

# Eastern Christian Middle School Weekly Home Bulletin

May 12, 2017

Next Week, 5/15 - 5/19:

Monday: MAP Testing continues, Monday and Tuesday

Thursday: M.A.D. presentations, 8:30 a.m.

Worship Night, 6 p.m.

TRIP orders due

Friday: Balance of 8th grade field trip money due

Coming Up:

May 22: EC Golf Outing

May 29: Memorial Day - no school

May 30 -31: 8th grade field trip to Philadelphia and Gettysburg, PA

May 31: 6th grade Clearwater sailing field trip

Monday is May 15 - exactly one month from the end of school and our 8th grade graduation. It's funny how one moneth at the beginning of the year seems like a long time, but the last month of school makes you feel like you don't have enough time!

Thursday night's concert was an outstanding showcase of our students' abilities and hard work. Each of the band's, chorus' and orchestra's performance highlighted the hours of practice and dedication given to honing the skills that have been planted within. It is awesome to think that many of these students may be on a course to continue to use their musical talents to offer worship to God through songs and playing instruments. For those parents who have been hearing their children practice a single instrument over the past several months, there may have even been an "aha" moment to hear that instrument combined with an entire ensemble performing the musical piece.

This coming week we will take time to reflect on our MAD (Make A Difference) Program. Students have been reflecting already, and on Thursday will have time to present their learning and work. Parents are invited to come and hear about this year's outcomes Thursday morning in Faith Community Church at the front of the Middle School property. The MAD program is an integral part of our service learning and serves as a backbone to the character development and life of service that we encourage in our students.

Thank you for your partnership and support - our success is dependent on it!

Grace and Peace, Dan Lazor, Principal

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 8th grade parents:

The balance of \$150 for the Philadelphia/Gettysburg field trip is due by May 19.

#### **Announcing The Great EC RoboRally!**

Wednesday, May 24 in the Eastern Christian Middle School gym. What's better than a robot fight? A robot



fight combined with a race track! Come on out to witness our high school Robotics class compete in our first ever RoboRally. There will be crash ups, harrowing obstacles, and thrilling finishes! The event is free! Snacks, ice cream, and other concessions will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6:30, when you can meet the racers, see the robots up close, and vote for your favorite. The race will begin at 7. It's a school night, so we will strive to have the race finish at a reasonable time.

The ECES PTO is hosting a Family Fun Baseball Night on Saturday 20th May at Rockland Boulders. Gates open at 4.30 p.m. and the game starts at 6.30 p.m. - featuring a free baseball hat, train ride, playground, and fireworks! Tickets may be purchased at the ES or online <a href="https://store11224149.ecwid.com">https://store11224149.ecwid.com</a>.

### Lost & Found:

It seems like we just emptied the Lost & Found, but our pile is great again. Please remind your children to stop in and check the tables in the lobby for missing items. Unclaimed clothing and lunchboxes will be discarded after one week.

#### **FOUNDATION NEWS:**

**Touch-A-Truck:** What a day while the rain was held at bay! Thank you to our amazing committee for helping to usher in another great event. This year we saw over 65% growth in proceeds and will likely be able to fund 3 more Smart Boards! Big Thanks to Stephanie Tanis for her photography and to the volunteers from the both PTO's, staff and students alike!

# Golf Outing - Monday May 22nd

Spots are filling up! Join your community in supporting EC at a great event. Register <u>online</u> for your twosome, foursome and/or sponsorship now!

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## TRIP INFORMATION:

The TRIP program no longer maintains an inventory of gift cards. Orders need to be placed one week before the cards are needed with payment made at the time the order is placed. <u>Orders will be due on Thursdays</u> (instead of Monday) and will be sent home with students on the following Thursday.

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.

