



EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Eastern Christian Middle School
Weekly Home Bulletin

September 23, 2016

Next Week, 9/26-9/30:

- Monday: TRIP orders due
Tuesday: Chapel, 12:50PM at Faith Community CRC
PTO meeting in the Barn following Chapel - All are welcome!
Thursday: **ECMS Back-to-School Night, 7:00 p.m.**

Coming Up:

Wednesday, November 9: School Picture Retakes

Message From the Principal:

This week was our first "Full" week of school - no MAP testing, 5 days, and all regularly scheduled classes! It's been a joy getting to know our new students, watching our returning students get back into the school rhythm, and observing the learning that is happening in our classrooms. These first weeks of school are the time that teachers spend establishing routines that will last the entire year. Doing a thorough job now creates more learning time later as students know what to expect and anticipate in the classroom.

Next week there are two parent events for you to note. The first is our opening **PTO meeting**. Whether you are new to the MS, or have had students in the MS for many years, come to find out how you can get involved in supporting what we do in the middle.

The second event is our **Back to School Night**. This event will take place on **Thursday, September 29 at 7:00PM**. We will also offer Realtime training for parents beginning at **6:20PM**. This evening is a great way to get insight into what is happening in our classrooms, meet your child's teachers, and understand how we, as a middle school, address the needs of our learning community. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday. ***Please note, this event is NOT for students - arrangements should be made for childcare, as we cannot provide that here that evening.***

As always, it is a joy to work with our students (your children) and their families (you!). Communication is essential for making this relationship work, and therefore we welcome your feedback and comments. Please reach out anytime you have a concern or have questions about the MS program.

God Bless,
Dan Lazor, ECMS Principal

School News:

Back-to-School Night is this **Thursday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m.** Come out to meet your child's teachers, get a glimpse of MS life and sign up for Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences. We look forward to the fellowship with parents! **Note: Students must stay home this evening.**

Athletic games schedules are kept up-to-date on our website: www.easternchristian.org - click on the [Athletics](#) tab and go to [Teams](#) and [Schedules](#). You will get directions to all games and meets there as well. We ask that you also sign up for ["Notify Me."](#) Clicking on that will give you the tutorial on how to sign up to be notified of any changes as soon as they are made!

Medical Information & Emergency Card, Parent Approval for Off Campus Learning Forms: Some of you have still not completed these very important forms! If you have not done so, you need to go on our website to fill out and submit your child's [Medical Information & Emergency Card](#) and [Parent Approval for Off Campus Learning](#) **ASAP.**

8th Grade Parents and All Others Interested in ECHS!: Visit Eastern Christian High School by attending the **ECHS Open House** on **Thursday, November 10, at 7:00PM.** Meet teachers, administrators, current ECHS parents and students, and see for yourself why Eastern Christian High School was named one of the ["50 Best Christian High Schools in America,"](#) how your child may be able to earn up to **29 college credits** through our Dual Credit Program, [Project Acceleration](#), (think a year or more of college savings\$\$!) and get more information about the campus and dynamic courses offered. [Register Now!](#)

The **After-School Program** for students through 6th grade has begun. [Click here](#) for the link to information about this program, which is held at the Elementary School Campus. Fifth and sixth grade students who attend the program are bused to the elementary school at no additional charge. Special programs are also offered from time to time. For any information about our After School Program, please email the Director, Beth Wright, at BethWright@EasternChristian.org.

Foundation Office News & ECSA Announcements:

Alumni Choir: Seeking singers to join the Alumni Choir. We invite past & present Staff and Parents, as well as any Alumni to join us in a 1 day performance on **Sunday, Oct 23**, from 1:30 - 2:30. Email katiertarta@easternchristian.org or call **973-310-0412** for details.

DITTO Volunteers Needed: We are in urgent need of volunteers at ditto of North Jersey, EC's upscale resale store, located at 965 Belmont Ave, North Haledon. Please call [973-423-4886](tel:973-423-4886) or visit www.dittonj.com

Second Annual EC Homecoming Weekend, October 21-23! Lots of great events happening! For more information, visit www.easternchristian.org/homecoming.

TRIP Orders are accepted every Monday when school is in session. When there is no school on a Monday (holiday/snow day) TRIP orders will be accepted on Tuesday. The TRIP office will be open every Friday morning from 8 a.m. until noon. **ONLINE ORDERING:** Did you know you can order your gift cards online, reload your cards or immediately download e-cards? Call the TRIP office or go to www.easternchristian.org for more information. **Questions?** Call Sharon at the TRIP Office (973) 427-6244 Ext. 7210, or call/text her at (201) 650-7056.