



Eastern Christian Elementary School Home Bulletin

“Engaging the Mind, Nurturing the Spirit, Transforming the World!”

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Next Week at a Glance:

Mon., Dec. 19: TRIP due at any school office by 9:00am sharp
Tues., Dec. 20: 8:30 am – Christmas Chapel – Presented by Grade 1
Wear **Red** and **Green**
Wed., Dec. 21: Snack Day – Trail Mix – Don’t forget your quarters!
Spirit Wear Day
Thurs., Dec. 22: Pizza Order Forms Due
Fri., Dec. 23 - Jan. 2: No School - Christmas Break

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal

Every store that I enter this Christmas season is filled with Christmas trees, Santas and a variety of decorations. In most stores, there is a deliberate lack of anything that represents the real meaning of Christmas. Jesus doesn’t seem to be a part of the world’s Christmas anymore.

A secular Christmas has as much meaning as a beautifully wrapped box with nothing inside of it. A secular Christmas is empty and meaningless. I’m so thankful that the presence of Jesus is evident at Eastern Christian. What a blessing it is to celebrate the joy of Christmas and the fulfillment of God’s promise to provide a Savior. Listening to the students sing, “Go Tell it on the Mountain” with all their heart and soul in chapel is a wonderful reminder that we need to share the good news of Jesus with others who will have an empty Christmas if they don’t know Him.

Mark Your Calendars:

Tues., Jan. 3: First Day Back 2017
Chapel – Rich Vriesema’s Puppets
Tues., Jan. 10: PTO Meeting – immediately following chapel

PTO News:

- A **huge thank you** to everyone for the support of the Holiday Shoppe.
- **Mother/Son Night Out:** Looking for 2 volunteers to coordinate this event. Please email us if you are interested.
- **PTO Meeting:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017 after Chapel in the Art Room.
- **Thank you** for all the contributions received for the end of year gifts as well as supporting the Online Book Fair.

TRIP News:

TRIP Schedule: Monday orders will be accepted in any school office by 9 a.m. on the following dates: December 19. The TRIP Store is open every Friday from 8 a.m. until noon **with the exception of December 23 and 30 due to the Christmas season.**

Additional TRIP Hours: The TRIP Store will once again have additional hours for the Christmas season. We will be open on Thursday evenings from 5-7 p.m. on December 22.

New Location: Effective January 6, 2017: The TRIP Store will be relocating to the Eastern Christian Middle School on Sicomac Avenue in Wyckoff.

Online Ordering: Interested in learning about ordering TRIP online? If you would like help enrolling in ShopwithScrip, call the TRIP office to set up your appointment. We will meet with you to set up your account and to guide you through the ordering process. You can also go to www.easternchristian.org for instructions on how to sign up. **Questions?** Call or text Sharon at the TRIP Office - (201) 650-7056.

Foundation News:

The Fashion Show & Holiday Shoppe was a huge success raising more this year than it has since its inception. A huge part of that is due to the awesome vendors and participants that volunteered to be at the show. As an ongoing gift Little Skye Children's Boutique in Ridgewood is offering an additional 15% off at checkout when you mention Eastern Christian School. <https://littleskyechildrensboutique.com/>

Merry Christmas from the Foundation Office and thank you for being part of an awesome 2016!