



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Middle School Weekly Home Bulletin

January 27, 2017

Next Week, 1/30-2/3:

Monday: TRIP orders are due
Tuesday: Chapel 12:45pm Faith Community CRC
Service hours performed during Quarter 2 are due
Friday: TRIP Store open at ECMS, 8am - 12 noon in lobby

Coming Up:

Feb. 15: Yearbook Orders are Due - Don't miss out!
Feb 23: Tryouts for Girls Volleyball begin
Yearbook Congratulatory Ad Deadline

Message From the Principal:

First - I want to offer congratulations to Aidan Sehulster (8th), Rachel Baker (8th), and Anne Guanga (5th) who finished first, second, and third, respectively, in our school-wide Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 26! Aidan will go on to represent Eastern Christian School at the regional bee later this spring. I also want to let you know that we have recently offered students the opportunity to try out for the upcoming Bible Bee, which will be held February 7 at Hawthorne Christian Academy. Two students from each grade will earn their way to representing ECMS on that day of friendly competition with 8 other local Christian schools.

Last Spring, I undertook the task of laying out what it means to be a Middle School, and in the case of Eastern Christian Middle School, a distinctly Christian Middle School. Those Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE), lays out 16 characteristics of a successful middle school. Despite my best laid plans, I only made it through the first 9 characteristics. In addition to the 9 characteristics, I included a short piece on Faith Integration, because it is and should be a distinctive mark of a Christian school.

If you are interested in reading those posts, you can [click here](#). Although it is long, you can skim through the different characteristics to get a background. I have also included an index with links that will help you navigate to each of the characteristics, and from each of the characteristics back to the top. I will begin next week with characteristic #10, and leave this week as a "review" - something which I did as well. We are so very thankful to be partners with you, parents, in this mission of raising young men and women of Christian vision and influence - individuals who will one day allow God to work through them (individually and collectively) to transform the world

Grace and Peace,
Dan Lazor, ECMS Principal

School News:

Basketball season has started! Please use this [game schedule](#) link for game times, location and directions; it is up-to-date and accurate. If your child would like to stay to watch home games at ECMS, they may stay in the gym. Supervision will be provided in the gym only, the rest of the school building will not be accessible. **Students must be picked by 5:15 pm!**

New Sport Addition: We are happy to announce the **addition of girls volleyball** to our middle school sport offerings. Tryouts will begin around **February 23**, and the season will extend through the first week of April. Online registration will open in the beginning of February. Please contact Aaron Goldstein with any questions (Aarongoldstein@easternchristian.org).

Absence Reminder: Please call the attendance line (**Option 1**) **before 8:30am** to let us know your child will be absent or late. **Homework** and **Assignments** may be found on **Realtime**. If you would like to ask teachers any questions, **you may email them**. When a student is out for **one day**, it is usually not necessary to have teachers put homework together, as students always have extra time to make up work.

Tissues! It's cold season. Please send in a box of tissues with your child! Thank you!

8th Grade Parents!: Don't forget to congratulate your child with an ad in the yearbook! The absolute deadline for ads is **February 23**, so plan to get it in soon! The information may be accessed by going to www.yearbookordercenter.com. The order number is **13144**.

Order Your Yearbook! Scroll down for information on ordering. There will be a **Yearbook Signing Day** in June when a bit of time is set aside for ALL students to have fun, going around the school, getting their yearbooks signed by all their friends and teachers. It's a day when those who did not order one, **even the younger students, wish they had - and may not be able to!**

PTO News:

- Box Tops for Education - Save those little pink logos that come on so many of your favorite grocery items! You should find a bag to collect them in your student's Friday Folder. Please return them by February 13 so we can submit them by the next due date.

Please also see the [minutes](#) for more information and other upcoming events as discussed during the last PTO meeting.

Foundation Office News & ECSA Announcements:

Beefsteak Athletic Booster

Know anyone who enjoys a good steak dinner? We gotcha covered! Join us for a 4 course meal and Live Auction for golf, football, hockey and more professional sports tickets, next Wednesday 2/1 at 6 pm at the Brownstone.

We will be celebrating Ethan Vander Molen, Sr. Varsity Baseball player, and his ability to push the limits of his Cystic Fibrosis.

Student, Adult and Coaches' tickets available.

Contact Barry Veenstra for your Coaches' Ticket

All others available online at [Beefsteak 2017](#)

TRIP:

TRIP SCHEDULE: Monday orders will be accepted in any school office by 9 a.m. on Monday, January 30.

REMINDER: The TRIP Store is open 8am until noon every Friday at ECMS, its **NEW LOCATION!**

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 help you start your account and guide you through the ordering process. Or, just go to [TRIP Online](#) for instructions on how to sign up. **Questions?** Call or text Sharon at the TRIP Office - (201) 650-7056. **"LIKE" EASTERN CHRISTIAN TRIP ON FACEBOOK!**

KEEP SCROLLING FOR FLYERS!

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EASTERN CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEARBOOK TODAY!

Buy your yearbook early for the best price!

3 ways to order!

*Bring this order form and check to the main office

*By phone: 1-866-287-3096

*Order online: www.yearbookordercenter.com

Order Form

I want to order:

- ~~Yearbook \$40~~
Order by December 23, 2016
- ~~Yearbook & Netix \$45~~
Order by December 23, 2016
- Yearbook \$50
* Order by February 15, 2017 *

Enclosed is a check for _____
Amount

Check should be written to ECMS

Name of student

Name to appear on name stamp (if purchased)

Name of parent

Grade

Date

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using your credit card by
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