



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. 12:** TRIP due at any school office by 9:00am sharp
Tues., Dec. 13: 8:30 am – Chapel - Guest Speaker – Pastor Rod Gorter
Barnes & Noble Night
Wed., Dec. 14: 8:30 -8:45 - Parents in Prayer – ECES Art Room
Snack Day – Popcorn – Don’t forget your quarters!

A Message from Mrs. Sandra Bottge, Principal

Eastern Christian School has been accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools for the past 7 years. At the seven-year mark, we need to apply for reaccreditation. We began the reaccreditation process last year by establishing a team of 27 members including staff, parents, students and community members. The team surveyed our constituents, evaluated our programs and established goals for our next seven years. Our new goal areas are Global Competence, Character and Strategic Planning. In March of 2017, a team of evaluators from Middle States will visit our campuses to assess our school and our accreditation plans.

Accreditation is a way for Eastern Christian School to show that we meet the standards for quality education. Just like there are standards for learning in our curriculum, there are standards to ensure excellence in our educational program. The accreditation program that we are currently pursuing is entitled *Achieving Excellence System Wide*. This program allows us assess ourselves in 12 different areas. We look forward to planning for continued growth in our educational program through the accreditation process.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Tues., Dec. 20:** Christmas Chapel – Presented by Grade 1
Wear **Red** and **Green**
Wed., Dec. 21: **Spirit Wear** Day
Thurs., Dec. 22: Pizza Order Forms Due
Fri., Dec. 23 - Jan. 2: No School - Christmas Break
Tues., Jan. 3: First Day Back 2017
Chapel – Rich Vriesema’s Puppets

Proper Attire: Proper Attire: As the cold weather approaches, please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately as we do go out for recess during the winter months. Hats, gloves, snow pants and boots are required for students in play in the snow. Please refer to the Parent Handbook, available on our website, for more information on school policies. Thank you!

After School News: Our Winter After School Clubs are open for registration! We have some fun and exciting clubs for students in grades K-6. Please visit our website for club description and registration <http://www.easternchristian.org/schools/elementary-school/after-school/>. Any questions, contact Elizabeth Mulcock at elizabethmulcock@easternchristian.org.

PTO News:

- **Pizza order form** are due on Thursday, December 22.
- **Online Book Fair:** Book Fair ends Monday, December 12th. Please give the gift of books, or donate gift books to our school (see ES/MS/HS Wish lists etc.)

- **Parents in Prayer:** Wednesday 14 December 2016 in the Art Room at 8:30-08:45 am.
- **Mother/Son Night Out:** Looking for 2 volunteers to coordinate this event. Please e-mail us if you are interested.
- **PTO Meeting:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017 after Chapel in the Art Room.

TRIP News:

TRIP Schedule: Monday orders will be accepted in any school office by 9 a.m. on the following dates: December 12, and 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 the following dates: December 15, and 22.

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

Barnes & Noble Night: Stock up on your gift cards for Eastern Christian's Barnes and Noble Night to be held on Tuesday, December 13. Not only will this be beneficial for your TRIP account, but EC will be getting a double bonus, once for purchasing your gift card, and then by the proceeds of your sale!

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.