions I have found myself grasping desperately for a few minutes of review between classes on Bible memory day, often the efforts of attempted reparation for my previous procrastination. As I slip into a routine of procrastination towards Bible memory, it begins to become a biweekly plague to me, worth nothing more than a test grade. So what should I do about it? Should I argue that being forced to memorize Bible memory is giving me a

calloused view of the Scriptures? Unfortunately there have been times where I have viewed myself as a victim of Bible memorization, but Psalm 119:11 has really been convicting me recently! David praises God for his victories over sin as he rejoices that "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Ever since I have been meditating on this verse, I have been imagining myself sharpening my sword or putting arrows in my quiver in preparation for the temptations that are an unfortunate part of everyday life. Although my Bible memory scores are still not always perfect... or even respectable sometimes, it has been much easier for me to become adamant about memorizing scripture,

and it is a discipline that I hope to maintain for the rest of my life!

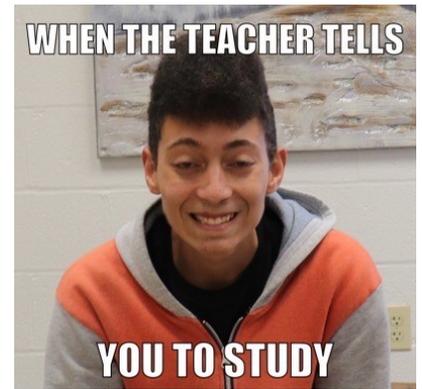
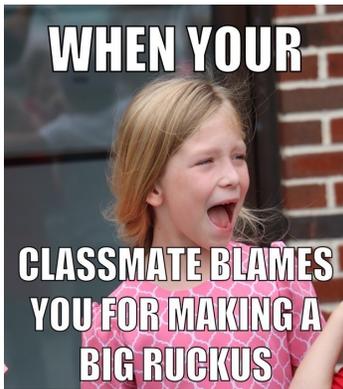


*Ephesians 6:11-12 "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."*

~Timothy Burkholder

## HUMOR

# Can You See What We Meme?



~Alia Summy

## “That’s Country”

By Rondi Ravolvi

If your truck is older than you and stands out because of  
its beaming and frowning fender,

If there are more vegetables than buildings per acre,

If your favorite musical artist is John Denver,

If you are concerned about the state of the land,  
when the storms a-brew

If you feel the sun melting your face during the late  
day and in the morning feel the dew,

If you travel the journey to Philly, so that you may  
make a living just so your money doesn’t turn to fog.

If the death of a plant tugs at your heartstrings  
lightly and think not a second at the death of a hog.

If mowing the grass can be a job,

If you can create a salad by simply gathering produce off  
your property like Broccoli Rabe,

If nature takes you away from the present

And sends your brain on a journey,

If “saved by the bell” takes a distinct feeling because

your working condition almost calls for a gurney,  
If quality control of vegetables becomes a sense of  
monotony that it blinds the brain,  
If you are still plugging away even when you walk  
around with a cane.

If you are undeterred by walking over vegetables  
that have become rotten,

If the ripeness of a vegetable is so cemented in

your brain its meaning becomes forgotten,

If milk and peanut butter crackers is the protein you  
need to pass through the waning hours,

If you dwell less in the house and more in the  
vegetables and flowers,

My friend, if all these things are true for you

You are a horticulturist or green-houser whichever name  
you choose, I’ll leave that for you to chew.

~ Rondre Weaver

*AP English assignment in response to studying the poem  
“If” by Rudyard Kipling*

## “InTents” Trauma

The lantern...it helps you see in darkness, but is  
a fire hazard and is HOT. This particular lantern had glass  
around the light source, which looked too much like a red  
hot teabag. Setting up the tent that humid summer  
evening, I became very excited to spend the night in a  
heated enclosure. My dad had lit the lantern, and it had  
been sitting there for about ten minutes. Mesmerized by  
the teabag of fire, I drew closer. I reached out to touch it.  
Surprisingly, to the 4-year-old me, it seared my hand. I  
screamed in pain. With my hand in ice water, I spent the  
night in agonizing pain. My first experience in a tent was



miserable. What I  
learned is that you  
should make sure  
you know what  
something will do  
before you touch  
it, or in this case, a  
lantern.

~Dustin Martin

One delightful summer weekend my family went  
camping at Raystown. As a 4 year, my bladder was quite  
weak. So my mom and I biked to the bathrooms. After  
fulfilling the task we set out to achieve, so in other words,  
we used the bathrooms, we started to leave. Feeling like a  
new person now, I eagerly hopped on my bike and raced  
ahead of my mom. I was  
young and spry so the  
Brobdingnagian hill ahead  
didn't faze me. I continued  
down it full speed ahead. And  
then surprise, surprise, I fell  
off. My mom was pretty far  
behind, so this random couple  
came to my aid as I bled out  
on the path. Four year old me  
was left with quite the gnarly  
scrape on my face and a new  
found sensation that I indeed,  
do have limitations that I became increasingly aware of.



~Corina Zimmerman

# “Make Ephrata Mennonite Great Again”

**The Dreamers**



Hi, we are the Dreamers. Vote for us and you will get a pizza meal with Plum Creek ice cream sundaes. The funds will go towards the new school.

As shocking as it may seem, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are having an election on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. Each party has created an alluring method to raise money for the new school. Whichever organization wins the mock election will achieve their campaign and put into action their idea. As Legends, this election will teach them to be responsible and learn to hold positions of authority. Good luck, candidates!  
~Taryn Mellinger

**The BBQ Party**



The BBQ party will make you smarty.  
Vote for us on November 5, 2019



JLJSM we will do what we can.  
Vote for us, so you can buy prizes in all sizes.

