



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Middle School Weekly Home Bulletin

March 17, 2017

Next Week, 3/20 - 3/24:

- Monday: TRIP orders due, after Spring Break orders will be due on Thursdays
6th grade field trip money due
- Tuesday: Small Groups
NNJCSA Math Competition
- Thursday: ECMS Mission trip commissioning chapel, 12:50 Faith Church

Coming Up:

- March 27 - 31 Spring Break
- April 4 - 7 HS placement meetings with parents & students
- April 5 Track & Field practice begins
- April 6 PTO meeting, following drop-off
- April 7 End of 3rd quarter

This has been quite a week! As a region, we endured a blizzard (thankfully a little less powerful than predicted), and missed two days of school due to the snow. As a school, we had the privilege of celebrating our annual international day (a student favorite!). Many thanks to those who cleared away the snow from our buildings, and many thanks to the parents and volunteers who were the driving force behind our international day celebration.

With only one week to go before spring break, it is time for a Lost & Found clean-out. Over the next week, the dozens of items that have been left in the building will be set out for students to reclaim. If your child's closet is looking somewhat bare, or if they couldn't find that favorite sweatshirt to wear out in the snow, it is likely because they have left clothing here at the school. **Items left at the end of next week (Mar 24) will be donated to Ditto.**

By the way, why do so many middle school kids leave their things everywhere? This is not an EC-only problem (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), or [here](#)), as middle school-aged students are going through many physiological changes and school transitions, as well as an often very full schedule, which altogether creates a perfect storm for them organizationally. It is also true of the homework that you checked last night, watched them place in their folder and into their backpack, which then shows up as "missing" in Realtime! [This blog](#) gives a very relatable and somewhat humorous look at the issue. All this to say, your child will get past this stage, but will need help to do so. We're happy to be here for them and to help you support their development.

We are thankful that you have chosen ECMS to partner with you on this journey for your children. We are also excited to both watch them grow through their middle school year, and to see how God continues to shape them into individuals that will be influencers for His kingdom in our culture.

Grace and Peace,
Dan Lazor, Principal

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day was a wonderful success! Thank you to everyone who was able to help or make and bring in food. Everything was delicious! If you sent in or brought in any food containers or serving utensils, they are in the kitchen now and you may pick them up and take them home.

LOST AND FOUND is overflowing. We will be putting it out and then donating whatever is not claimed through the next week.

Opportunity: Junior Academy Model United Nations (JAMUN):

JAMUN is an opportunity for MS students to get a taste of what Model United Nations (MUN - at the HS level) is. It gives a preview of the diplomatic process in which countries engage as they make decisions and learn to compromise with other nations. JAMUN is a one-day event on Saturday May 13 open to all students in grades 5-8. However, if we are to send students, we must have an advisor. If you are interested, please contact the ECMS office.

→ More information regarding this opportunity may be found at www.academymodelun.org

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!

After School News: Kindergarteners through 6th graders can sign up now for Spanish, Science, Art, and Soccer Club. Sign up today because they start in April! Details and registration for clubs can be found [here](#). 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 sternken@yahoo.com 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.

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 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.

Pizza Hot Lunch order forms went home in your child's folder today! Please look for it and return them promptly if your child would like to order pizza!

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 live! While the tickets are now available online, those who aren't attending are able to start bidding now on Silent Auction items. Check out the Man Cave, EC Graduation Tickets, 2 night B&B Getaway, Purses and more!

More Highlights:

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

Touch A Truck - Sat May 6, 2017 from 11am - 3 pm in the ECMS Parking Lot

[Tickets](#) now on sale!! Sponsorships are still available and we are actively seeking interesting vehicles. If you have a vehicle and would like to participate, please email Shalom Russo serusso1@gmail.com

TRIP INFORMATION:

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

Monday March 20. 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.