



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Middle School Weekly Home Bulletin

March 10, 2017

Next Week, 3/13 - 3/17:

- Monday: TRIP orders due
Tuesday: Chapel, 12:50 pm
Wed - Sat: "The Music Man" at ECHS Auditorium; tickets \$10
Thursday: International Day Celebration

Coming Up:

- March 20: 6th grade Clearwater sailing trip form & payment due
March 21: NNJCSA Math Competition, at HCA
March 27 - 31 Spring Break

I would like to thank all of the people who have had a part in our accreditation this past week for a very successful visit. The visit by Middle States team this week was the culmination of many hours of work by many members of the school's community - administrators, teachers, parents, students, board members, and community members. The work completed during that period culminated in a very positive report from the visiting team and a full seven-year re-accreditation. Thank you especially to Liesl Botbyl, our MS accreditation chair, and Tina Bucci, who led the team through the accreditation self study. The report we received was a tremendous affirmation of the amazing things that are happening everyday at EC.

Next week we take time on Thursday to recognize the diversity within our school through our international day celebration. Although the lunch buffet (supplied by our generous parents, *hint, hint*) is an annual favorite, this day is also a time to acknowledge the rich diversity that God has brought together in the EC community. On most days, our students may not stop to think about the differences around them - they see their friends and their classmates and take for granted those things which make our student body unique. However, international day is an opportunity for us to stop and reflect on the beauty that exists within the differences - or perhaps because of the differences - and to celebrate the splendor of God's wisdom in bringing unity to the community we know as EC. It allows us to be conscious of the reality of the image of God as it is displayed in the cultures and faces of our student body. Our students look forward to this day each year, and this year is an especially relevant one as we think about our school theme - In His Image. What an awesome way to drive home the message of the worth of every individual not because of what they offer, but because of the image in which they have been created!

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of shaping your children into the influencers of their generation. As we challenge them to understand, embrace, and live out their Christian faith, we pray that they choose to engage the world for His glory and bring about true redemption through the message of the Gospel.

Grace and Peace,
Dan Lazor, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

8th Grade Parents - You have been sent an email regarding HS course selection. Check your email to be sure you have been contacted! You must indicate a preferred time for the meeting. The meetings are scheduled with the ECHS dean's office, but are held at the middle school.

There will be an **8th grade dance** on Saturday, May 6. Information coming soon!

Last chance to submit your child's name for their diploma at graduation. If we have not received a preference, your child's name will be printed as it appears on their birth certificate. If you did not receive this form, please contact the office via phone or email (sherriekuiken@easternchristian.org) to request another copy.

The \$50 deposit for the Philadelphia/Gettysburg field trip is overdue. In May, the full \$200 cost for the trip will be due. Please continue to send in the permission slips and payment.

After School News: Our spring clubs are now open to register students in K - 6th grade! Our clubs this season include Spanish, Science, Art, and Soccer! Go to our website at <https://www.easternchristian.org/schools/elementary-school/after-school/> to see descriptions for all these clubs. Fill out this form <https://goo.gl/forms/3xgG9D3T5wN2HmR62> to sign your child up today! If you have questions, please email Elizabeth Mulcock at elizabethmulcock@easternchristian.org.



Baseball, anyone? Midland Park Rec is looking for boys for the 11u team. Any 11 year old boy, born in or after August 2005 is eligible. Any 5th or 6th grade boys at Eastern Christian Middle School, regardless of the town of residence, should contact Ken Stern for more information or to sign up. This team will go on to represent Midland Park as they play in Cooperstown in the summer of 2018.

If any parents need additional information or have questions, they can contact head coach Ken Stern at sternken@yahoo.com. Also, feel free to contact me.

Track and field practice will start on Wednesday, April 5th after school. For students in grades 6, 7 and 8, to be cleared to participate, they must have a valid sports physical on file with the nurse and parents need to fill out the online registration. Forms and the online registration [can be found here](#). Please email Aaron Goldstein at Aarongoldstein@easternchristian.org with any questions.

Spring Basketball Opportunity - A spring basketball league is forming, directed by Bill Schoener, current Head Coach at Eastern Christian High School. Coach Schoener has been a successful coach in the North Jersey area for the past twenty years. He coaches all levels from youth to varsity basketball, as well as multiple college players. The program will be run out of North Haledon New Jersey. Eagles AAU will practice 20 times during the spring period and play 15-18 games. There will be a 5/6 grade team, 7/8 grade team, and a high school team. For more information please feel free to call, [973-861-7622](tel:973-861-7622) or email eagle1hoops@aol.com. The fee is \$495.00 for the program. No tryout fee. Also please ask about our one on one training sessions. EC students receive a \$100.00 discount.

PTO NEWS:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6 following drop-off.

Watch for information regarding **International Day - March 16th**. We will need food for our buffet and volunteers to help prepare for this incredible event.

FOUNDATION NEWS:

Tickets are now available for the Auction Gala on Thursday April 20, 2017, 6:30 PM at the Indian Trail Club
The [auction website](#) is now live!

2017 Highlights

- * Disney Vacation Package Drawing available at \$20 per entry
- * Golden Selection Game where players might win and be able to choose 1 of 5 items from the Live Auction
- * Featuring dinner upgrades and friendlier bar price-points

Touch A Truck - Sat May 6, 2017 in the ECMS Parking Lot

Sponsors now being accepted, please contact Denise Wiegers at djwigs99@gmail.com

Vehicles now being booked, please contact Shalom Russo at serusso1@gmail.com

TRIP INFORMATION:

Monday orders will be accepted in any school office on the following dates:

Monday March 13 and 20. The TRIP store is open from 8 - 12 noon every Friday at Eastern Christian Middle School.

Beginning April 1, 2017, the TRIP program will not maintain an inventory of gift cards. Orders will need to be placed one week before the cards are needed with payment made at the time the order is placed. Orders will be due on Thursdays (instead of Monday) and will be sent home with students on the following Thursday. Because there will be no inventory, orders received after a Thursday, will not be able to be filled.

We encourage you to switch to online ordering, using payment directly from your bank account (Electronic Fund Transfer) which costs only .15 cents per order. If you would like help with ordering online, call the TRIP office to set-up your account and learn the ordering process.

Questions? Call Sharon at the TRIP Office (973) 427-6244 Ext. 7210, or call/text her at (201) 650-7056.