**THE 5 MUSKETEERS**



THE ELECTION IS NEAR SO VOTE FOR THE MUSKETEERS!

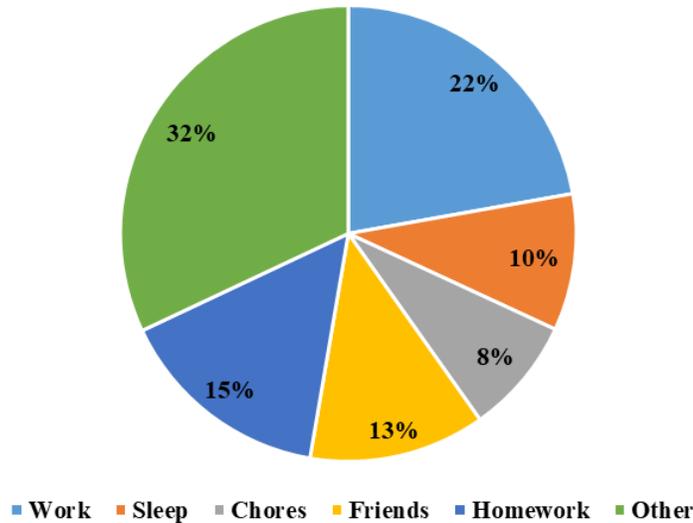


*Vote for the*  
**Brunch Bunch**



## Freedom is Upon Us!

### Early Dismissal



“My favorite half day memory is the last day of kindergarten. Immediately following dismissal, my family loaded into the truck and hauled the camper to the mountains. It also happened to be my birthday, and I can still remember the feeling of distinct anticipation!” ~Tim Burkholder

“I drove around on our four-wheeler to shovel snow for my neighbors.” ~ Jeremy Weaver

“I drove to my house when it was snowing, and it took roughly two hours when it regularly takes 20 minutes.”  
~Kya Snyder

“I had a great time when I had a bunch of people over to go swimming.” ~ Elliana Weaver

~ Compiled by Bradley Hurst

# Vivacious Volleyball



Contestants	Win	Loss
Girls JV2 vs. Fierce	2	0
Girls V vs. Fierce	1	4
Girls JV1 vs. Fierce	0	2
Girls V vs. Fierce	1	3
Girls JV2 vs. Faith	2	0
Girls V vs. Faith	0	3
Guys V vs. Faith	3	1

## INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

### The Silent Spectator

Here I sit, prominently placed in the back of the kindergarten classroom chillin' on my rock. The sun begins to kiss my shell right around 10:30 every day, well except for the days that it isn't sunny. Those are the worst days. Sunny days always make me feel most pleasant. Then there are rainy days, and sometimes, a good rainy day can be appreciated, but ugh, those days that it is just cloudy with no sun and no rain, just wind and gray, I can really feel down in the swamp those days. But on those days I feel swampy, my mood is always brightened by the most adorable children. I love the kindergarteners; they are so happy and cute and almost always smiling. It breaks my shell when they begin to cry, get hurt, or

don't like school. I love my kindergarten friends so much. Every



*Me looking legit in my underwater home at the back of the kindergarten classroom. I bet that your carpet doesn't rock like mine.*

morning when they bring their backpacks to hang beside my abode, they peek in and say hi. To my

dismay, I can't speak human. I think it, but I can't speak it. So the only way for me to communicate my appreciation and love for my kindergarten friends is to stick out my neck as far as I can and not hide in my shell. It is very difficult for the turtle kind to be brave. My whole family tree consists of pictures of shells because all my ancestors were too shy to stick their necks out. I will not be that way! Anyway, sorry about the turtle trail, back to my lovely kindergarten friends, they are so cute! Oh look! Here they come now, they're back from recess, gotta swim! Bye for now!

Sincerely, Turtely Awesome

~Shanda Nissley

## Stuco Update

As the first quarter wraps up for the high schoolers, Stuco completed its first major event. About a hundred secondary students showed up for the Barn Party that was held at Josh and Kelly Martin's barn on October 17th. There was a hay ride, pie eating contest, wheelbarrow/scarecrow relay, and a time for games and eating. Derek Zimmerman won the pie



eating contest, and team two won the wheelbarrow/scarecrow relay. Besides praise and worship and iced coffee and donuts once a month, Stuco has included more items in the menu at snack stand and brainstormed for new events for this coming year. Stuco would like to give a shout-out to the chaperones who came and for all of the help that Josh and Kelly gave with the fine details of the barn party.

~Taryn Mellinger

## November Calendar

**1st & 2nd:** HS Girls Fairview Volleyball Tournament At 2:00 (Away)

**11th-14th:** 11th Grade Field Trip to New York

**18th:** Q2 Mid-Term for Grades K-6

**21st:** HS Basketball vs Faith at 5:00 pm (Home)

**22nd:** 7th Grade Life & Love Seminar

**27th:** Noon Dismissal- Thanksgiving Break

**28th-Dec. 2nd:** No School- Thanksgiving Vacation

## Pizza With a Purpose

Thank you to all who supported the senior class in our fundraising lunches for our senior trip to Nicaragua. We greatly appreciate all those who have participated in the work of our senior trip through financial aid. If you would still like to stand behind the seniors and have not had the chance to buy lunch yet, we are serving one more pizza hot lunch November 18th. Students, be sure to hand in your order form to Mrs. Copenhaver at the office by November 15th. Thanks!

~Shanda Nissley

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